

# *Briefing and Debriefing*

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# *What is a Briefing?*

- ★ Factual information provided to a person so they can take action
- ★ What you need to know as a searcher
- ★ Given when arrive at the CP, when tasked to an assignment, updates

# *S.M.E.A.C.*

- ★ 5 categories of information
- ★ Keeps briefing organized, simple
- ★ Helps prevent forgetting to cover something
- ★ Not used by all SAR groups

# *S.M.E.A.C.*

- ★ S - Situation
- ★ M - Mission
- ★ E - Execution
- ★ A - Administration and Logistics
- ★ C - Command and Communications

# *S.M.E.A.C.*

## ★ S - Situation

- What happened? Who are we looking for? Map? Weather? Hazards?

## ★ M - Mission

## ★ E - Execution

## ★ A - Administration and Logistics

## ★ C - Command and Communications



# *S.M.E.A.C.*

★ S - Situation

★ M - Mission

- What are we being asked to accomplish now? Why?

★ E - Execution

★ A - Administration and Logistics

★ C - Command and Communications

# *S.M.E.A.C.*

- ★ S - Situation
- ★ M - Mission
- ★ E - Execution
  - Who? How?
- ★ A - Administration and Logistics
- ★ C - Command and Communications

# *S.M.E.A.C.*

- ★ S - Situation
- ★ M - Mission
- ★ E - Execution
- ★ A - Administration and Logistics
  - Standard Operating Procedures, Support
- ★ C - Command and Communications



# *S.M.E.A.C.*

- ★ S - Situation
- ★ M - Mission
- ★ E - Execution
- ★ A - Administration and Logistics
- ★ C - Command and Communications
  - Key people, Ways to communicate

# *S.M.E.A.C.*

Evolve over time – General Briefing

- ★ Situation
- ★ Administration and Logistics
- ★ Command and Communications

Change with each – Assignment Briefing

- ★ Mission
- ★ Execution

# *General Briefing*

- ★ Situation
- ★ Administration and Logistics
- ★ Command and Communications
- ★ When first arrive – updates throughout search
- ★ By Plans Section Chief
- ★ Whiteboard, Verbally, or Briefing Handout  
(example form)

# *Assignment Briefing*

- ★ Mission
- ★ Execution
- ★ When: before each Task Assignment
- ★ By Operations Section Chief
- ★ Verbally or Written – copy stays at CP  
(example form)

# *Reporting During Assignment*

- ★ Note Taking – Log
- ★ Periodic Call-In
- ★ Locate Clue
- ★ Locate Subject



# *What is a Debriefing?*

- ★ Description of situation by person involved in the action given to person for planning
- ★ What the overhead team needs to know to figure out next steps
  - What was done, couldn't accomplish
  - Clues
  - Details of region
  - Safety
  - Recommendations from searchers (become experts on segment)
- ★ Provided after each task assignment (example form)

# *Debriefing*

- ★ When: After each task assignment completed
- ★ By: Plans Section Chief, or other overhead team members
- ★ How: Verbally with written record

(example form)

# *Questions? Suggestions? Comments?* *Briefing and Debriefing*

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