



**International Association of Fire Chiefs
EMS Section Board of Directors – Conference Call
June 4, 2020**

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

Chief McEvoy called the meeting to order at 2:00pm ET

FRM 2020 Update

Chief Croom reported that the IAFC Board and IAFC conferences staff is continuing to assess the projected impact of COVID on FRI and FRM attendance. The IAFC recently circulated a survey to see which FRI and FRM attendees planned to still come to FRI/FRM. Chief Croom anticipates an announcement to be released shortly concerning in-person events for FRI and FRM.

Chief McEvoy also reported that a separate survey was done of the anticipated speakers at FRM. According to the survey, only one speaker indicated that he was not planning to attend an in-person conference.

The group tabled any decisions on FRM until more information on FRI is available.

EMS Section Budget

Chief McEvoy and Chief Deardorff thanked everyone for their assistance in revising the EMS Section budget. The updated budget has been submitted to IAFC Treasurer Locke. Chief McEvoy and Chief Deardorff will share any additional information as it becomes available.

JOP Award 2020

Members of the EMS Section Board discussed potential recipients of the 2020 James O. Page Award. The group unanimously agreed upon a recipient. Public announcement of this individual will be withheld until the awardee can be notified.

IAFC Board Updates

Chief Croom provided an update to the group on recent discussions among the IAFC Board of Directors on the following topics: 2020 budgetary updates, planning for FRI in Phoenix and VCOS in Florida, and bylaw changes that may need to be made.

Elections Updates

Chief McEvoy thanked everyone for their interest in the election process. The EMS Section held a call for nominations for the Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and Director-at-Large positions. Chiefs Riley, Deardorff, and Shimer were the only candidates for their respective positions. As a result, they will be running opposed for re-election.

EMS Section Bylaws

The EMS Section Board discussed potential Section bylaw amendments which may be needed to conform with the IAFC's new "Basic Member" category. The group also discussed whether a virtual meeting, in lieu of an in-person one at FRI, would fulfill the bylaw requirements.

Chief Croom volunteered to work on drafting a bylaw amendment to address the new “Basic Member” category as it relates to EMS Section membership and eligibility to hold office.

VCOS Symposium

The group discussed whether there would be interest in meeting at the VCOS conference in Florida. The group generally agreed that this would be of interest if the funds are available and there are no in-person meeting opportunities at FRM or FRI.

NTSB Report

Chief McEvoy discussed the recent outreach to the IAFC from the NTSB regarding several air medical crashes. The EMS Section Board is interested in talking with the NTSB regarding their recommendations and ways in which the IAFC could encourage the FAA to adopt these recommendations.

Evan will arrange a call with the NTSB for the EMS Section Board.

KnowledgeNet/Eagles Collaboration

Chief McEvoy briefed the EMS Section Board on a potential opportunity to collaborate with the Eagles and to offer them use of some IAFC platforms such as KnowledgeNet. The EMS Section Board agreed to explore this topic further and that the IAFC and Eagles should identify ways to collaborate on future projects and initiatives.

Legislative Update

Evan gave update to the group regarding recent Congressional bills, such as the HEROES Act (H.R. 6800), to address the COVID-19 epidemic. Evan provided an overview of the IAFC’s priorities for the Senate version of the HEROES Act as well as overall legislative and regulatory strategy to support fire departments in their response to COVID.

Chief McEvoy adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm ET