

# International Association of Fire Chiefs EMS Section Board of Directors – Conference Call December 10, 2020

Attendees: McEvoy, Riley, Deardorff, Croom, Shimer, Becker, Davis

### Chief McEvoy called the meeting to order at 3:00pm ET

## FRM 2020 Update

Chief McEvoy told the group that he is waiting for a formal update from IAFC staff on the financials and attendee data from FRM. Chief McEvoy is confident that FRM was profitable and that the conference had its highest number of attendees in years.

Evan stated that he would contact other IAFC staffers to request an update on FRM's financial performance for the group.

## **National Registry Representative**

Chief McEvoy announced that the NREMT had selected Chief Jim Davis (Fort Worth, TX, Fire Department) to serve as the next IAFC representative on the NREMT Board of Directors. The EMS Section Board was pleased to hear of Chief Davis' selection and believes he will be a good representative for the IAFC.

# First On The Scene (FOTS) Course

Chief McEvoy updated the group on the ongoing work between the IAFC and NAEMT to develop the FOTS course. This course will be an opportunity for fire departments to educate their communities on topics including bystander CPR and Stop the Bleed. The IAFC is reviewing a proposed partnership agreement from the NAEMT and is waiting for additional projections and other information from the NAEMT. The EMS Section Board was supportive of the IAFC continuing to pursue this joint project with the NAEMT.

### **REPLICA Data Concerns**

Chief McEvoy updated the group on the NAEMT's concerns about the security of data that the NREMT will be storing from REPLICA. Chief McEvoy and Chief Croom agreed that the NAEMT's concerns are unfounded and that the IAFC does not support their efforts to highlight these concerns. The EMS Section Board agreed to not join the NAEMT's efforts on this issue.

# **IAFC Board Update**

Chief Croom reported that the IAFC Board will be meeting in coming week and hopes to finalize some budgetary decisions for 2021. Additionally, Chief Croom reported that only one person has declared their candidacy for the IAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position for 2021.

### **Legislative Update**

Evan updated the group on the following legislative issues:

- IAFC efforts to prioritize fire and EMS personnel to receive a COVID vaccine
- Congressional interest in prohibiting balance billing for emergency medical care
- Congress' work to pass a FY 2021 Omnibus Appropriations bill and a COVID Relief Package

Chief McEvoy adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm ET