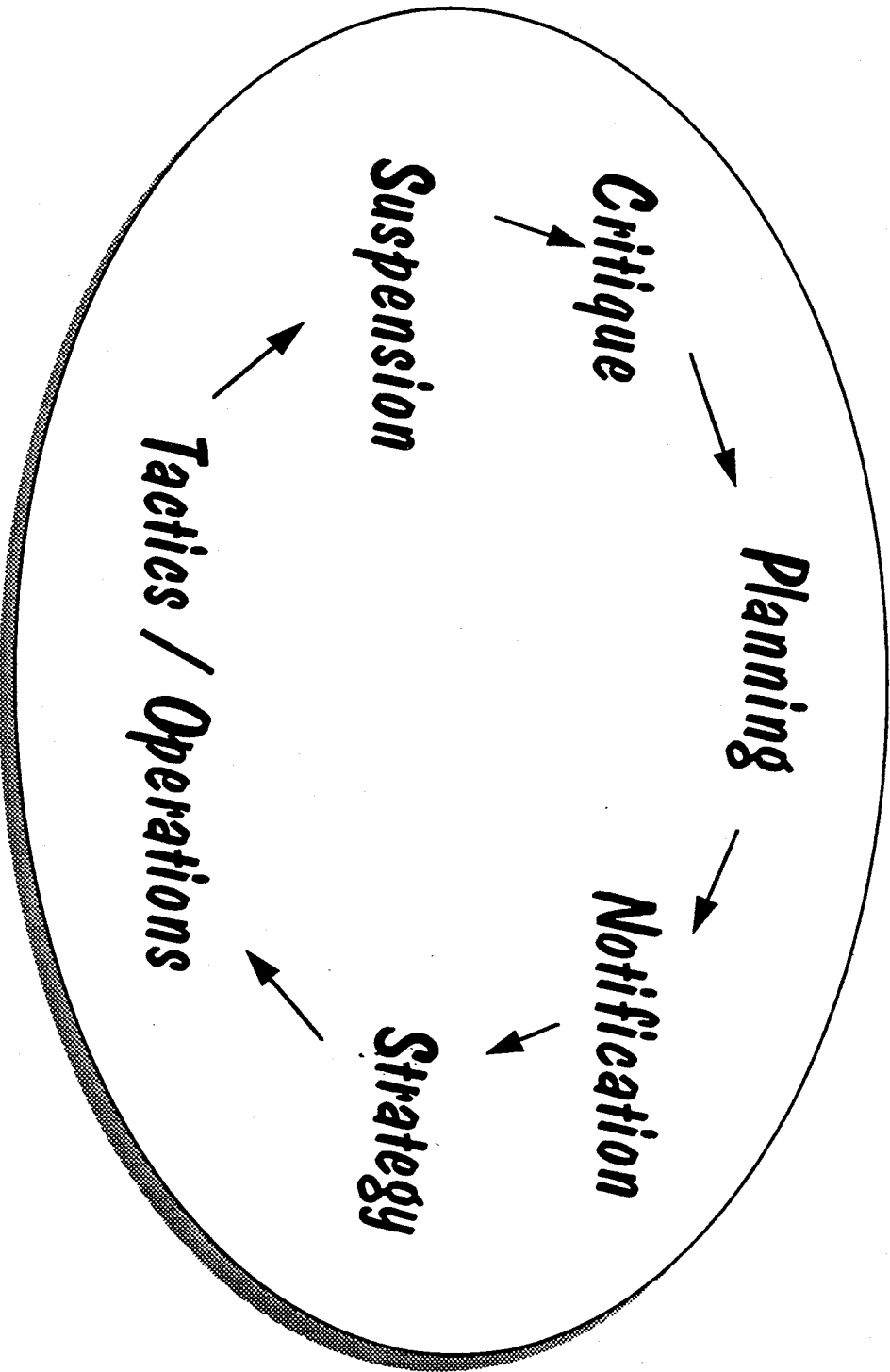
