

## **EASILY IMMERSIVE**

Our proposal is to create a virtual reality simulation utilizing a heads up display interface that provides firefighters access to data and information in order to enhance their ability to combat fires and save lives. We will stress the importance of information that does not impede the firefighter's view of the action while it is happening in a given scenario. The challenge here is to provide the firefighters with details that will improve their performance via Augmented Reality, voice commands and Artificial Intelligence tools.

While there are several different positions such as firefighter, fire captain, battalion chief and firefighter paramedic, this prototype will focus on the role of the firefighter and his communication with the captain.

### **WE PROPOSE TO CREATE A BOT THAT DOES ALL OF THIS FOR THE HELMET?**

#### **1. Visibility**

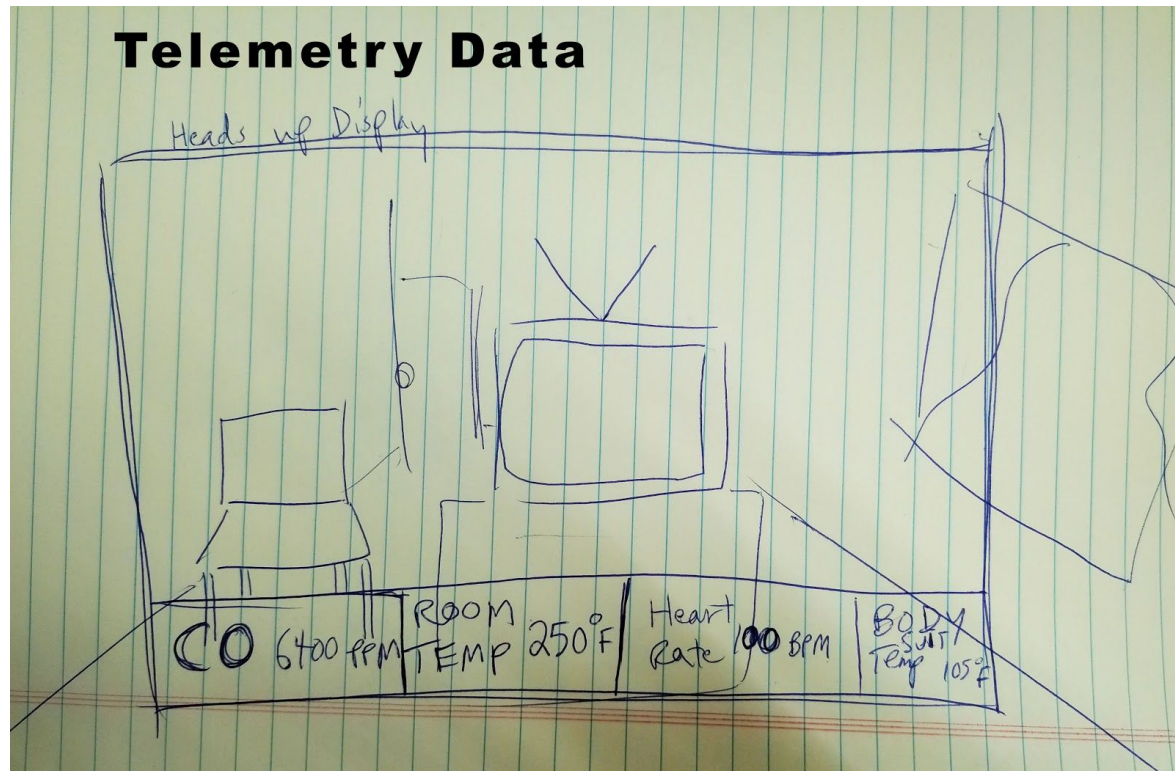
- Night or dark - infrared camera
- Smoke and Fire
- Other obstructions

Deterioration of visibility during fires is a known problem for firefighters. With advancements in sensors and HUD displays a solution to this problem can be developed. Infrared cameras can be incorporated into a heads up display that will allow firefighters to see heat zones through smoke as well as help guide and orient the firefighter in low visibility environments.

