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## Conference Helps Rescuers Deal With Disaster

### *Frontline Workers Experience Stress Long After Incident*

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**OMAHA, Neb.** -- The first rescuers on the scene -- whether it be a car accident or a terrorist bombing -- can suffer the effects of what they see for years after the incident.

Paramedics and fire personnel have training to cope with the stress of dealing with a situation where people die. For the next two days, Health and Human Services will host a disaster behavioral conference in Omaha to help health professionals deal with the feelings they experience after working around tragedy. It is at the Embassy Suites by the river.

One of the most stressful situations, rescuers said, is creating a triage where individuals who appear to be beyond help are denied care in favor of victims who can be saved.

"It's always a little different," said Asst. Chief Terry Kanne, with Gretna Fire and Rescue. "You never can train for what's going to be there, you just got to learn from start to finish who you are going to help."

If you'd like more information on the conference, can call Cynthia at (402) 472-5678.

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