EO M224.04 – IDENTIFY EMERGENCY SHELTERS

1. **Performance**: Identify Emergency Shelters

2. **Conditions**:

   a. Given:

      (1) supervision; and

      (2) assistance as required.

   b. Denied: N/A.

   c. Environmental: Field setting, during daylight hours, during a weekend bivouac FTX.

3. **Standard**: In accordance with specified references, the cadet shall identify emergency shelters, to include:

   a. the factors affecting site selection;

   b. types of natural shelters; and

   c. types of improvised shelters.

4. **Teaching Points**:

TP	Description	Method	Time	Refs
TP1	Explain the following factors to consider when selecting a site for an emergency shelter: a. terrain considerations, to include: 1. selecting an area that is large enough for the planned shelter; 2. selecting an area that is elevated and provides drainage; and 3. identifying sheltered areas that protect from wind, rain and sun; and b. location considerations, to include: 1. proximity to a water source that provides potable water and food from fishing; 2. proximity to a fuel source for fire during cold weather; 3. proximity to building materials; and 4. proximity to animal trails or holes; and 5. an area that can be seen from aircraft above; 6. the time required to build a shelter before nightfall; and 7. an entrance that is sheltered from the wind and preferably in the direction of the sun.	Interactive Lecture	15 min	C2-004 (pp. 96-97)

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TP	Description	Method	Time	Refs
TP2	Identify types of natural shelters, to include: a. a tree hollow; b. a cave; and c. a root shelter; and	Interactive Lecture	5 min	C2-042 (p. 203) C2-004 (p. 113) C2-004 (p. 98)
TP3	Identify types of improvised shelters, to include: a. a bough shelter; b. a fallen trunk; c. a lean-to; d. a snow cave; and e. a tepee.	Interactive Lecture	10 min	C2-008 (pp. 244-245) C2-042 (p. 203)
TP4	Divide cadets into groups of three or four. Have the cadets seek out suitable natural or improvised shelters.	Practical Activity	20 min	

5. **Time**:

a.	Introduction / Conclusion:	10 min
b.	Interactive Lecture:	30 min
c.	Practical Activity:	20 min
d.	Total:	60 min (FIELD)

6. **Substantiation**:

   a. An interactive lecture was chosen for TP1 to TP3 to introduce factors to consider when identifying emergency shelters as a new subject and to present basic or background material.

   b. A practical activity was chosen for TP4 as it is an interactive way to allow cadets to seek out emergency shelters in a natural setting.

7. **References**:

   a. C2-042 (ISBN 0-7566-0946-1) Berger, K. (2005). *Backpacking & Hiking*. New York, NY: DK Publishing, Inc.

   b. C2-008 (ISBN 0-00-265314-7 0-00-653140-7) Wiseman, J. (1999). *SAS Survival Handbook*. London: HarperCollins *Publishers*.

   c. C2-004 (ISBN 1-896713-00-9 Tawrell, P. (2002). *Camping and Wilderness Survival: The Ultimate Outdoors Book*. Green Valley, ON: Tawrell.

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8. **Training Aids**: Presentation aids (eg, whiteboard/flipchart/OHP) appropriate for the field training area.
9. **Learning Aids**: N/A.
10. **Test Details**: N/A.
11. **Remarks**:
    a. Prior to conducting this lesson the instructor shall locate examples of each type of shelter.
    b. It is understood that seasonal differences and location may restrict the ability to identify all shelters mentioned; however, cadets should be provided with as many visual examples as possible.
    c. Corps may wish to allocate more practical time during the periods allocated to M121. CA (Participate as a Member of a Section During an Overnight Bivouac Exercise) to allow suitable time for groups to construct an improvised shelter.

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