



# 2026 Hoist Operators Conference Agenda

March 7-8 2026

Omni Atlanta Hotel at Centennial Park Int'l Ballroom EF-M2-North Tower  
Atlanta, Georgia

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## Conference Agenda

| Time     | Topic  | Organization                    | Presenter                              |
|----------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| 8:00 AM  | Registration / Check-In  | Onboard Systems Hoist and Winch |  |
| 9:00 AM  | Welcome / Conference Start / State of affairs  | Onboard Systems Hoist and Winch | Nick Demogines                         |
| 9:30 AM  | Pegasus update   | Onboard Systems Hoist and Winch | Bejan Maghsoodi                        |
| 10:00 AM | Workload and Operational Performance in Helicopter Rescue Operations – A Comparison of Two Different Rescue Methods in a Randomized Cross-Over Design. | Norsk Luftambulanse AS          | William Ottestad<br>Håvard Mattingsdal |
| 10:30 AM | Networking Break   |                                 | Networking Break                       |
| 10:45 AM | Managing your expectations of Volunteers   | Two Bear Air                    | Wil Milam                              |
| 11:30 AM | How Many Funerals Does It Take   | Bell Textron                    | Terry Miyauchi                         |
| 12:15 PM | Lunch  |                                 |  |
| 1:30 PM  | Connecting Helicopters to Anchors  | Mountain Rescue Collective      | Dave Weber                             |
| 2:15 PM  | Field Service Updates  | Onboard Systems Hoist and Winch | Miguel Rosales                         |
| 3:00 PM  | Networking Break   |                                 | Networking Break                       |
| 3:15 PM  | ESPN-R Hoist Working Group update  | Airbus Helicopter               | Alex Weissenboeck                      |
| 4:00 PM  | Building a UH-60 Program   | Charlotte County Sheriff        | Shane Engelauf                         |
| 4:45 PM  | Day 1 Wrap Up  | Onboard Systems Hoist and Winch | Nick Demogines                         |

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# 2026 Hoist Operators Conference

March 8, 2026

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| Time     | Topic   | Organization   | Presenter                           |
|----------|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM  | Breakfast / Networking  | Onboard Systems Hoist and Winch                          |                                     |
| 9:00 AM  | Welcome / Conference Start  | Onboard Systems Hoist and Winch                          | Nick Demogines                      |
| 9:30 AM  | The Chaos of Rotor Wash: Predictable Forces, Preventable Outcomes | ICAR Air Rescue Commission                               | Charley Shimanski                   |
| 10:15 AM | Networking Break  |  | Networking Break                    |
| 10:45 AM | A typical day in HHO  | DRF Stiftung Luftrettung                                 | Sebastian Schneider<br>Timo Demeter |
| 11:30 AM | The Great Hoist Debate  | SR3 Rescue Concepts                                      | Dave Callen                         |
| 12:15 PM | Lunch   |  |                                     |
| 1:30 PM  | Extreme by Nature. Safe by Design                                 | The Real ResQ  | Jason Quinn                         |
| 2:15 PM  | Advanced Hoist Operations in High Altitude Search and Rescue      | Air Zermatt  | Rebekka Frieden                     |
| 3:00 PM  | Networking Break  |  | Networking Break                    |
| 3:15 PM  | Recruitment: Industry Experience vs Non-technical skills          | Babcock Mission Critical Services<br>Australasia Pty Ltd | Nicholas Giblin                     |
| 4:00 PM  | PCDS Equipment Care Maintenance                                   | Life Saving Systems                                      | Matt High                           |
| 4:45 PM  | Wrap Up<br>Rescue of the Year                                     | Onboard Systems Hoist and Winch                          | Nick Demogines<br>Richard Bryson    |

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