



**International Association of Fire Chiefs**  
**EMS Section Board of Directors – Conference Call**

**June 9, 2022**  
**3 PM (Eastern)**

*Attendees:* McEvoy, Becker, Shimer, Maxwell

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

**1. FRM update**

Chief McEvoy updated the EMS Section Board about final planning for Fire-Rescue Med, which will be a virtual conference on July 12. Registration is open at <https://www.iafc.org/events/frm>. The List of speakers has been finalized. It does not seem that FRM will be able to obtain CAPCE recognition this year, but that will be a focus for next year.

**2. EMS Section Elections**

Chief McEvoy reported that he contacted EMS Section members to ask them to vote in the IAFC and EMS Section elections.

**3. FRI Planning**

Chief McEvoy updated the EMS Section Board about logistics for FRI. The EMS Section meeting will be August 26 from 2 – 5 PM in room 218 of the San Antonio Convention Center. Chief Becker asked about briefing the IAFC Board about updated COAEMSP standards.

**4. Planning for the VCOS Symposium in the Sun**

Chief McEvoy asked the EMS Section Board to plan to attend the VCOS Symposium in the Sun on November 10 -13. The EMS Section Board will hold a planning meeting and meet with the VCOS Section Board.

**5. Update on Revision to EMS Medical Director Handbook and EMS Needs Assessment**

Chief Becker reported that he was at IAFC headquarters on May 24 and 25 for an IAFC meeting to update the EMS Medical Director Handbook and May 26 to develop the EMS Needs Assessment. The EMS Need Assessment will give guidance to the U.S. Fire Administration about important short-term EMS issues. The goal is to have both the handbook and needs assessment done by the end of the year.

**6. Heart Safe Award Update**

Mr. LaSala reported that the Heart Safe Award application period had closed. The applications were being sent to the evaluators for review. There was a discussion about how to market these awards in the next year.

**7. Federal Update**

Mr. LaSala reported that the House Appropriations Committee is beginning to mark up the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 appropriations bills. Because there is no agreement on top-line defense and non-defense spending amounts, it seems like there will be continuing resolution needed to fund the government after October 1.

## 8. Roundtable

- Chief McEvoy reported from Chief Croom that the IAFC strategic planning meetings are going well and that the IAFC Board hopes to have a document for review at FRI.
- Chief Becker reported that the next National EMS Advisory Council meeting will be held in August. It will be in-person. He will focus on the status of the proposal to require college degrees for EMS personnel.
- Chief Maxwell reported his recent meeting with the National Wildfire Coordinating Group. There is interest in elevating the Medical Unit Director position to a Branch Chief/Section Leader position. The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the need for sophisticated EMS leadership. He also discussed recent legislation in Arizona that would affect EMS personnel's ability to make decisions about transport to the hospital.

The meeting adjourned at 4 PM ET.