



**International Association of Fire Chiefs
EMS Section Board of Directors Meeting**

Lawrence, KS

March 26, 2023

10:30 AM (Central)

Attendees: McEvoy, Riley, Joles, Becker, Croom, Richardson

Chief McEvoy opened the meeting at 10:27 AM

1. Review of IAFC Strategic Initiatives Plan

Chief McEvoy reviewed IAFC's new Strategic Initiative Plan ([IAFC Strategic Direction](#)). The EMS Section Board is working to support the new plan. The EMS Section Board discussed initiatives, including improving IAFC's educational programs; developing new technology to achieve the IAFC's mission; and developing initiatives to address fire and EMS mental wellness issues.

2. James O. Page Award

The EMS Section Board updated the list of James O. Page awardees. It also discussed future planning for the award. The IAFC will have to update its website with the James O. Page awardees.

3. Liaison Review

The EMS Section reviewed the list of liaisons from the EMS Section to other associations and projects. The EMS Section is engaged with almost 30 other national EMS organizations and projects.

4. Federal Update

Mr. LaSala updated the EMS Section Board about legislative efforts. The Senate will be considering the Fire Grants and Safety Act (S. 870) on the Senate Floor next week. The bill would reauthorize funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program; the SAFER grant program; and the U.S. Fire Administration. The application for the SIREN grants is open until May 1; Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) introduced legislation (S. 265) to reauthorize the SIREN grant program.

5. EMS Section Travel

The EMS Section Board discussed holding future in-person meetings at Fire-Rescue International (August 16-18) and the VCOS Symposium in the Sun (November 9-12).

6. Roundtable

The EMS Section discussed future planning for holding Fire-Rescue Med in person.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM (Eastern). The next meeting is scheduled tentatively for May 11 at 3:00 pm (Eastern).