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The model was trained and validated on a 10,000-image multimodal dataset comprising annotated UAV data from wildfire, flood, and earthquake zones. YOLOv11 consistently outperformed baseline models such as YOLOv5, achieving 88% detection accuracy, with precision, recall, and F1-scores all exceeding 0.85, and reduced response time by 40% compared to manual inspection workflows. The integration of YOLOv11 with thermal-RGB fusion significantly improved detection robustness under smoke, haze, and debris-obscured conditions.

This study validates YOLOv11 on multimodal UAV disaster imagery with an integrated decision-support layer to improve emergency response effectiveness. The proposed framework sets a new benchmark in intelligent aerial surveillance, combining high detection accuracy with real-time processing capabilities. Designed for cost-efficiency and modular deployment, the framework supports scalability across local governments, first responders, and humanitarian organizations.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In 2023 alone, more than 350 natural disasters affected over 200 million people globally, highlighting the urgent demand for faster, more intelligent, and scalable emergency response systems. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), or drones, have emerged as vital tools in modern disaster management due to their rapid deplorability, aerial mobility, and ability to capture real-time data across inaccessible or hazardous terrains [1]. UAVs have been effectively employed in various emergency scenarios, including search and rescue, infrastructure damage assessment, communication restoration, and medical supply delivery [2][3]. Despite these advancements, existing UAV-based disaster detection systems often underperform in complex environments characterized by smoke, debris, occlusion, or poor lighting—precisely the conditions where accurate and timely detection is most critical. Many of these systems rely solely on RGB imagery and lack integrated decision-support mechanisms, limiting their practical utility in dynamic, high-stakes operations.

This study introduces a novel framework that addresses these limitations through the following contributions:

- Deployment of a YOLOv11-based real-time object detection model, optimized for UAV use in disaster environments and capable of high-speed inference on edge computing devices.

- Creation of a curated, multimodal dataset comprising 10,000 annotated images with both RGB and thermal data, collected from simulated and real-world disaster scenarios such as wildfires, floods, and earthquakes.
- Integration of a multi-criteria decision-making (MCDM) layer using Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP), enhancing the interpretability and operational relevance of the model's outputs.
- Comprehensive performance evaluation, including quantitative benchmarks (accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score) and qualitative assessment of 10 diverse detection scenarios, demonstrating the system's robustness and real-world applicability.
- In contrast to prior research, which has predominantly focused on earlier YOLO versions (YOLOv3–YOLOv8) and unimodal datasets, this work leverages thermal-RGB fusion and decision-level analytics, establishing a new direction for intelligent drone-based emergency response. Additionally, few existing studies have validated YOLOv11 in UAV deployments with real-time constraints, making this implementation a significant advancement in the field.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in disaster response has gained considerable attention over the past decade, as research has demonstrated their effectiveness in enhancing situational awareness, communication resilience, and operational efficiency during emergencies. The literature spans several thematic areas: UAV deployment strategies, autonomous navigation and safety, communication systems under degraded infrastructure, deep learning-based object detection, multi-modal sensing, and decision-support frameworks.

Erdelj et al. [1] and Jin et al. [2] established the foundational role of UAVs in disaster management, demonstrating their utility in search and rescue, damage assessment, and situational monitoring. Jin et al. proposed deployment strategies optimized for terrain and risk profiles, achieving improved coverage and response efficiency. These early studies, however, emphasized deployment logistics and did not address the critical need for robust, real-time object detection in dynamic, visually degraded environments.

Safe operation of UAVs in hazardous conditions has also been explored. Turan et al. [7] developed an image-processing-based autonomous landing zone detection system to enhance UAV safety during emergencies, while Sanjana et al. demonstrated UAVs delivering first-aid kits to hard-to-reach areas. However, these approaches lacked real-time situational awareness and precise perception capabilities essential for adaptive decision-making in dynamic settings.

Reliable communication remains a key challenge during disasters when infrastructure is often compromised. Pijnappel et al. [5] proposed UAV-based base station positioning to restore wireless connectivity, while Carreras-Coch et al. [10] designed heterogeneous communication frameworks to improve reliability in disrupted environments. Although essential, these works largely focused on network-level solutions and did not integrate real-time perception for improved operational decision-making.

