escalate /ˈeskəleɪt / verb

if fighting, violence, or a bad situation escalates, or if someone escalates it, it becomes much worse

***Closing Ranks* :**

**IAN HICKIE: It's very typical in emergency services and other situations to make a fundamental error, which is to assume "to clear the scene" of the people who may be able to best communicate with the person in the situation. This is where training and understanding and experience matters. Anyone who's worked in the mental health area would understand that what you need are people who are familiar and potentially not threatening, potentially not in uniform, potentially not escalating the situation.**

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