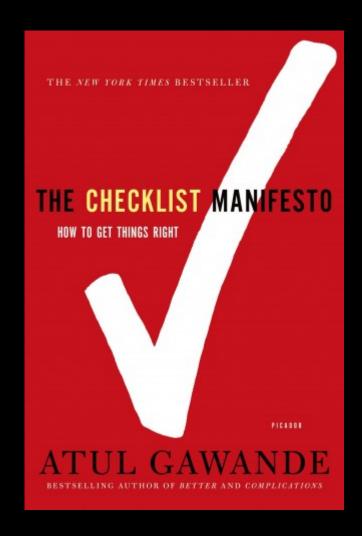
Lesson #8: Use Checklists

- Checklists
- Memory aids
- Reference guides
- Decision making tools



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Waterproof / Tear Resistant

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Avalanche Rescue Field Guide

Developed by
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Modified for Hood River Crag Rats

Hasty Search Guide

HOLD and INTERVIEW WITNESS!

Respond With Recco & Hasty Pack

- Evaluate Avalanche Hazard, is the scene safe? Is further reduction work needed?
- Communicate to Dispatch when the scene is safe & give a Scene Size up.
- Establish Escape Routes, Safety Zones & Staging Areas Tell all Hasty Team members as they arrive, before any action takes place on scene. Mark with Orange Flags.
- Appoint and begin transceiver search beginning with the last point seen.
 - o Turn ALL beacons to receive.
 - After completion of search ensure all beacons go back to send.
 - o Investigate all Clues.
- Appoint and begin scuff search beginning with last point seen.
 - Pick up all clues to determine that there is not a person attached, mark with Blue flags.
 - o Probe likely areas of deposition (benches, bends, trees, etc.), mark with Red flags.
 - Establish trajectory from clues and probe most likely burial area (toe of deposition).
- Order additional resources as needed (Humans, Dog Team, etc.)

When Additional Resources Arrive:

- Assign a probe line leader
- Line probers up using the Guidon Cord
- Probe Left, Probe Center, Probe Right
- Mark Probed areas with Red Flags.
- Continue up and back down slide path until victim is found or search is called off.

Witness Statement:

Location of incident:

Location of Reporting Person(s):

Number of People Buried/Names:

Others at Scene:

Are the Victims Equipped w/ Avalanche Transceiver?

Are the Victims Equipped w/ Recco reflectors/other electronics?

Time of Incident:

Time of Report of Accident:

What injuries at accident site?

Structures or Vehicles Damaged or Buried:

Additional information required before releasing witness:

Name:

Activity:

Age:

Years at Activity:

Gender:

Activity Skill Level:

Phone:

Accessed Local Avalanche Advisory:

Address:

Years Traveling in Avalanche Terrain:

Avalanche Education Level:

Other descriptive information about the avalanche-

Flags:

Orange: Safe Access/Egress Yellow Perimeter Red: Areas Probed Blue: Clues Dog: Green