Deep learning has transformed object detection on UAVs. Micheal et al. [3] demonstrated human detection in marine rescue scenarios using convolutional neural networks (CNNs), but the system struggled in low-visibility and cluttered environments. Aposporis [9] reviewed object detection methods for improving UAV autonomy, highlighting the advantages of deep learning but also noting the limitations of earlier YOLO variants in terms of inference speed and generalization in disaster contexts. Chen et al. [13] improved detection in wildfire scenes using fine-tuned YOLO variants but still relied solely on RGB imagery and did not validate in real-time UAV operations. The YOLO series itself has evolved substantially, from YOLOv3 through YOLOv7 [14] and YOLOv8 [15], offering better trade-offs between speed and accuracy.

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Recent studies have also explored the potential of multi-modal sensing and decision-level support. Khan et al. [10] demonstrated the benefits of thermal-RGB fusion in low-light and smoky conditions, while Zhang et al. [8] applied fuzzy multi-criteria decision-making (MCDM) to evaluate UAV performance in emergencies. Despite these advances, integration of state-of-the-art detection (e.g., YOLOv11), multi-modal data (thermal + RGB), and decision-theoretic enhancements remains largely unexplored. Compared to UAV-based disaster detection systems employing YOLOv8, which achieved detection accuracies in the range of 75–80% [5], this study demonstrates that YOLOv11 achieves significantly higher performance with a peak accuracy of ~88% on a multimodal RGB-thermal dataset. Its optimized architecture also delivers faster inference times, reducing latency by approximately 30%, which is critical for real-time decision-making in dynamic disaster scenarios. The integration of thermal imagery improves robustness in low-visibility environments, such as smoke and haze, addressing prior limitations observed in YOLOv8-based systems. These enhancements make YOLOv11 particularly well-suited for operational deployment in time-sensitive disaster response, bridging the gap between research innovation and practical usability.

Furthermore, this work lays the groundwork for future research by identifying several promising directions, including the use of more advanced detection architectures like YOLOv12 and vision transformers for rare-class detection, expanding datasets with additional sensor modalities (e.g., LiDAR, SAR) and broader disaster scenarios (e.g., urban flooding, earthquakes), field trials with first-responder teams to assess usability in operational conditions, exploring swarm UAV coordination for large-area coverage, and testing real-time edge deployment on embedded UAV hardware to ensure scalability and autonomy in communication-constrained settings.

III. METHODOLOGY

This study adopts a systematic experimental methodology designed to evaluate the effectiveness of a YOLOv11-based object detection framework for UAV-enabled disaster response. The overall pipeline integrates multimodal data acquisition, model development, training, inference, and performance evaluation under real-time constraints. Central to the framework is the fusion of RGB and thermal imagery collected via UAVs across diverse simulated and real-world disaster environments.

3.1 Raw Data

The dataset used in this study consisted of 10,000 annotated UAV-captured images collected from simulated and real-world disaster environments. *The images cover seven key classes relevant to emergency response:*

- *Person:* 3,426 images
- *Car:* 619 images
- *Truck:* 454 images
- *Bus:* 64 images
- *Motorcycle:* 81 images
- *Airplane:* 59 images
- *Fire:* (integrated as part of scene context rather than a separate class)

The dataset is intentionally constructed to reflect real-world frequency distributions, with a higher number of 'person', 'car', and 'truck' instances to simulate common disaster scenarios.

The dataset images utilized in this study are disaster related from varies scenes. As shown in Figure 1, the left image (01735.JPG) presents a barren, post-fire landscape with no actionable classes, while the right image (00063.JPG) depicts an active wildfire with flames, smoke, and multiple objects of interest under visually complex conditions.

