Guidelines for Grid Searchers

From: *Search and Rescue Fundamentals, Basic Skills and Knowledge to Perform Search and Rescue, 3rd. ed.*, Cooper, LaValla, Stoffel

- Stay alert, focus
- Use all of your senses
- Look behind you
- Make noise at intervals, then become silent for awhile and listen
- Be prepared to take care of yourself during the search and in case of personal emergency
- Know the names and dress of searchers on either side; if they change outer layers, take note, if you do, notify them
- At night, keep your light out of the eyes of others; headlamps are the ticket
- Don’t overlook the obvious; talk to people, look in places that seem too obvious to consider; “More than one search have (sic) ended when the subject was found helping in the search.”
- Do not talk to family or media
- Search for clues
- Safety of the searchers is more important than the mission