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EMS Section Board Call *Thursday, June 15, 2:00 PM (CT)*

In Attendance: Becker, McEvoy, Metro, Croom, Davis

Agenda

FRI 2017

Chief Becker encouraged everyone to make their FRI reservations as soon as possible. The group also reviewed their anticipated arrival and departure dates.

2017 Strategic Planning Meeting

Chief Becker proposed that the Section Board of Directors should meet again at the VCOS Conference in November in Clearwater, FL. Chief McEvoy and Chief Metro agreed that this has been a productive meeting in the past. The group agreed to hold the 2017 Strategic Planning meeting at the VCOS Conference.

EMS Nomenclature

Chief Becker reported that Chief Sinclair, Chief McEvoy, and he had discussed the NEMSAC proposal to create a single nomenclature for all EMS agencies and providers. The group expressed their concern at this idea and agreed to draft a position paper in opposition to this idea. The group agreed to provide this paper to the IAFC Board by June 30 in order to have the IAFC Board approve it during their meeting at FRI in Charlotte.

Fentanyl Safety

Chief Becker noted the information that the US Drug Enforcement Administration has shared with first responders on the need to be safe when responding to fentanyl-related incidents. This information will be shared in the June EMS Section eblast. Additionally, representatives of the DEA will attend the EMS Section Business Meeting at FRI to share additional information and updates with EMS Section members.

IAFC Board Update

Chief Croom reported that the unofficial elections results are in and that the IAFC will publicly announce these results in the next week. Additionally, Chief Croom reported that the Canadian Division representative, Chief Ken Stuebing, will join the IAFC Executive Committee as an at-large member.

Legislative Update

Evan reported that Congress is continuing to work on efforts to repeal and replace the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. While this likely will not impact the GEMT, the latest proposal to reform Medicaid could lead to decreased EMS reimbursements. The IAFC Government Relations Department will continue working with the EMS Reimbursement Task Force to monitor the proposed legislation.

Evan also updated the group on the efforts from the House Ways and Means Committee to draft legislation to extend the Medicare Ambulance Add-On Payments. This legislation is expected to include a requirement for EMS cost reporting. The IAFC Government Relations Department will notify the EMS Reimbursement Task Force as soon as draft text is available to review.

Call was adjourned at 3:00pm Central