

# North Metro Fire Rescue District

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## *A Situational Awareness Matters Tour Stop featuring: Dr. Richard B. Gasaway*



**Overview:** This program shares powerful findings of Dr. Gasaway's extensive research on first responder decision making and situational awareness. In his review of hundreds of near-miss reports, case studies, line-of-duty death reports and videos, he continually found himself being frustrated because there were so many clues, indicators and signs that the incident was going to end in disaster. Yet, for some reason, personnel operating at the incident scene – from company officers to incident commanders – could not see it coming.

In his search to understand why first responders were (seemingly) blind and deaf to what was happening right in front of them, Dr. Gasaway uncovered and investigated over one hundred barriers that can destroy situational awareness.

### **Course Details:**

This program focuses on some of the most pervasive situational awareness barriers first responder will face while operating in stress-filled, dynamically changing environments.

### **Subjects Covered:**

- Barriers to be explored and discussed will include:
  - Pre-arrival lens
  - Mission Myopia
  - Staffing issues
  - Miscommunications
  - Peers and supervisors
  - Overload, fixation & saturation
  - Confabulation
  - Technology
  - The location of command
  - Command support & command aids
  - Incident & organizational goals
  - Culture
  - Biases
  - Human factors

**When:** Friday, July 26, 2019  
**Cost:** \$60.00 per student – includes snacks and beverages  
**Location:** 1006 Weld County Road 11 – Building C, Northglenn  
**To Register:** [www.nmfr.org/gasaway2019](http://www.nmfr.org/gasaway2019)

\*If you prefer to pay via check, please contact Debbie VanWanseele to register. You can reach Debbie with questions about the class or registration at 303-252-3502 or [dvanwanseele@nmfr.org](mailto:dvanwanseele@nmfr.org).

For additional information, please see Dr. Gasaway's website at: [www.SAMatters.com](http://www.SAMatters.com)

