

**Focus Group Goal: How does GFD perform search and rescue and how could tech improve it?**

1. Introduce ourselves
2. Are you comfortable with us recording the meeting

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3. What is the extent of your S&R experience?
  - a. Participants specialize in aircraft and commercial rescue
4. What are the most important goals of S&R?
  - a. **Communication and accountability are essential to ensure the safety of both the crew and civilians**
  - b. **Speed and efficiency are also important**
5. Time frame?
  - a. **Air tanks are rated for 45 minutes, realistically it's more like 30 minutes MAX**
  - b. **15 minutes getting in, 15 minutes getting out**
  - c. **Secondary search is more methodical and takes longer (30-45 minutes)**
6. *What do S&R procedures look like for your company?*
  - a. How many people do a search at one time?
  - b. If any, what are some challenges that you face during S&R situations?
  - c. During S&R, how are tasks divided between team members?
  - d. How often is SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) followed in the field?

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7. How do team members communicate?
  - a. What is typically communicated between S&R team members?
  - b. Do any communication errors happen?
  - c. How do you stay oriented with the rest of your team members during an op?
8. What are you listening for during S&R?
9. What are the most important visual cues (things to look for)?
  - a. How do you deal with low visibility environments?

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**10. What role does technology play during S&R?**

- a. How is this information used to make decisions?*
  - b. Can you describe what technology is most commonly used?
- 11. Imagine the ideal S&R tech tool. What would it look like?
- 12. How could the existing tech you use for S&R be improved?

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- 13. What role do emotions play in these situations?
- 14. What procedures are common/different between your firehouse and others you may have worked with?
- 15. How are attacks coordinated with other fire houses?

Ideal tool: visualizing object in low visibility situations