

**Deadline is March 9, 2018 All Fire Service Personnel Volunteer and Career re Encouraged to participate in this survey!!**

***Blind Copy to KCFCA and PSAP Directors on behalf of the King Co Fire Chiefs Wellness Committee***

Fire Chiefs, Fire Commissioners & Directors,

A friendly reminder to distribute to **all staff within the Fire Service**, the survey has been extended through March 9, 2018.

Because of the prevalence of issues involving mental health fatigue due to stress, and the rising number of first responder suicides, the King County Fire Chiefs Association formed a subcommittee to address this issue. The committee includes representatives from the various first responder groups in King County (FF's, Medics, PSAP's, Admin, and Chaplains) with the intent of lowering and/or preventing these types of incidents through a common program providing education and resources. The first step in this process is determining the level of need and resources to effectively deal with this problem.

To accomplish this, the subcommittee has partnered with the University of Washington (Dr. Hendrika Meischke) and developed a survey that will provide the necessary data to determine how best to meet the needs of those in the fire service in King County. **All information in this survey will be kept confidential.** Although respondents may feel that they can be identified due to the specificity of some of the questions, this will not be possible since Dr. Meischke will be the only person with access to the raw data, and will not share specific data with any one individual or department. The information will only be used to identify the needs as a whole, or a department in general. The questions are designed to give the best picture possible as to the needs of the various groups of first responders in King County. We realize that the survey is lengthy, but feel that the need for the large amount of information is vital to the effectiveness of identifying the necessary resources to tackle this problem. If you are not comfortable in answering a question, you may skip it.

Click here to take the survey: <https://catalyst.uw.edu/webq/survey/hendrika/346802>

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