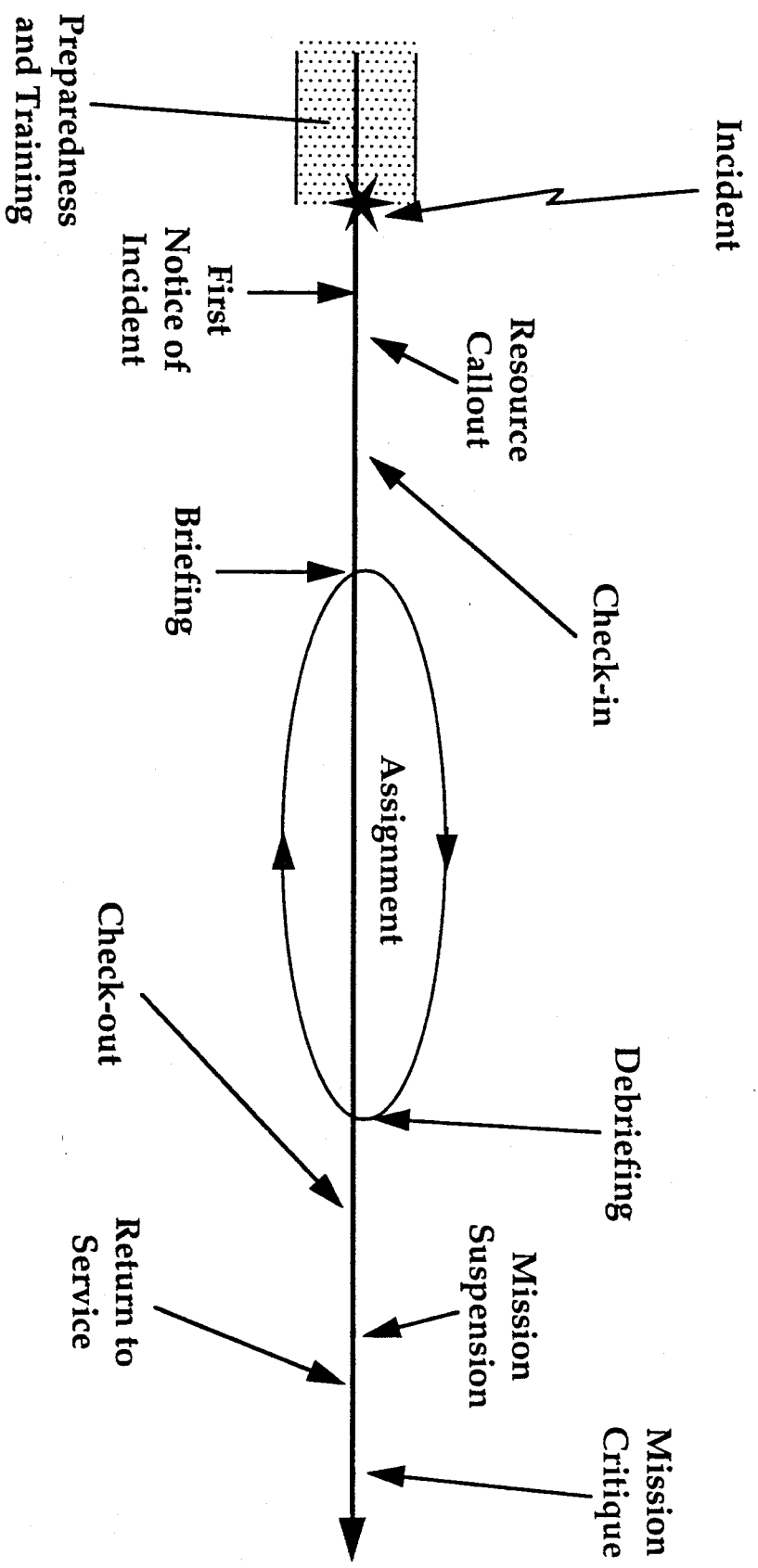


