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# 50 Ways to Kill Your Brother & The Fire Service Perfect Storm

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In June 2007, the National Firefighter Near-Miss Reporting System annual report identified situation awareness as the leading factor contributing to firefighter near-miss events. Likewise, numerous line-of-duty death investigation reports from NIOSH have revealed that situation awareness is frequently cited as a factor that contributed to the casualty event. Now that you know situation awareness is so important, what can you do to improve it? The focus of this program is to help you become a better decision maker. This is a lively, fast-paced program that examines the challenges faced by command decision makers as they try to gather cues, make sense of what they are seeing (and not seeing), and predict the future events under high-stress conditions. The program will explore how expert-level decision makers use Recognition-Primed Decision Making and understand how developing and maintaining three levels of situation awareness is the foundation of good decision making. This program is a must for anyone who is required to make critical decisions in high-stress, fast-paced, ever-changing, high-risk environments. **NOTE:** This is not a strategy and tactics class. This program focuses on the process of forming and maintaining effective situation awareness to facilitate decision making under stress.

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