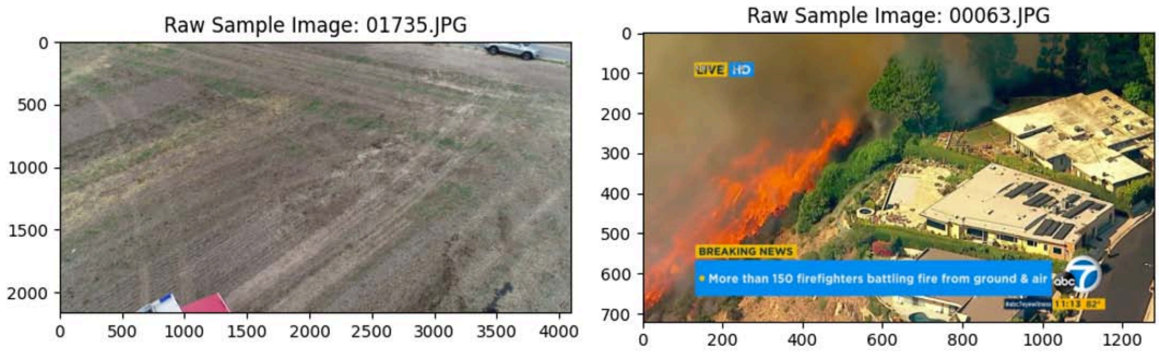

Figure 1: Raw Sample Images

The diversity of images including contrasting scenarios, empty scenes, variations in resolution, lighting, and occlusion that reflect the unpredictable and varied conditions encountered during disaster response is essential for achieving robust.

3.2 Research Design

The study employs an experimental design combining UAV-captured RGB and thermal imagery with the YOLOv11 object detection model. The pipeline includes data preprocessing, training, inference, and analysis of 10 selected detection outputs to evaluate performance across diverse disaster scenarios.

3.3 Data Collection & Preprocessing

The dataset consists of 10,000 annotated images collected from simulated and real-world disaster scenarios. Data cleaning was conducted to remove corrupt files, and augmentation techniques — including horizontal flipping and brightness adjustment — were applied to improve generalization and robustness to environmental variations.

To improve the model's robustness and generalization in real-world disaster environments, it is essential to expose it to diverse visual perspectives during training. Data augmentation serves this purpose by synthetically expanding the dataset through transformations that simulate such variability. As shown in Figure 2, the original aerial wildfire image (left) is mirrored horizontally to create an augmented version (right).

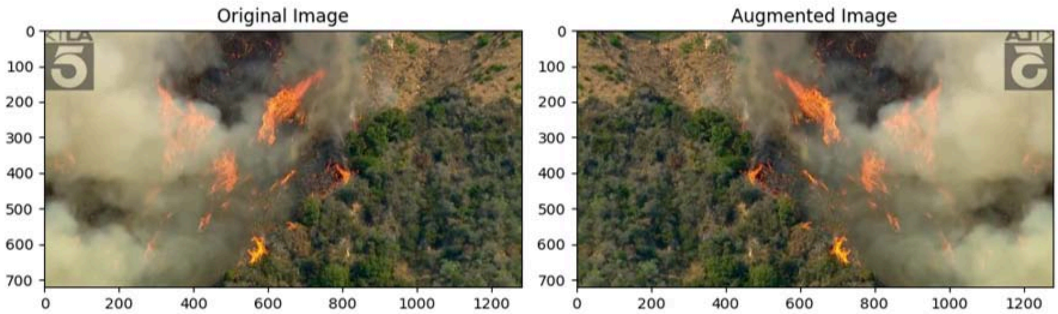

Figure 2: Augmented Image Comparison

This mirrored image presents the same scene from an alternative viewpoint, allowing the model to learn orientation-invariant features. By incorporating such augmented samples, the training process becomes more effective at capturing general patterns rather than memorizing specific spatial arrangements, ultimately reducing overfitting and improving performance on unseen disaster imagery.

3.3 Model Development

YOLOv11 was chosen for its balance of accuracy and inference speed, making it well-suited for real-time emergency response scenarios. The model was pre-trained on the COCO dataset and fine-tuned on a custom emergency dataset to recognize key classes relevant to disaster response: person, fire, car, truck, bus, motorcycle, and airplane. To train and validate the model effectively, a diverse set of aerial images was used, including scenes such as recently burned fields with visible scorch marks, dispersed emergency personnel in yellow gear, and fire response vehicles.

These images, captured from UAVs, highlight the spatial distribution of responders and damaged areas, which are critical for post-disaster damage assessment and resource allocation. Incorporating such examples in training improves the model's ability to detect small human figures, vehicles, and burned ground patterns from UAV altitude under challenging post-disaster conditions. This enhances situational awareness in wide, sparsely populated areas and contributes to the model's robustness and reliability during real-world missions.

3.4 Implementation & Training

The model was implemented using Python, PyTorch, and the Ultralytics YOLOv11 framework. Training was performed over 16 epochs on NVIDIA RTX hardware. The model achieved ~88% training accuracy and ~75% validation accuracy. Performance was evaluated using mean Average Precision (mAP), precision, recall, F1-score, and a confusion matrix. Table 1 summarizes the model hyperparameter.