A SAR Event is a Continuous Process



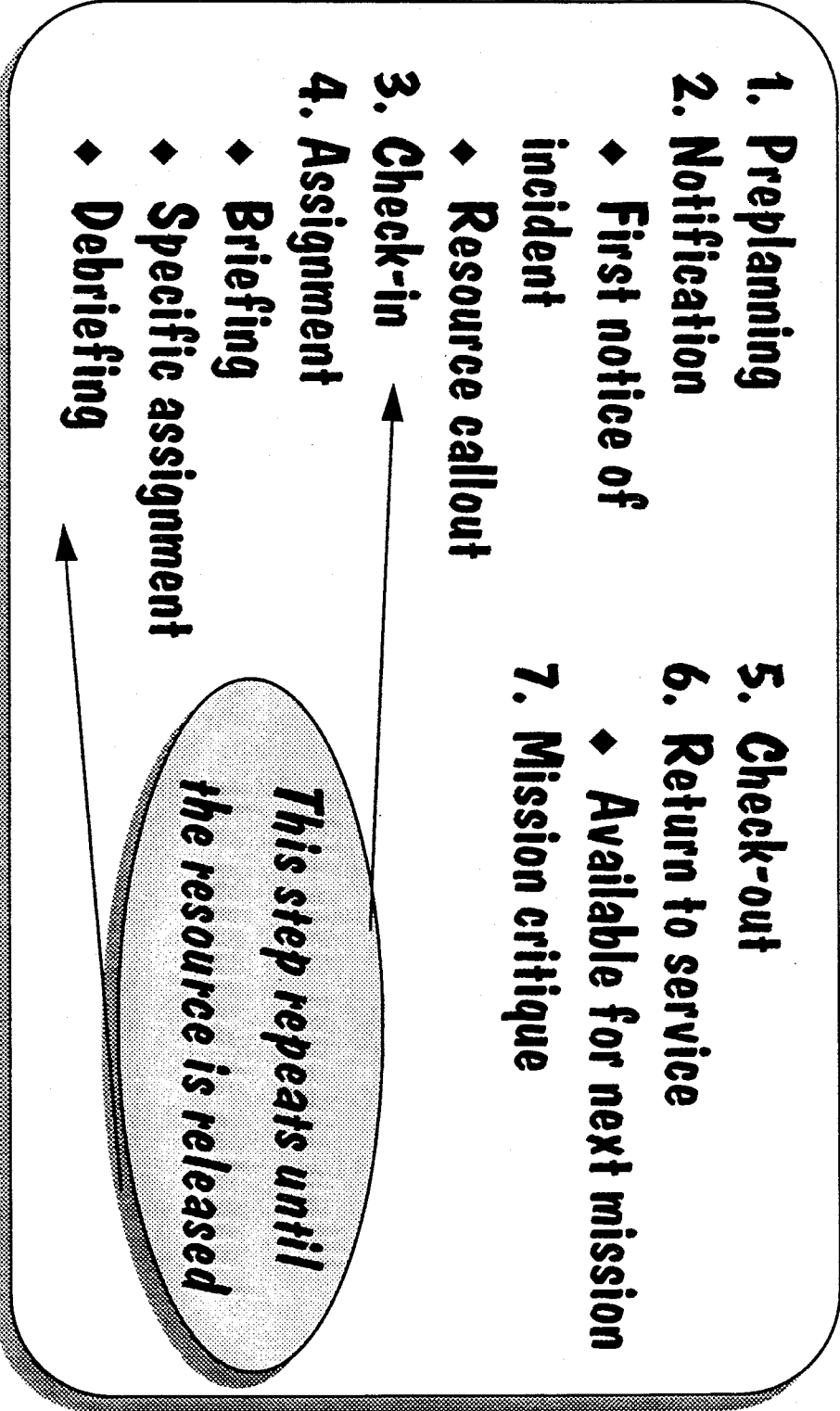
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- Searcher -



