



EMS Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs

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EMS Section Business Meeting Dallas, TX – FRI 2018 Friday, August 10, 3:00 PM (CT)

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

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

Introduction

Chief McEvoy introduced the EMS Section Board members as well as special guests present for the meeting, including IAFC officers and past officers.

Administration of Oath of Office

IAFC 1st Vice President Gary Ludwig administered the oath of office to the following EMS Section board members who had been re-elected:

- Chief Vance Riley – Vice Chair
- Deputy Chief Chad Deardorff – Secretary/Treasurer
- Chief Chris Shimer, Ret. – Member At-Large

Candidates for IAFC Office

Several individuals running for IAFC office introduced themselves to the EMS Section membership and asked for support in their campaigns. The candidates were:

- [Chief Richard Carrizzo](#) – Candidate for 2019 IAFC 2nd Vice President
- [Chief Marion Blackwell](#) – Candidate for 2019 IAFC Treasurer
- [Chief Steven Locke](#) – Candidate for 2019 IAFC Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Chief Deardorff provided the group with an update on the EMS Section's finances as well as a preliminary review of FRM 2018's performance. Chief Deardorff noted that the IAFC is currently working on finalizing budget proposals for FY 2019 and anticipates finishing the EMS Section's budget soon.

Government Relations Update

Evan Davis provided an update on various EMS-related legislative and regulatory issues:

- SIREN Act: The SIREN Act was included in the Senate's version of the Farm Bill. The IAFC hopes to see this included in the final version of the bill
- Cost Reporting: IAFC is continuing to work with the IAFF and CMS to address the issue of collecting cost data from EMS agencies. The EMS Section's Cost Reporting Committee will provide valuable recommendations to inform the IAFC's position on this issue.



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- NFPA 1917: IAFC is continuing to urge federal adoption of NFPA 1917

NASEMSO Update

Kathy Robinson updated the group on a variety of projects underway at NASEMSO, including NASEMSO's development and dissemination of evidence-based guidelines for naloxone administration, the model scope of practice, as well as their fatigue study. Ms. Robinson recognized Chief David Becker for his contributions to both the fatigue project and the model scope of practice.

NHTSA EMS Update

Dave Bryson updated the group on a variety of projects underway at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's EMS Office. Mr. Bryson highlighted a special report that NHTSA recently completed on NG911 as well as new NG911 improvement-related funding opportunities that may soon be available. Mr. Bryson also discussed the transition to NEMSIS version 3.5 as well as upcoming meetings on the EMS Agenda 2050 project.

ACEP Update

Patrick Elmes updated the group on a variety of projects that ACEP is continuing to progress on, including the establishment of the National EMS Quality Alliance and the continuing work of the National EMS Safety Council. Mr. Elmes thanked the IAFC and IAFC members for supporting the EMS Strong campaign and EMS Week. ACEP believes the EMS Strong campaign continues to be successful and looks forward to continuing to partner with the IAFC in 2019.

EMS Degree Requirement

Chiefs Becker and McEvoy notified the group that the IAFC Board of Directors has adopted a [position statement](#) to oppose the concept of requiring graduates of accredited paramedic training programs to also obtain a college degree. The IAFC has made this statement publicly available and will disseminate it to all fire/EMS partner organizations.

FRM 2019 Update

Chief Jeff Lindsey updated the group on plans for the [2019 Fire-Rescue Med conference](#). Chief Lindsey encouraged anyone interested in presenting at FRM to submit their proposal soon as the call for papers is closing shortly.

Endorsement for Treasurer

Chief Croom offered a motion, seconded by Chief Riley, to endorse Chief Steven Locke for the position of IAFC Treasurer in 2019. The motion was carried unanimously. Chief McEvoy will notify Chief Locke of the EMS Section's endorsement of his candidacy.

Adjournment

Chief McEvoy adjourned the meeting at 4pm Central and thanked everyone for their continuing support for the IAFC EMS Section.