



# Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation

RE: Please encourage participation in our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fire Fighter Mental Health Survey

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Greetings,

The Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation serves as champions for burn survivors, fire fighters, and safe communities across Wisconsin. Recently, we have been doing more and more to improve mental health for all fire fighters and EMS responders in Wisconsin. The purpose of this letter is to remind you of our upcoming second annual Wisconsin Fire Fighter Mental Survey and to ask for help in encouraging responses within your department.

In collaboration with Rogers Research Center, the Fire Fighters Foundation is proud to announce our second annual Wisconsin Fire Fighter Mental Health Survey. The results of the first annual survey were insightful and provided a basis for fire fighter mental health program initiatives and new funding opportunities to support them. This year we have improved upon last year's survey by adding screening tools for Post-Traumatic Stress in addition to depression, anxiety, sleep, addiction, and stigma screenings.

Our goal is to significantly increase the response rate for this year's survey. We are taking a multifaceted approach to accomplish increasing the response rate by mailing flyers to fire departments, sending out emails, and asking our partner organizations to assist us with communication to their members. **Please encourage participation by posting flyers and sending reminder emails out during the survey response period. Please make copies of the enclosed flyer and post them around your fire station(s).**

All survey response data is anonymous and additional steps will be taken by Rogers Research Center to ensure any individually identifiable information will be redacted if necessary. The survey opens on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and will close on Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.


Thank you in advance for all your help and support. We look forward to sharing the survey results with stakeholders in the new year.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions at [Mike@pffwcf.org](mailto:Mike@pffwcf.org) or (608) 630-8440.

Sincerely,

  
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