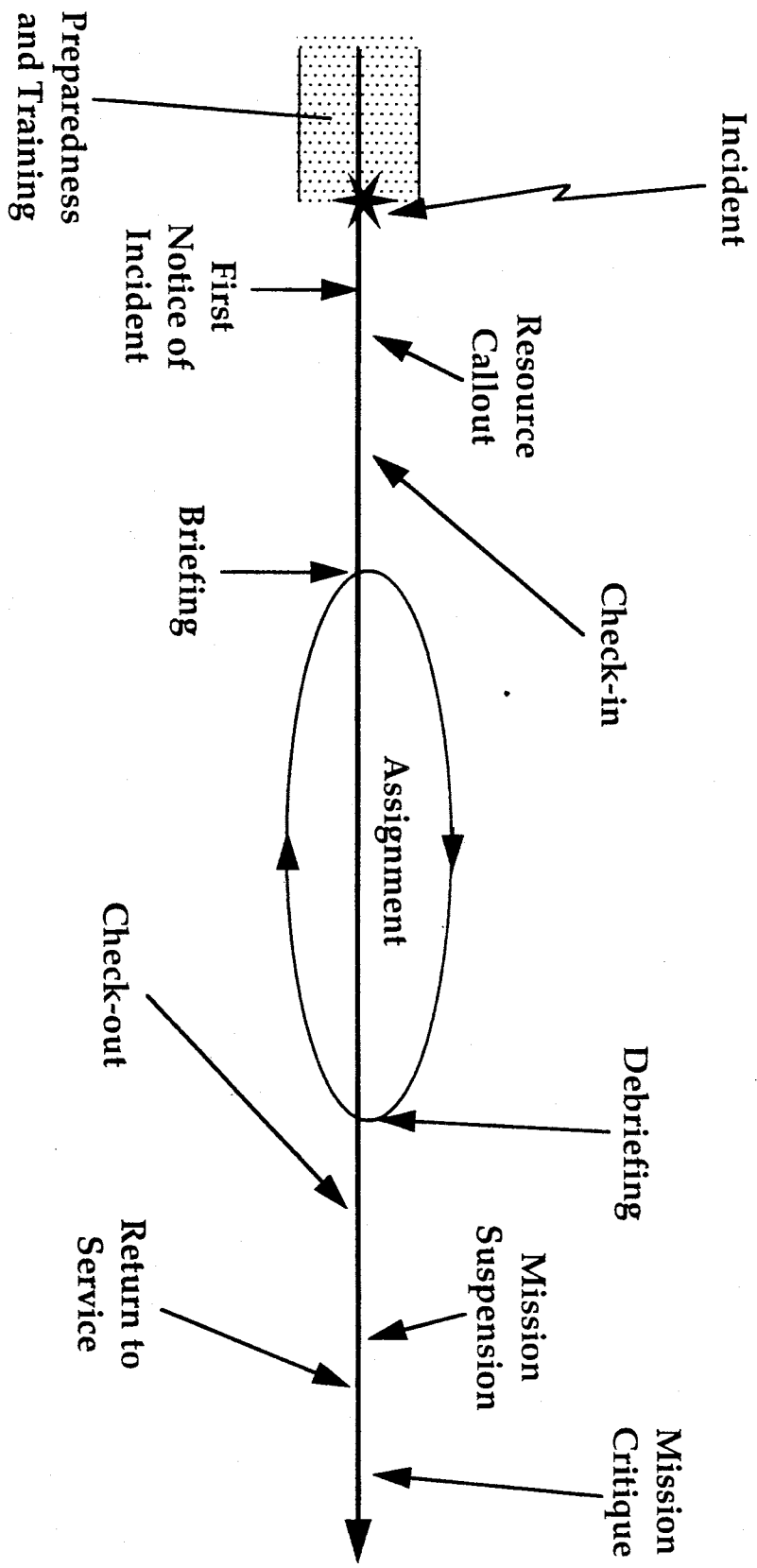
COMPONENTS OF A SEARCH

-- For the Searcher --



Progression of SAR Incident

- Searcher -



PREPLANNING

-- For the Searcher --

- 1. Know what will be expected of you.**
- 2. Understand the fundamentals that are necessary to perform safely, efficiently, and effectively.**
- 3. Have the proper equipment and know how to use it.**
- 4. Be physically and mentally prepared.**

BE PREPARED !

How Does the First Notice of Incident Get Reported?


- ✓ **Overdue report by relatives or friends?**
- ✓ **Report by member of party?**
- ✓ **Discovering abandoned vehicle or equipment?**
- ✓ **Name on trail or summit register?**
- ✓ **Distress signals?**
- ✓ **Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) signal?**
- ✓ **Other clues?**

When you are involved in the first notice of an incident . . .



Know who to contact !

- To begin the SAR process
- To take over management
- To help



Know what to do next !

