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Re: DHS application, Predicting Cardiovascular Risk and Fitness in Firefighters

Dear Dr. Kales:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your proposed research. The International Association of Fire Chiefs is pleased to support your DHS Research and Development application, "Predicting Cardiovascular Risk and Fitness in Firefighters," to the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants Program.

Based on the fact that heart disease remains the number one line of duty killer among firefighters, your proposal is certainly a major priority among fire service health and safety issues. Your experience with this type of research and carefully thought-out methodology would certainly help you to succeed in producing influential results.

We wish you the best of luck with this proposal and continued success in your research.

Sincerely,

Garry L. Briese, CAE
Executive Director