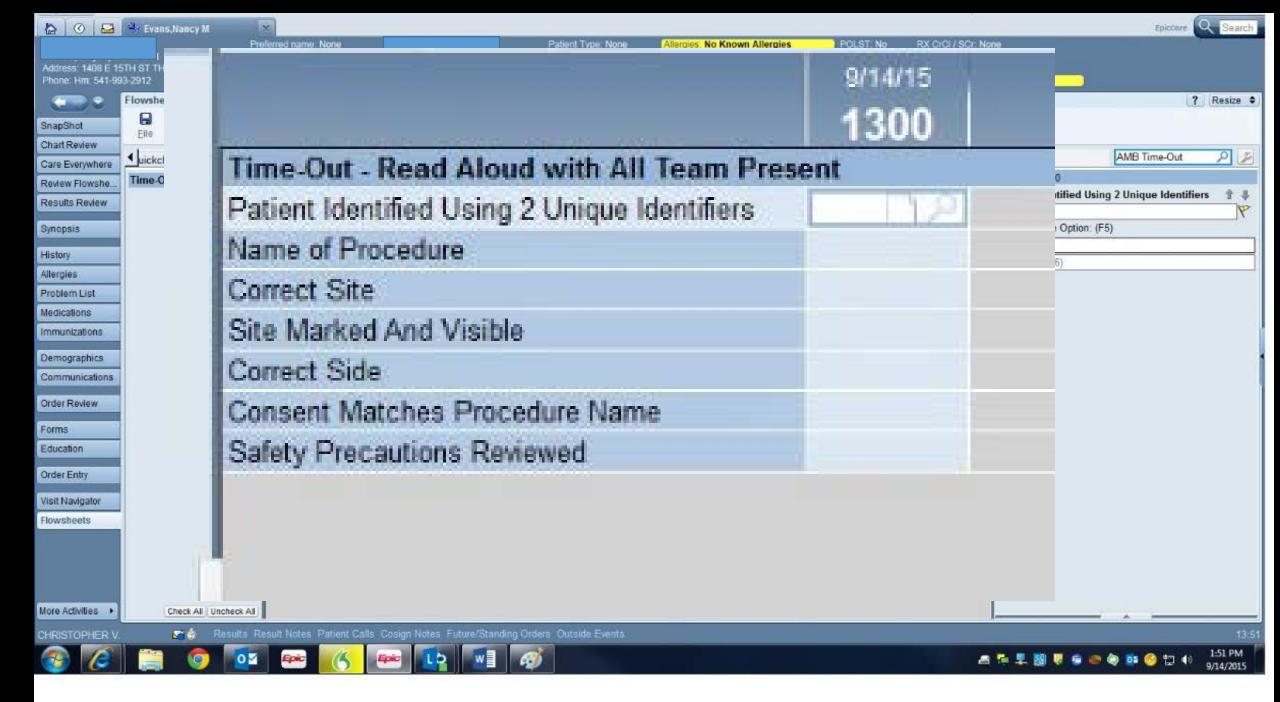
Last Point Seen: Two crossed flags, any color

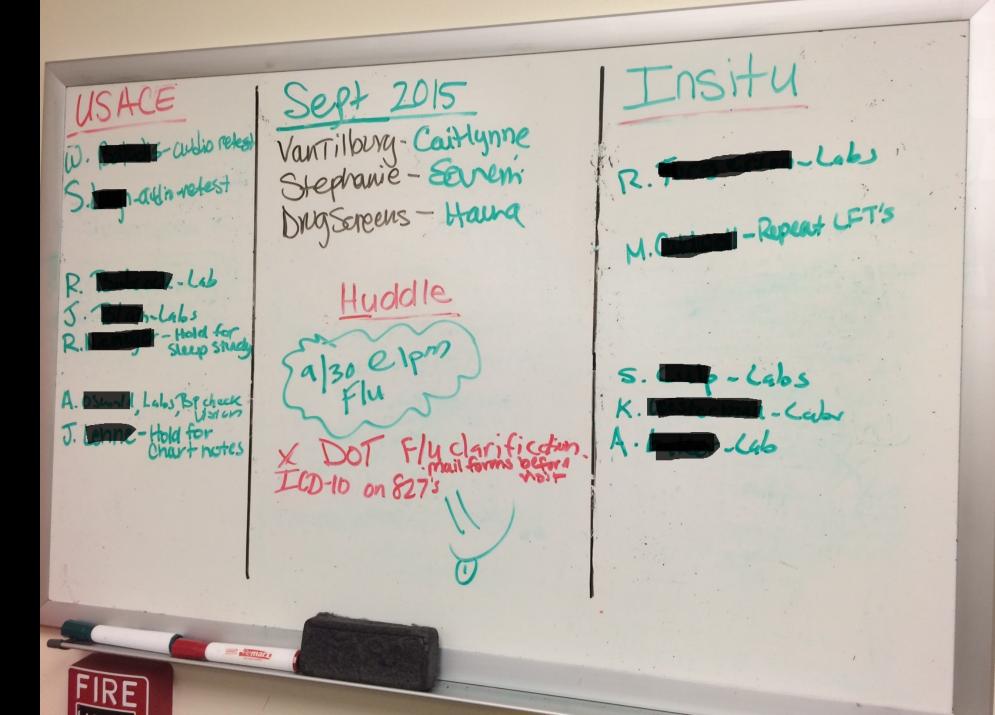
Body or live find: Three crossed flags, any color