FACTORS AFFECTING URGENCY

- ✓ **Subject Profile**
- ✓ **Terrain Hazards**
- ✓ **Equipment Possessed by Subject**
- ✓ **History of Incidents in Area**
- ✓ **Time**
- ✓ **Weather Profile**
- ✓ **"Political" Sensitivity**
- ✓ **Subject's Experience**

RELATIVE URGENCY

- THE LOWER THE FACTORS, THE MORE URGENT THE SITUATION -

Subject Profile

Factor

AGE

- Very young _____ 1
- Very old _____ 1
- Other _____ 2-3

MEDICAL CONDITION

- Known or suspected injured, ill _____ 1-2
- Healthy _____ 3
- Known fatality _____ 3

NUMBER OF SUBJECTS

- One alone _____ 1
- More than one (unless separation expected) 2-3

Weather Profile

- EXISTING HAZARDOUS _____ 1
- PREDICTED HAZARDOUS (8hrs or less) _____ 1-2
- PREDICTED HAZARDOUS (more than 8hrs) _____ 2
- NO HAZARDOUS WEATHER PREDICTED _____ 3

Equipment Profile

- INADEQUATE FOR ENVIRONMENT _____ 1
- QUESTIONABLE FOR ENVIRONMENT _____ 1-2
- ADEQUATE FOR ENVIRONMENT _____ 3

Subject Experience Profile

- NOT EXPERIENCED, DOESN'T KNOW AREA 1
- NOT EXPERIENCED, KNOWS AREA 1-2
- EXPERIENCED, NOT FAMILIAR W/AREA 2
- EXPERIENCED, KNOWS AREA 3

Terrain / Hazards Profile

- KNOWN HAZARDOUS TERRAIN, OTHER 1
- FEW, OR NO HAZARDS 2-3

History of Incidents - this area

- FACTOR DEPENDS UPON HISTORY

TIME and POLITICAL SENSITIVITY

Critical Initial Information

- ☞ **Missing how long?**
- ☞ **Age**
- ☞ **Equipment**
- ☞ **Number of persons missing**
- ☞ **Point last seen or last know position**
- ☞ **Weather (present and forecast**
- ☞ **Experience/Ability**
- ☞ **Activity**
- ☞ **Terrain in area**
- ☞ **Physical condition**

INFORMATION TO GET DURING BRIEFING

- ◆ **Situation status, objectives, strategies and predictions**
- ◆ **Subject information**
- ◆ **Vital concerns (medical, health)**
- ◆ **Clue considerations**
- ◆ **Subject's trip plans**
- ◆ **Terrain hazards**
- ◆ **Current and predicted weather**
- ◆ **Equipment needed**
- ◆ **POD expected from team (critical separation?)**
- ◆ **Communications details**



INFORMATION TO GET DURING BRIEFING

- continued -

- ◆ Transportation details
- ◆ How long will team be out?
- ◆ Who are friends and relatives
- ◆ Media procedures
- ◆ Tactical assignments
- ◆ Mission organization chart
- ◆ Debriefing instructions
- ◆ Safety instructions
- ◆ When can team go home?
- ◆ Procedures if team member is injured



BRIEFING TIPS...





-- For the Searcher --

- 1. Ask questions**
- 2. Take notes**
- 3. Get copies of appropriate information**
- 4. Get a map**
- 5. Use briefing checklist**



At the Briefing,

try to get a copy of ...

-  **Photo of subject**
-  **Photocopy of briefing statement**
-  **Sketch of subject's sole pattern**
-  **Map of assigned search area**

Search Team Member Responsibilities

- 1. Have your own personal gear and carry it.**
- 2. Dress properly and have extra clothes as necessary.**
- 3. Be physically and mentally prepared for a "hard day".**
- 4. Relay skills and limitations to team leader, and don't assume anything.**
- 5. Know how to take care of yourself.**
- 6. Be a "good" searcher.**

SUBJECT CONTACT



THE EVACUATION



SUSPENDING THE MISSION

- DEMOBILIZATION



POST
MISSION

Remember!
YOU'RE NOT
FINISHED UNTIL
YOU'VE DONE THE
Paper Work.



**“A wise man learns
by other men's mistakes --
a fool by his own.”**

- Author wise, but unknown