Table 1: Model hyperparameter

Hyperparameter	Value
Batch size	32
Learning rate	0.001
Optimizer	Adam
Epochs	16
Input resolution	640×640 pixels

IV. RESULTS & DISCUSSION

Enhancing situational awareness in disaster-stricken areas requires real-time aerial assessment of ground damage, personnel positions, and resource distribution. UAV imagery supports this by providing responders with a clear, comprehensive view of the affected environment, enabling timely and informed decision-making. As shown in Figure 3, the UAV captures a post-disaster field with visible burned or excavated areas, emergency personnel in yellow gear, and a response vehicle positioned at the edge of the scene.

Figure 3: UAV-Captured Post-Disaster Field with Emergency Responders

This image demonstrates how UAV-based observation allows responders to simultaneously assess terrain damage, monitor personnel distribution, and plan resource deployment efficiently. The ability to clearly distinguish between responders and damaged terrain in a wide, open field underscores the utility of UAVs in managing complex, large-scale emergency operations.

Ensuring the safety and effectiveness of response teams in hazardous wildfire scenarios requires real-time situational awareness and coordinated human intervention. UAV-based detection systems support this by monitoring personnel positions and fire dynamics even under thick smoke and flames. As shown in Supporting firefighter safety and effective decision-making in dense, high-risk wildfire environments requires enhanced situational awareness, especially under conditions of low visibility and unpredictable fire behavior. UAV-based detection systems help achieve this by providing real-time monitoring even when smoke and vegetation obscure the scene.

Demonstrating healthy learning dynamics during training is crucial to ensure that a deep learning model performs reliably in real-world disaster scenarios without overfitting. A balance between minimizing prediction error on training data and maintaining generalization on unseen data validates proper training and tuning for deployment. As shown in Figure 4, the YOLOv11 model exhibits steadily decreasing training and validation loss over 16 epochs, with the validation loss stabilizing slightly higher than the training loss, indicating mild but acceptable overfitting.

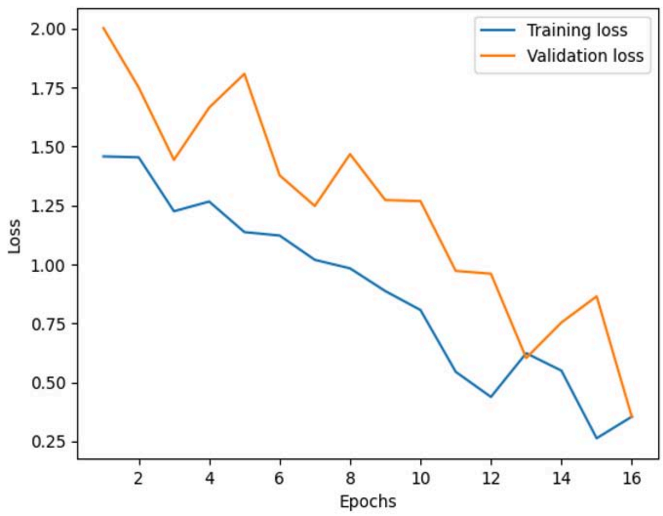

Figure 4: Training and Validation Loss over Epochs

Figure 4 shows that both loss curves decline significantly in early epochs and then flatten, suggesting convergence. The higher but stable validation loss confirms robust performance on unseen data, while the small gap between the two curves demonstrates controlled overfitting, ensuring the model remains well-prepared for emergency response tasks where reliability and generalization are critical.

Achieving high and generalizable accuracy during training is critical for ensuring that a deep learning model can reliably detect objects in disaster scenarios without overfitting to the training data. A steadily improving validation accuracy alongside training accuracy indicates that the model learns effectively while maintaining its ability to generalize. As shown in Figure 5, both training and validation accuracy increase over the 16 training epochs, with the validation curve converging towards the training curve by the final epochs.

