

Am I Right, or Am I Right? Ethical Dilemmas in Leadership

Today's world brings many unique and troubling dilemmas for emergency services personnel to face whether a newly minted firefighter or a well experienced chief officer. Using interactive facilitation, this presentation provides an insight into current issues, dialogue opportunities on how to approach these dilemmas, and basic strategies and tactics for surviving the ethical challenges of today and tomorrow. The added value of this presentation is not only developing approaches to emergency organizations and incidents, but application of the concepts to personal dilemmas that arise in everyone's day to day life. This presentation uses case studies, video examples, small group activities, and facilitated participant dialogue.

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