## **Runners Checklist**

Purpose is to send runners for help as part of a two stage communication system in an emergency situation. The Runner's Checklist is stored in the Trip Leader's Packet as laminated card.

- □ **Initial response conducted** and first aid has been administered.
- □ Situation is "under control" and the remaining group is organized.
- □ At least 2 and preferably 3 runners depending on "local conditions" will be sent (except in unusual circumstances this would include a staff member).
- □ **Runners have written information** to pass on to rescuers and/or administration including: (who to call what to relay)
  - Who to contact, phone numbers, and location to make call.
  - A clear summary of the situation for 911 dispatcher).
  - Specific requests for personnel and equipment for 911 dispather).
  - Full name of the subject/s and field incident commander.
  - An outline of the intended plan and contingency plans.
  - Location of subject/s marked on a map.
  - Rendezvous location if different than incident site. Time of rendezvous. Runner's route. Evacuation route.
  - Type and seriousness of injuries.
  - First aid conducted at the scene.
  - Weather conditions.
  - A list of people and resources at the scene.
  - Description of terrain and difficulty of evacuation.

## **Runners should:**

- Have adequate supplies food, water, clothing, bivy gear, headlamps.
- Have marked maps (see above), compass, car keys, phones.
- Travel efficiently, avoid risks (i.e., no second crisis). Do not split up.
- If the patient's location is difficult to find:
  - runners should constantly observe the terrain behind (i.e., toward the patient).
  - o if necessary, mark the route (flagging tape/rock cairns.).