



West Virginia

Emergency Management Division

Identifying Human Remains for First Responders

Location: 201 Town View Road, Ripley, WV 25271

Instructors: Jim Russell

Course Dates: December 12, 2026 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Course Description: Identification of Human Remains for First Responders: This 16-hour course is an invaluable resource designed for search and rescue teams, law enforcement, fire/rescue personnel, and park rangers. It equips participants with the skills to distinguish between human and non-human remains, crucial for effective identification of human remains.

Human vs. Non-Human Bone Identification: Essential for distinguishing human remains from animal bones at a scene.

There will be a limit of 16 students for this class

Students will need to register through www.wvpst.org for this class
Go to Charleston website calendar, find class needed and click on class to register.

Please contact **Eva Godbey** with questions about registration at
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If you have questions, please contact **Jeff Cunningham**, SAR Training Officer at
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