

Am I Right or Am I Right? Ethical Leadership in Emergency Services

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Today's world of emergency services is fast paced, dynamic, and increasingly complex. With numerous influences, both professional and personal, Emergency Services Leaders face a multitude of opportunities and challenges. Within these opportunities and challenges comes the need for effective and efficient decision making. In many cases the call to decide is centered on the adage " just do the right thing" but just what is the right thing? What if you think you are right but another says you are not? How do you decide when faced with competing interest from within yourself, your community, your organization? What happens if you make a wrong decision? The answers are not found easily. This presentation takes an overview look of some of the issues associated with trying to provide ethical leadership in a time of "what's the big deal" attitudes and actions. The dangers of a loss of ethical clarity and growing attitudes of complacency are presented in a thought provoking dialogue directed to help Emergency Service Leaders become critical thinkers, more effective and ethical stewards of our organizations, our communities, and our selves.