



RELATIVE SEARCH URGENCY ASSESSMENT TOOL

NOTE: This assessment tool is intended to be used as a resource for law enforcement. This assessment tool does not supersede any existing assessment tools, general orders, policies, or procedures. The relative urgency of a reported SAR situation should be established - if it is not immediately apparent - during the first notice and interview phase.

Children, elderly, persons with Cognitive Disorders like Autism or other Developmental Disabilities, persons with Alzheimer's or dementia and other high risk categories qualify for high urgency/emergency response action.

RELATIVE URGENCY RATING FACTORS

<u>Factor Profile</u>	<u>Factor Value Subject</u>
AGE	
Very young	1
Very old	1
Age factor a moderate concern	2
Age factor a minimal concern	3
MEDICAL CONDITION	
Known injury or illness	1
Suspected injury or illness	2
Healthy	3
Known fatality	3
NUMBER OF SUBJECTS	
One alone	1
More than one (separation suspected)	2
More than one (separation not suspected)	3
WEATHER PROFILE	
Existing hazardous weather	1
Predicted hazardous weather, 8 hours or less	1
Predicted hazardous weather, more than 8 hours	2
No hazardous weather predicted	3
EQUIPMENT/RESOURCES PROFILE	
Inadequate for environment	1
Questionable for environment	2
Adequate for environment	3
SUBJECT EXPERIENCE PROFILE	
Not experienced, does not know area	1
Not experienced, knows area	2
Experienced, not familiar with area	2
Experienced, knows area	3
TERRAIN AND HAZARDS PROFILE	
Known hazardous terrain or other hazards	1
Few hazards or terrain somewhat hazardous	2
No hazards or terrain not hazardous	3
HISTORY OF INCIDENTS IN THIS AREA	
Yes, very recent history of similar incidents in the area	1
Yes, somewhat recent history of similar incidents in the area	2
No history of similar incidents in the area	3

TOTAL: _____ **Note: The lower the value, the more urgent.*

See next page for rating factor response

Response to Assessment

Note: The **LOWER THE VALUE** of each factor and the sum of all factors, the **MORE URGENT** the situation.

While a factor sum can be obtained with this assessment tool, it is important to consider other factors that can affect the relative urgency level, such as considerable elapse time from when the subject was reported missing and the political sensitivity.

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO URGENCY RATING

<u>Factor Sum</u>	<u>Response</u>
08 – 12	Emergency Response
13 – 18	Measured Response
19 – 24	Evaluation and Investigation

Emergency Response: Immediate response of all available personnel including full activation of search and rescue resources.

Measured Response: Focused search of primary area utilizing road patrols, neighborhood canvassing, K-9s, and air support and consult with SAR Coordinator.

Evaluation Response: Continued investigation to determine the viability of a physical search effort. May consult SAR Coordinator for further suggestions.

Note: Children, persons with Alzheimer's or dementia and other high risk categories qualify for high urgency/emergency response action. Also note that the possibility of a "bastard search" where no victim exists, because the report was inaccurate or the individual has left the area on his own or has been found by another party – is always present.