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SAR SEARCH	COUNTY#		DATE	
URGENCY WO			TIME	
INCIDENT NAMI				
OP9 PERIOD	OPS START		OPS END	
SEARCH URGENCY DETERMINATION WORKSHEET				
NUMBER OF SUBJECTS	3 3 OR MORE SUBJECTS	2 2 SUBJECTS	1 1 SUBJECT ALONE	
AGE	3 ALL OTHER AGES		VERY YOUNG (MINOR CHILD) VERY OLD (ELDERLY ADULT)	
MEDICAL CONDITION	3 HEALTHY 4 KNOWN FATALITY	RECENT OR PAST ILLNESS NO LONGER REQUIRING MEDICA- TION; SUSPECTED ILLNESS OR INJURY	1 KNOWN ILLNESS, INJURY, KNOWN IMPAIRMENT, PHYSICAL HANDICAP, LIMITED MOBILITY	
CLOTHING PROFILE	3 ADEQUATE OR WELL EQUIPPED FOR THE ACTIVITY AND THE GIVEN ENVIRONMENT OR WEATHER	QUESTIONABLE FOR THE ACTIVITY, ENVIRONMENT OR WEATHER	1 INADEQUATE OR INSUFFICIENT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, ACTIVITY OR WEATHER	
EQUIPMENT PROFILE	3 ADEQUATE 4 VERY WELL EQUIPPED	QUESTIONABLE FOR THE ACTIVITY, ENVIRONMENT OR WEATHER	1 INADEQUATE OR INSUFFICIENT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, ACTIVITY OR WEATHER	
EXPERIENCE PROFILE	4 EXPERIENCED AND KNOWS THE AREA	2 NOT EXPERIENCED BUT KNOWS THE AREA. 3 EXPERIENCED BUT UNFAMILIAR WITH AREA	NOT EXPERIENCED AND UNFAMILIAR WITH THE AREA	
WEATHER PROFILE	NO PAST OR PRESENT HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS AND NO HAZARDOUS WEATHER EXPECTED	2 HAZARDOUS WEATHER FORECAST (8 HRS) 3 HAZARDOUS WEATHER FORECAST (8 HRS +)	PAST OR EXISTING HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS	
TERRAIN & HAZARDS	4 EASY TERRAIN NO KNOWN HAZARDS	2 DIFFICULT TERRAIN 3 FEW HAZARDS	1 KNOWN HAZARDS	
ANY UNKNOWNS MUST ASSUME THE HIGHEST URGENCY CATEGORY	CONSIDER THE ABOVE INDICATORS FOR THE APPROPRIATE URGENCY LEVEL		3 OR MORE CHECKED	
TOTAL	22 - 29 EVALUATE & INVESTIGATE	17 - 21 MEASURED RESPONSE	8 - 16 URGENT HIGH PRIORITY RESPONSE	
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Lesson #9: Use Safety Pauses

