

HOWARD FIRE DEPARTMENT

SA MATTERS with Dr. Richard Gasaway

October 1, 2016

Watercrest Hotel, 103 South Main Street

Howard, SD

8am to 9am - Registration

9am to 12pm - Flawed Situational Awareness: The Stealth Killer of First Responders

12pm to 1pm – Lunch (free will donation)

1pm to 4pm - Firefighter Safety: Mistakes and Best Practices

5pm to whenever – Firefighter’s Bash and Social at Maroney’s Sports Bar (attached to the Hotel)

Pre-Registration Fee is only \$20.

Same day registration is \$25.

Call Chad Podhradsky at 605.579.0116 or email [chad.podhradsky@gmail.com](mailto:chad.podhradsky@gmail.com) to register. Check out the Howard Fire Department Facebook page or give us a call for more information.

Accommodations:

Watercrest Hotel 772-4700	\$79/night - single occupancy – group rate
Klink’s Motel 772-4531	\$56/night - double occupancy – group rate
Howard Inn 772-4682	4-Br house \$50/room \$200/whole house
Howard City Campground 772-4391	Free for the event until sites are gone Additional non-hookup sites available

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## Introduction Biography



Rich Gasaway served 33 years on the front lines as a firefighter, EMT-Paramedic and fire chief and he earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree while studying how individuals, teams and organizations develop and maintain situational awareness and make decisions in high-stress, high consequence, time-compressed environments.

Dr. Gasaway is widely considered to be one of the nation's leading authorities on first responder situational awareness and decision making. He has authored 6 books and his contributions have been featured and referenced in more than 350 publications. A prolific speaker, Dr. Gasaway has earned the National Speakers Association's highest designation, Certified Speaking Professional. His leadership and safety programs have been presented to more than 51,000 first responders worldwide.



## Program Descriptions

### Flawed Situational Awareness: The Stealth Killer of First Responders

Situational awareness is one of the leading contributing factors for near-miss and line-of-duty deaths among first responders operating at emergency scenes. While organizations have worked to improve policies and procedures, equipment and training, the number of responder casualties has remained virtually unchanged.

If we are going to reduce responder casualty incidents, we must first improve our ability to develop and maintain situational awareness under stress. This program provides the attendee with a thorough understanding of situational awareness - what it is, how challenging it can be to develop and how easy it can be lost.

### Firefighter Safety: Mistakes & Best Practices

This program looks at a summary of common mistakes and best practices discovered from the presenter's extensive evaluation of more than 500 near-miss reports and line-of-duty casualty investigations. Improve your understanding of what's killing firefighters at incident scenes and how to improve fire ground safety.

During this fast-paced program we will look at the role staffing, communications, command activities, size-up, strategy, training, near-miss events and post incident evaluations play in best practices and common mistakes.