

About our Keynote Speaker

Dr. Richard B. Gasaway
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Dr. Gasaway is widely considered a trusted authority on human factors, situational awareness and the high-risk decision-making processes used in high-stress, high consequence work environments.

He served 33 years on the front lines as a firefighter, EMT Paramedic, company officer, training officer, fire chief and emergency incident commander. His doctoral research included the study of cognitive neuroscience to understand how human factors flaw situational awareness and impact high-risk decision making.

Dr. Gasaway's combination of humor and participant engagement consistently earns him the highest praise from conference organizers and his 90,000+ program attendees. His tips, tricks, and best practices have attendees leaving with dozens of high impact, immediately actionable takeaways.

His Federal government clients have included: NASA, the US Department of Homeland Security, the US Department of Defense, and every branch of the armed forces including the United States Military Academy and the United States Air Force Academy.

His non-governmental consulting and training clients have included: Exxon/Mobil, Syncrude Oil Refinery, Nuclear Fuel Services, Georgia Pacific, Babcock & Wilcox, SGL Carbon, Novelis, Amgen, Louisiana Pacific, Eagle Materials Corporation, LafargeHolcim, Canadian Ergonomics Society, Henkels & McCoy, Minnesota Rural Electric Coop, Midsouth Electric Coop, Excel Energy, and the International Linemen's Rodeo & Safety Conference.

More than 500 public safety agencies have relied on Dr. Gasaway to help improve their emergency scene safety and high-risk decision making, including the New York City Fire Department's Incident Management Team and first responders from England, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand, and Hong Kong.