CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

The Department of Fire Services will be hosting a Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Conference in Stow, MA. The conference is open to first responders of all backgrounds, hospital personnel, mental health clinicians and chaplains.

Presentations By (In Order of Appearance):

Kimberly Lightley
"Stress First Aid for Firefighters and EMS Personnel"
Kimberly Lightley, has worked with the U.S. Forest Service since 1989. Currently serving as a Fire and Aviation Management Risk Program Specialist, she has held a variety of positions within the Forest Service during her tenure there. A Hotshot crew member and survivor of the 1994 South Canyon Fire on Storm King Mountain in Colorado where 14 wildland firefighters lost their lives, Kimberly has presented internationally on her experience, and stress management in general.

Lionel Crowther, Firefighter
Winnipeg, Manitoba Fire Department
"Surviving Survival"
Lionel Crowther, a fire Lt with the Winnipeg Fire Department, has been a firefighter for 21 years. On Feb 4, 2007, Lionel and two other firefighters were caught in a flashover and sustained severe burns to over 70% of his body. Tragically the two others with him did not survive. With he and his wife epitomizing the meaning of hope, resiliency, and survival, Lionel shares his story from the personal view of being a husband, father, and survivor.

Dr. Charles Figley, Ph.D.
"The Science of Secondary Trauma and Helping the Traumatized"
Charles Figley is the Paul Henry Kurzweg MD Distinguished Chair in Disaster Mental Health, directs the Tulane University Traumatology Institute, and is a full professor in the School of Social Work at Tulane University. He has published more than 175 journal publications and 26 books, in addition to conducting over 500 professional presentations. He helped to establish the current field of compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma, amongst many other accomplishments. Charles has presented internationally and is regarded as an expert on stress and resiliency.