Summary of Active Search Tactics

	Type I	Type II	Type III
CRITERION	Speed	Efficiency	**Thoroughness**
OBJECTIVE	Quickly search high probability areas and gain info on search area.	Rapid search of large areas	**Search with absolute highest probability of detection (POD)**
DEFINITION	Fast initial respons of well-trained, self-sufficient, and very mobile searchers that check areas most likely to produce clues or the subject the soonest.	Relatively fast, systematic search of high probability segments of the search area that produce high results per searcher-hour of effort.	Slow, highly systematic search using the most thorough techniques to provide the highest probability of detection possible.
CONSIDER	Works best with responsive subject Offers immdeiate show of effort Helps define search area Clue consciousness is critical Planning is crucial for effective use Often determines where not to search	Often employed after hasty searchers, especially if clues were found. Best suited to responsive subjects. Often effective at finding clues. Between-searcher spacing is dependent on terrain and visibility.	Marking search segments is very important. Should be used only as a last resort. Very destructive to clues. Used when other methods of searching are unsuccessful.
TECHNIQUES	Investigation (personal physical effort) Check LKP & PLS for clues Follow known route Run trails and ridges Check area perimeter, confine area Check hazards and attractions	Open grid line search with wide between-searcher spacing. Compass bearings or specific guides are often used to control search. Often applied to a defined area to follow-up a discovered clue. No overlap in area coverage Critical separation. Sound sweeps.	Closed grid or sweep search with small between-searcher spacing. Searched areas often overlap adjacent teams for better coverage.
USUAL TEAM MAKEUP	Two or three very mobile, well-trained, self sufficient searchers	May include three to seven skilled searchers, but usually just three.	Four to seven searchers, including both trained and untrained personnel.
MOST EFFECTIVE RESOURCE	Investigators Trained hasty teams Human trackers Dogs Aircraft	Clue conscious search teams Human trackers and signcutters Dogs Aircraft	Trained grid search teams.