



# West Virginia Emergency Management Division Basic Land Navigation Skills for First Responders

**Location:** 120 Kingfisher Road, Minden, WV 25879

**Instructors:** W.I.L.D. Institute, Inc.

**Course Dates:** February 21-22, 2026 - 8:00 to 5:00

Course limited to 20 Students

**Course Description:** Land Navigation - Basic. This 16-hour course teaches fundamental skills in using a map and compass to find your way in the wilderness, covering topics like map interpretation, terrain association, compass use, calculating distance and direction, and practical field exercises for hands-on experience. This course includes hands-on exercises featuring topographic maps, understanding contour lines and grid systems, setting azimuths/bearings, establishing pace counts and using various techniques to navigate between points. If you have questions, please contact

**Students will need to register through**  
<https://wvpst.org/events/basic-land-navigation-skills-for-first-responders/>  
**or scan the QR code for a direct link.**

Please contact David J. Weller with questions about registration at  
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