#### **2. Telemetry** - sensory information about your environment

- How much oxygen in your tank - usually you have 4500 psi or 30 minutes of air - Artificial Intelligence can decide it is too dangerous and you need oxygen or it is safe and you can live without the extra oxygen.
- Your hydration levels, blood pressure and heart rate can be sent to Captain when there is a serious situation at hand
- How hot is your environment - do I need to have a facemask on?
- Smoke detectors or air monitors

Through the use of sensors the firefighter will have a wealth of telemetry available. Data such as oxygen levels in their tanks as well as hydration, heart rate and blood pressure would be readily available. It would be presented in a manner that is non-obtrusive yet aid their skills in fighting fires. Special attention will be given to the fact that this information should not distract the firefighter but allow them to have access to high value information when needed.



### 3. Open Roof for Ventilation - cut hole in roof to let out heat smoke in the chimney

- Captain can give information about where to cut the whole and transfer information to the firefighter - heads up display points with the guiding arrow, based on schematics, blueprints or telemetry based on the fire, as well as where water pipes are located in a structure

In addition to having access to telemetric data the firefighter will be in constant contact with his Captain. The Captain would have information different than what the firefighter would have allowing them to make informed decision based on existing and current conditions. With actionable information, the Captain would be able to instruct the firefighter where on the roof to cut a hole, for example. With this information the firefighter would see not only where on the roof to cut a hole but guide the firefighter to the correct location and outline the size of the hole the Captain ordered.



#### 4. Pumper truck -

- How high and how far can you get the water to go
- How much pressure do you have
- How much water do you have in your truck - when will the 500 gallons run out if in 2 ½ minutes and when to connect to a hydrant

#### Ladder truck -

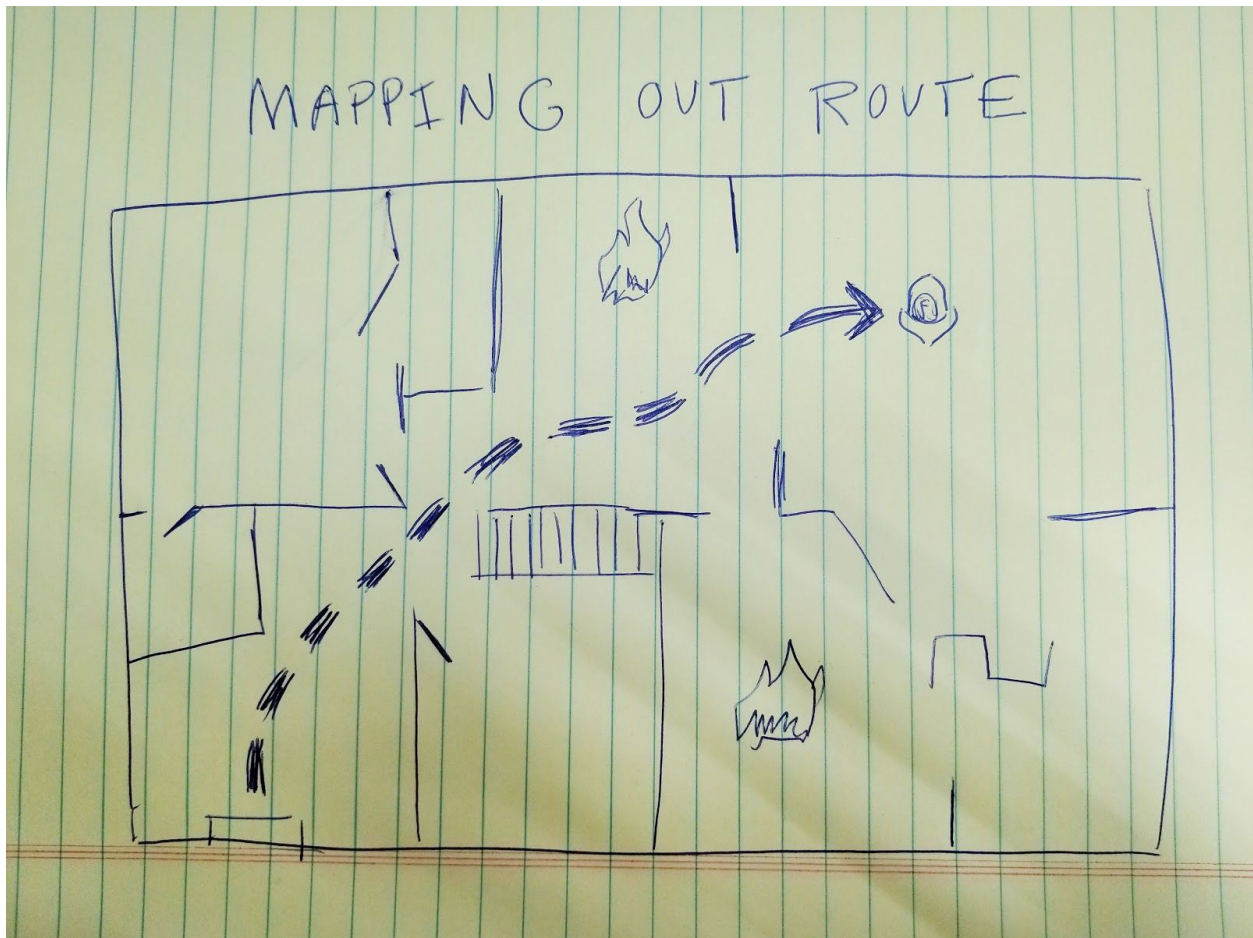
- How high up does this ladder need to go