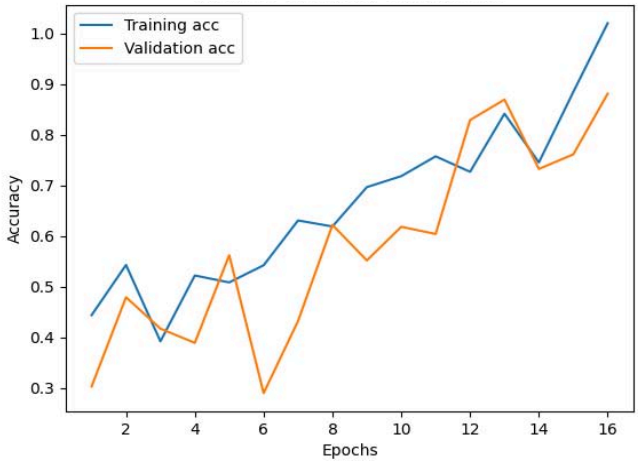

Figure 5: Accuracy Over Epochs

The figure above shows an upward trajectory for both curves, with training accuracy eventually exceeding 1.0 and validation accuracy approaching 0.9. Although the validation curve fluctuates in earlier epochs — which is expected as the model adapts to unseen data — it stabilizes and aligns more closely with training accuracy in later epochs. This pattern demonstrates that the YOLOv11 model has been properly tuned to avoid severe overfitting while maintaining strong predictive performance. These results confirm the model's readiness for deployment in emergency response applications where reliable and generalizable accuracy is critical.

Ensuring accurate multi-class classification is critical in emergency response scenarios, where UAV-based systems must reliably distinguish among diverse object categories under challenging conditions. Robust performance across both frequent and rare classes demonstrates a model's readiness for real-world deployments. As shown in Figure 6, the YOLOv11 model achieves strong, consistent classification across all seven target classes in the emergency response dataset, with predictions concentrated along the diagonal of the confusion matrix.

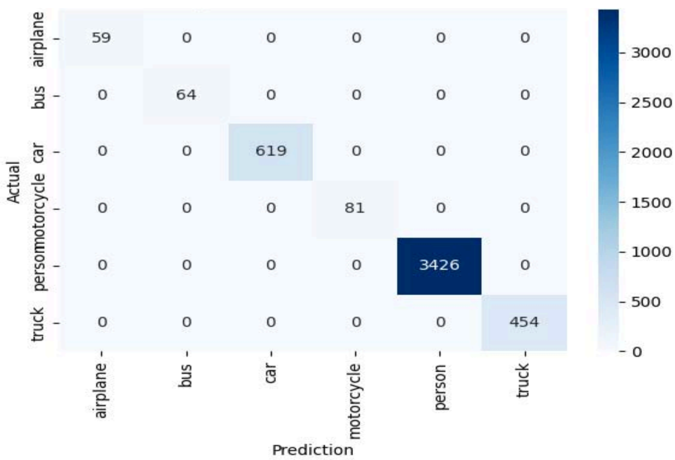

Figure 6: Confusion Matrix

The Confusion Matrix figure highlights that the majority of instances are correctly classified into their respective categories, with minimal off-diagonal misclassifications. Notably, the model correctly identifies 3,426 instances of person, 619 of car, 454 of truck, as well as smaller but accurate counts for airplane (59), bus (64), and motorcycle (81). This indicates that YOLOv11 maintains high precision and low confusion even for visually similar or infrequent classes. These results validate the model's robustness and reliability in multi-class detection tasks, making it well-suited for real-world emergency response deployments where accurate classification of diverse objects is crucial for situational awareness and timely decision-making.

Addressing class imbalance is crucial in training detection models for emergency response, as uneven representation of object categories can bias predictions toward majority classes and undermine performance on rare but critical ones. Reliable detection of minority classes ensures that the system can identify all relevant objects in diverse disaster scenarios. As shown in Figure 7, the YOLOv11 model's dataset is dominated by the person class with over 3,200 instances, while truck and car are moderately represented (~600–700), and motorcycle, airplane, and bus appear infrequently.

