



**Chief Rick Lasky (ret.)** a 40-plus year veteran of the fire service, served as chief of the Lewisville (TX) Fire Department for 12 years, prior to that as Fire Chief in Coeur d'Alene Idaho. Rick followed in his father's footsteps beginning his career as a firefighter in the suburbs on the southwest side of Chicago and while in Illinois received the 1996 International Society of Fire Service Instructors "Innovator of the Year" award for his part in developing the "*Saving Our Own*" program. He served as the co-lead instructor for the H.O.T. Firefighter Survival program at FDIC for over 10 years, is a long-standing editorial advisory board member for *Fire Engineering Magazine* and also serves on the *FDIC* advisory board. Rick is the author of the best-selling books "*Pride & Ownership: A Firefighter's Love of the Job*" and "*Five Alarm Leadership: From the Firehouse to the Fireground*" published by *Fire Engineering Books* and is the co-host for the podcast "The Command Post" heard on *FireEngineering.com* as well as the podcast "Old School." Rick has served as both a career and volunteer firefighter and in 2017 was the recipient of the Tom Brennan Lifetime Achievement Award.

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### Great Leaders Make Difficult Decisions

Great leaders understand how to balance emotion with reason and make decisions that positively impact themselves, their employees, their customers and stakeholders, and their organizations. When we think of what makes someone a great leader, one characteristic that comes to mind is decisiveness.

Standing behind a decision that everyone agrees with is easy to do. Having the guts to make the difficult one is what separates true leaders from those who are just along for the ride.

**Date:** November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Location:** Castle Rock Fire Training Center: 301 Malibu Street, Castle Rock CO 80104

**Time:** 0900 – 1600

**Target Audience:** All Fire Service Personnel

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