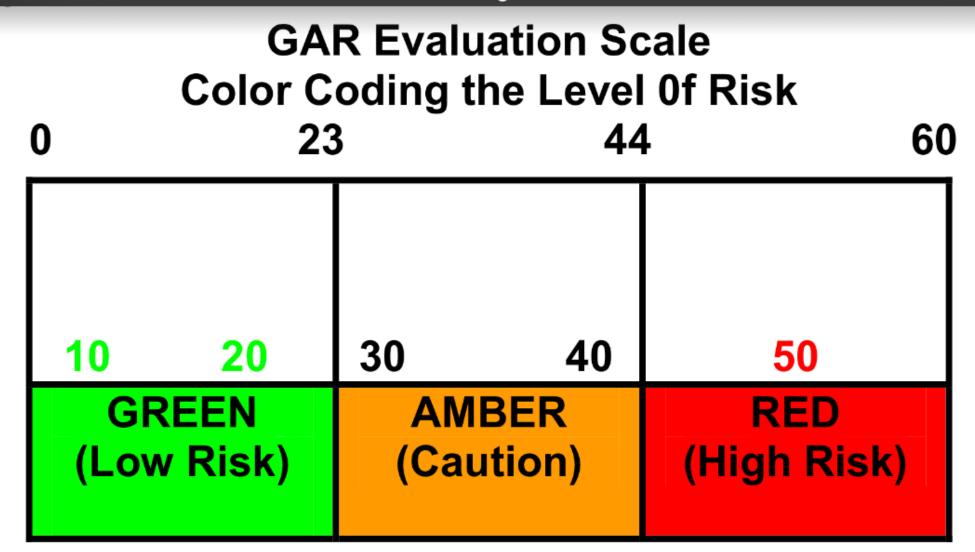




USCG GAR: score 0-10 each category

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Supervision			
Planning			
Team Selection			
Team Fitness			
Environment			
Event/Evolution Complexity			
Total Risk Score			



PEEPS pause

- P = Person
- E = Equipment
- E =Environment
- P = Partner
- S = Scenario

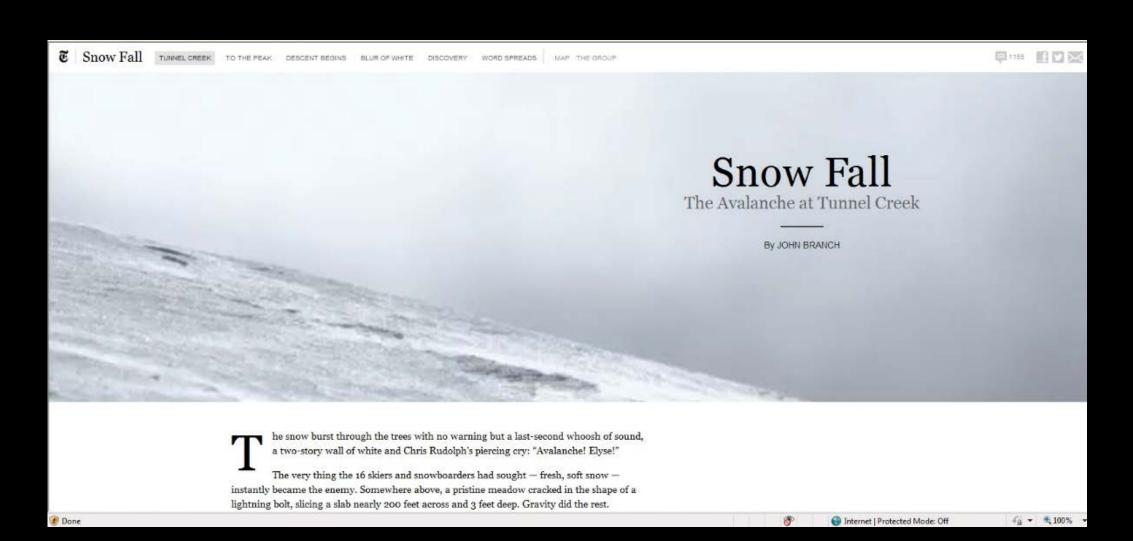
Lesson #10: Relationships are complicated.

Group Dynamics

- Difficult to gauge skill level
- Overestimate power and mortality
- Rationalize warnings
- Disagree on decision making authority
- Individuals may not speak against group







Lesson 11: Communication is complicated

- Social Media
- Town halls
- TV/Radio
- County Health Dept/Sheriff Dept
- Local Clinics and Hospital

The National Incident Command System/Joint Unified Command.

- Supervision
- Work division
- Common language
- Dispute resolution