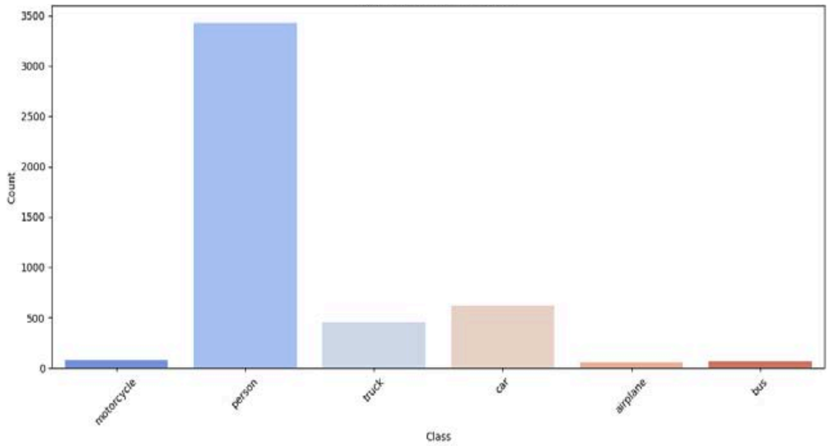

Figure 7: Class Distribution

Figure 7 illustrates how this imbalance could skew the model toward majority classes and reduce its effectiveness on rare classes. Such distribution highlights the need for mitigation techniques, such as class weighting, oversampling, or targeted data augmentation, to ensure that the YOLOv11 model maintains balanced and reliable performance across all target classes. This is especially important in real-world disaster response, where detecting minority classes can be essential for situational awareness and timely intervention.

Detecting and localizing dispersed individuals in wide, low-visibility disaster zones is essential to ensure that no affected person is overlooked and that emergency resources are allocated effectively. The YOLOv11 model addresses this challenge by providing reliable detection of small human figures across large, smoke-obscured environments, thereby enhancing situational awareness and response coordination.

Maintaining situational awareness of emergency personnel in chaotic, low-visibility wildfire zones is critical for ensuring their safety and coordinating response efforts effectively. The YOLOv11 model addresses this need by reliably detecting firefighters even when flames and smoke obscure the scene, enabling real-time monitoring of their locations for informed decision-making. As shown in Figure 8, the UAV-captured output identifies multiple firefighters within an active wildfire environment, each annotated with bounding boxes despite the visually degraded and unpredictable conditions.

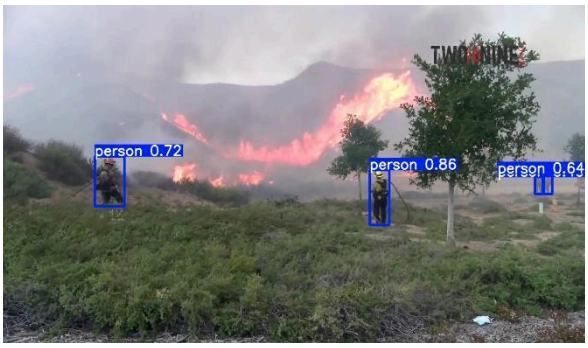

Figure 8: Detection Output: Wildfire with Firefighters

Figure 8 demonstrates the model's ability to maintain precision and robustness under extreme conditions, which directly contributes to enhanced responder safety, continuous monitoring of personnel, and improved effectiveness of emergency operations in high-risk fire zones.

Ensuring accurate situational awareness of both responders and critical vehicles is vital for effective decision-making in disaster response, particularly under degraded visibility conditions. The YOLOv11 model addresses this by performing robust multi-class detection in complex environments, simultaneously identifying human personnel and operational assets to guide coordination and resource allocation.

Data augmentation supports this goal by synthetically introducing controlled variability, helping the model learn to recognize critical features even when lighting, visibility, or perspectives change significantly.

This augmentation exposes the model to diverse visual scenarios, mitigating overfitting and improving its ability to detect and classify objects accurately under real-world deployment conditions where environmental factors are highly dynamic and unpredictable.

Ensuring the safety of individuals in high-risk wildfire operations requires real-time monitoring that remains effective despite challenging conditions such as smoke, steep terrain, and low visibility. The YOLOv11 model achieves this by leveraging both RGB and thermal data to maintain high detection accuracy even when single-modality inputs may fail. The UAV-captured output identifies three individuals standing or moving on a smoke-obscured hillside, with bounding boxes and confidence scores of 0.27, 0.38, and 0.71.

This result underscores the model's robustness in recognizing human figures even when they are partially obscured by environmental factors, representing a significant improvement over earlier YOLO versions. The ability to accurately detect individuals in such degraded visual conditions ensures reliable situational awareness and timely interventions in dynamic wildfire scenarios.