With a HUD display the firefighters would no longer need to estimate the reach of the water stream of their pumper trucks since the HUD will take care of it. The HUD would outline the stream and its reach and offer guidance as to how best to use the water and or ladders in their fire trucks.

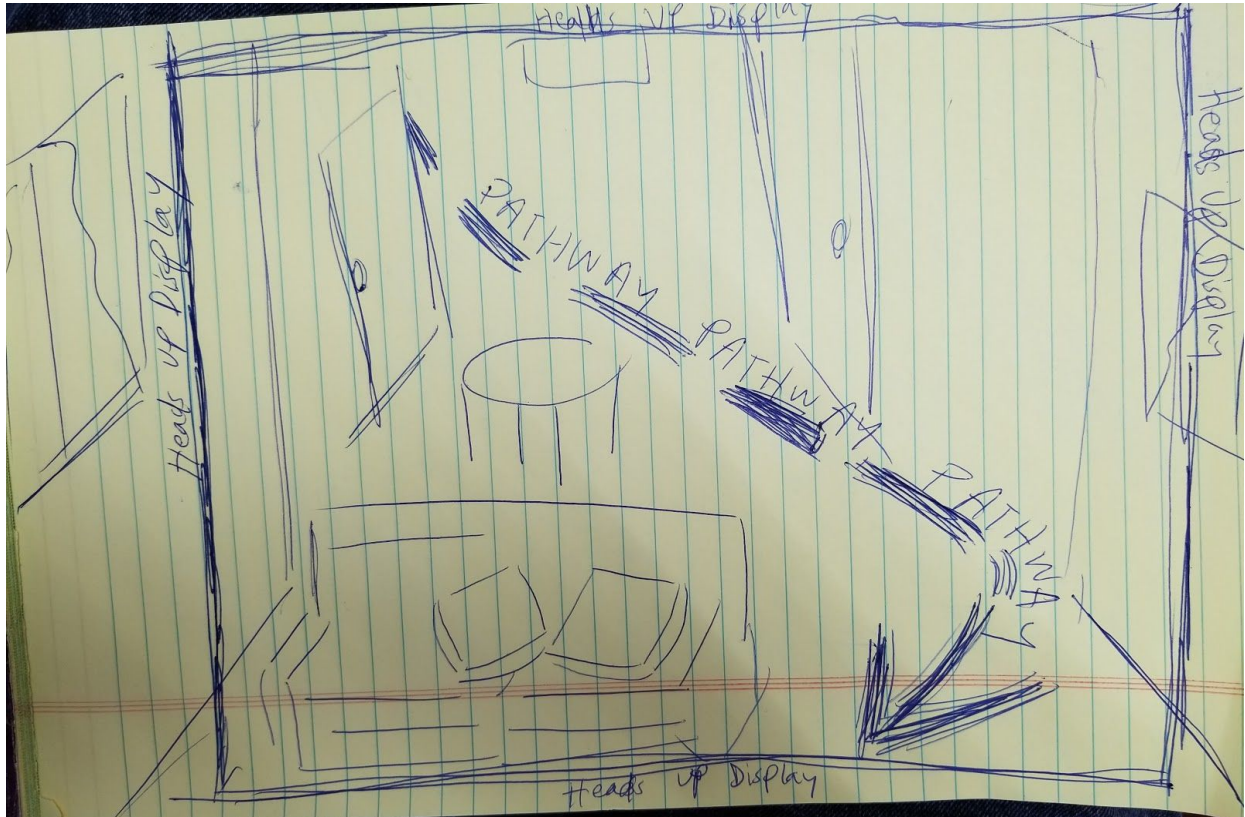
#### 5. Mapping Out route

- Heads Up display records your path
- Will utilize that path as a guide to safety or let your captain and other firefighters know your location
- Captain will see the best route that matters for the firefighter in trouble

An important role the HUD will have is in search and rescue of firefighters themselves. While entering a fire the HUD will map their progress through the structure. This mapping as well as information regarding the firefighter's stamina will be relayed to a central computer that will monitor the firefighters vitals e.g. oxygen levels in their tanks, body temperature, heart rate and location. Artificial intelligence will be used to assess the firefighters safety and in case they become incapacitated or find themselves in an emergency situation, the AI will alert the Captain with the location, vitals as well as best route to reach them.







## BIOs

### Michael J. Brenner

Michael J. Brenner, Trainee, Virtual Reality Academy and Development Lab @ CUNY on the Concourse, Lehman College partnered with EON Reality, is currently in the inaugural year of the offered program which focuses on both Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality. As a visual thinker and designer, he hopes this training will provide him with amazing opportunities that present new and creative professional challenges. He previously graduated from SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology where he majored in Advertising Design with a minor in Creative Technology. His prior work experience as a lawyer in private practice, and his psychology degree from SUNY Binghamton, have both laid a foundation for his research, persuasion, and presentation skills.

### Vincent Navarro

Vincent is the Research Coordinator for the Department of Urology at Weill Cornell Medicine with an appointment as Adjunct Lecturer with the Chemistry Department at Lehman College, City University of New York. He received a BS in Bio-Chemistry and an MS in Computer Science, both from Lehman college. At Weill Cornell, he spends his time developing antibody-drug conjugates targeting prostate cancer. Antibodies developed through his research are currently in clinical trials. At Lehman, he teaches the next generation of scientists and doctors in general and organic chemistry laboratory techniques.

### Aaron Holness

Aaron Holness brings years of experience in programming mobile applications for Android, Windows Phone and Windows. These applications include games as well as utility applications. He also is a trainee at the Lehman College Virtual Reality Academy and Development Lab @CUNY. Aaron also has an extensive history as a real estate investor in New York City.

Michael, Vincent and Aaron have been working on a safety training Virtual Reality simulation through their training Lehman College @ CUNY on the Concourse. The safety training involves exposure to benzene on an oil rig. Between the three of them, they have presented VR projects in various exhibitions such as at the New School and the Javits Center, and have been filmed on television news outlets such as CNBC, CUNY TV, and News 12 in the Bronx.