



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
djweller@wvesc.org or 304-596-2653

If you have questions, please contact Jeff Cunningham,
SAR Training Officer at 304-414-7682 or 304-941-6025.
Email: jeff.o.cunningham@wv.gov