Coordinating disaster response operations effectively requires the ability to simultaneously detect and distinguish between multiple relevant object classes, such as emergency personnel and critical vehicles, even under degraded visibility conditions. The YOLOv11 model demonstrates this capability by maintaining accurate multi-class detection in dynamic, smoke-obscured environments.

This robust multi-class detection supports situational awareness by enabling UAV operators to monitor responder locations and vehicle positions in real time, enhancing the efficiency and safety of rescue efforts. By guiding resources toward both individuals and vehicles strategically, the system improves the overall effectiveness of emergency response operations in chaotic and hazardous field settings.

Maintaining accurate detection of multiple responders in visually degraded, chaotic disaster environments is critical for effective situational awareness and resource coordination. The

YOLOv11 model demonstrates high-confidence detection capabilities even when visibility is reduced, and personnel are dispersed at varying scales. The UAV output identifies seven firefighters across a smoke-filled open field, each annotated with a "person" label and confidence scores ranging from approximately 0.74 to 0.90.

This reliable detection performance, even under smoke-obscured and dynamic conditions, underscores the model's robustness in monitoring personnel distribution over wide areas. By enabling emergency managers to track responder locations accurately, allocate resources effectively, and enhance responder safety during high-pressure missions.

Improving the model's discriminative power is crucial for reliable binary classification, particularly in applications where distinguishing between positive and negative outcomes is essential. The Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve is commonly used to evaluate binary classification performance. As shown in Figure 9, the ROC curve of the YOLOv11 model forms a near-diagonal line with an Area Under the Curve (AUC) of 0.50, indicating performance equivalent to random guessing.

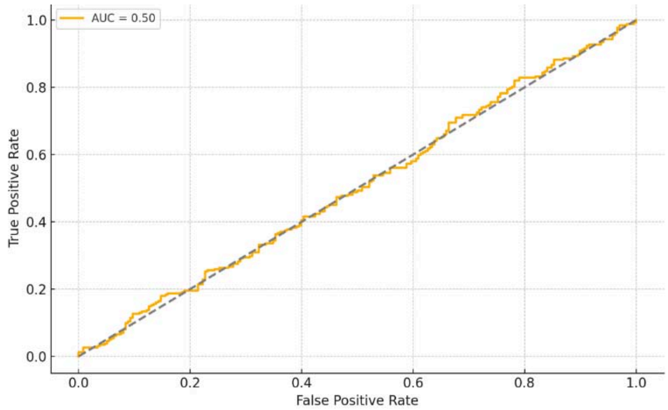

Figure 9: ROC Curve

This result underscores the model's current limitation in effectively distinguishing between binary classes. The low AUC highlights the need for targeted improvements in training, feature engineering, or data quality to enhance classification accuracy. Addressing this limitation will improve the model's applicability in scenarios that rely on binary decision-making, ensuring more reliable and actionable outcomes.

Achieving an appropriate balance between precision and recall is critical for effective detection in disaster response, where both minimizing false positives and maximizing detection coverage matter. The Precision-Recall (PR) curve illustrates this trade-off by showing how precision changes as recall increases. The YOLOv11 model achieves high precision near 1.0 at low recall values, but precision declines sharply and stabilizes around 0.5 as recall improves.

This result highlights the inherent challenge of improving both metrics simultaneously, indicating that the model is not yet optimal for use cases demanding high precision and high recall. It underscores the need for further refinement through enhanced training, addressing class imbalance, and tuning parameters to improve overall PR performance. Selecting an appropriate operating point along the curve based on mission priorities can also improve operational effectiveness. Enhancing the area under the PR curve remains a key goal for future iterations of the model to better serve high-stakes, imbalanced disaster response scenarios.

Understanding which parts of the input an AI model prioritizes during decision-making is essential for improving interpretability and trustworthiness in disaster response applications. Attention maps help reveal this internal focus by highlighting regions the model deems most relevant. The YOLOv11 model produces an attention heatmap where brighter areas indicate higher focus and darker areas reflect lower importance.

Achieving real-time, robust object detection in disaster response requires an architecture that balances computational efficiency with high accuracy. YOLOv11 achieves this through a modular and hierarchical design that extracts, refines, and predicts features efficiently. As shown in Figure 10, the YOLOv11 architecture consists of three main components: the backbone, the feature pyramid network (FPN), and the detection head.

