



# THINK LIKE A FIREGROUND COMMANDER

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Have you ever wondered how firefighters can arrive on the scene of a building fire and, within just a few minutes, develop and implement a comprehensive action plan designed to save lives and property?

Here's a hint: They don't form committees to study and analyze the problem and then advance their recommendations up the chain of command for senior management consideration. There's not time for that! Life and death fire ground decisions are made, on average, in 30 seconds to 2 minutes.

How do they do it? This program shares strategies used by fire commanders that can help improve the quality of your high-stress, high-consequence, time-compressed decisions.

## OBJECTIVES

Participants in this keynote program will have the opportunity to learn:

- > **6 ways physical and mental stress can impact decision making outcomes.**
- > **7-step process for making decisions in high stress, dynamic, rapidly changing environments.**
- > **4 essential components to make quality decisions under stress.**
- > **3 levels of situational awareness including how to develop and maintain each level.**
- > **5 common situational awareness flaws that can have catastrophic outcomes.**
- > **7 best practices for developing and maintaining situational awareness in high-stress, high consequence situations.**

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## ABOUT DR. GASAWAY



Drawing on his experience from over three decades in the fire service, Dr. Rich Gasaway help organizations improve worker safety by ensuring team members understand how to develop and maintain situational awareness while working in high-stress, high-consequence, time-compressed environments.

Rich Gasaway helps organizations identify opportunities to improve high-risk decision making outcomes and implement strategies that help team members improve critical thinking and resilient problem solving skills.

As a result of his work, managers, supervisors and trainers often share with him their team members are better equipped to develop and maintain situational awareness and they make better decisions in high-stress, high-consequence, time-compressed environments.

Dr. Gasaway is a published author of books and articles that are used as a resource for government and industry clients. He has served several government agencies include NASA, the US Department of Homeland Security, and the US Department of Defense. He has also worked with Exxon/Mobil, Syncrude Oil Refinery, Suncor, Canadian Natural Resources Limited, Nuclear Fuel Services, Georgia Pacific, Babcock & Wilcox, SGL Carbon, and Eagle Materials Corporation.

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