



An employee measures and cuts a piece of vinyl at FOL-DA-TANK.

*Katelyn Metzger*

A few years ago the company became more busy when it acquired EVAC Systems and Fire Rescue. The company makes what Niebur calls "a backpack on steroids" for first responders.

The specialty bags and backpacks are designed to fit all the accessories one would need for search and rescue. The

bags can fit 200 feet of rope, soft gear, hardware, carabiners and any other accessories needed.

Much like the tanks, the packs start as a role of fabric and are cut, sewn and assembled in-house. Niebur said acquiring the company, originally based in Moline, just felt right considering they

are in the same field. FOL-DA-TANK's mission is to assist communities by assisting first responders, and both of companies get the job done.

"We like to say what we do matters because what they do matters," Niebur said. "Simply put, we're here to help."

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