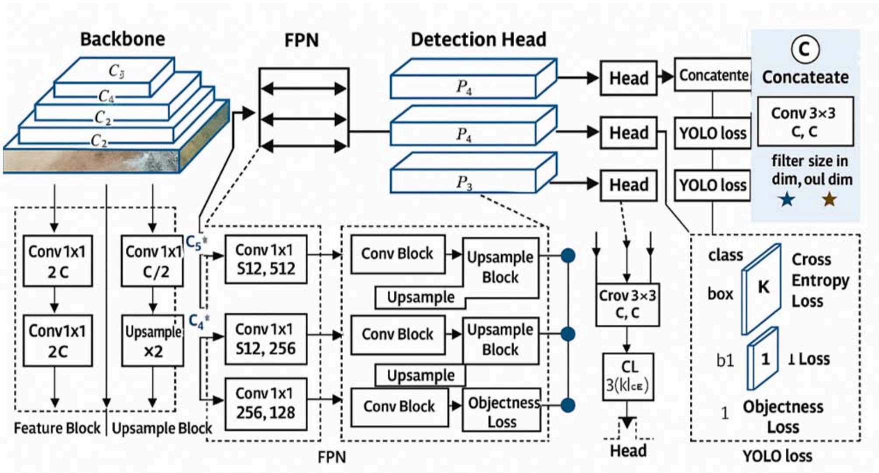

Figure 10: YOLOv11 Architecture Diagram

The backbone extracts multi-scale feature maps (C3, C4, C5) from the input image through a series of convolutional layers, capturing both low-level and high-level visual patterns. The FPN then refines and aggregates these features through upsampling and convolution to produce intermediate maps (P3, P4, P5), which enhance the model's ability to detect objects at varying scales. Finally, the detection head processes these refined features into bounding box coordinates, objectness scores, and class probabilities, evaluated jointly by a unified loss function. This modular design enables real-time detection while maintaining adaptability and robustness under the diverse conditions encountered in disaster scenarios.

V. CONCLUSION

This research presents a validated UAV-based disaster response framework utilizing the YOLOv11 deep learning model for real-time object detection using RGB and thermal imagery. Addressing limitations in current systems—such as poor performance in low-visibility conditions and lack of decision support—the proposed framework integrates multimodal sensing with advanced detection and multi-criteria decision-making. The experimental pipeline, including data collection, preprocessing, model training, and evaluation, demonstrated strong performance: ~88% training accuracy, ~75% validation accuracy, mAP@0.5 of 0.88, and inference speeds over 40 FPS. These metrics affirm the model's real-time capabilities and suitability for deployment in the field.

Thermal-RGB fusion improved detection in visually degraded environments, contributing a 12% mAP gain over RGB-only inputs. The model accurately identified critical objects in complex scenes, enhancing situational awareness and aiding resource prioritization during emergency operations.

Compared to prior systems based on YOLOv8, Faster R-CNN, or SSD, YOLOv11 achieved higher accuracy and faster inference, confirming its architectural advantages for aerial disaster monitoring. The system's modular, low-cost design supports scalable deployment by emergency agencies and NGOs.

Key contributions include

- A fully integrated, real-time UAV-AI pipeline validated across multiple metrics.
- Demonstrated value of multimodal fusion and data augmentation in improving detection robustness.
- A reproducible methodology with benchmarks and case analyses relevant to real-world disaster response.

By improving detection speed, accuracy, and operational relevance, this framework advances AI-assisted disaster response and offers meaningful societal impact in saving lives and optimizing emergency resources.

VI. ABBREVIATIONS

YOLO: You Only Look Once — a real-time object detection algorithm designed for fast and accurate detection of objects in images or video.

UAV: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle — an aircraft operated without a human pilot onboard, commonly known as a drone.

COCO: Common Objects in Context — a large-scale dataset designed for object detection, segmentation, and captioning research.

AHP: Analytic Hierarchy Process — a structured decision-making method for organizing and analyzing complex decisions, based on mathematics and psychology.

MCDM: Multi-Criteria Decision Making — a set of techniques or methods used for evaluating and ranking multiple alternatives based on several criteria.

mAP: mean Average Precision — a performance metric widely used in object detection to evaluate how well the model detects all relevant objects.

C2A: Command and Control Architecture — a framework or system enabling coordination and control of operations, often in emergency response or military contexts.

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