



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

February 10, 2022

3:00 pm (Eastern)

Attendees: McEvoy, Riley, Becker, Maxwell, Croom, LaSala
Guests: Fire Chief Michael O’Brian, John Woulfe (IAFC Staff)

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

1. IAFC Projects

John Woulfe, the IAFC Program Director of HazMat, Tech Council and Special Projects, reported that the IAFC is working on two new projects with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA). The projects are an EMS Needs Assessment and an update to the USFA’s Handbook for EMS Medical Directors along with an online training program. He will be working with the EMS Section to complete these projects.

2. IAFC 2nd Vice President Candidate

Fire Chief Michael O’Brian, Brighton Area Fire Authority (MI), discussed his campaign for IAFC 2nd Vice President. He is a member of the IAFC Board of Directors representing the Fire & Life Safety Section.

3. FRM update

Chief McEvoy reported that the FRM Program Planning Committee had its initial meeting. It is working on a similar outline to past FRM conferences. This year, the conference will be focused on company-level leadership of EMS and topics relating to EMS safety. They are trying to get CAPCE credit for FRM classes. FRM is July 12, 2022.

4. Heart Safe Community awards

Chief McEvoy reported that he and Mr. LaSala are setting up the Heart Safe Award application on the Smarter Select system. The following timeline is planned for the application period:

March 1 – Application period starts

June 1 – Application period closes

June 3/4 – Send applications for reviewers’ evaluation

June 15 – Notify award winners/ask to be present online at FRM

July 12- Award presentation at FRM

5. NAEMSP Board meeting

Chief McEvoy discussed his recent meeting with the NAEMSP Board. There is greater interest in working with the IAFC to get more funding for agencies to pay for medical directors.

6. NASEMSO San Diego meeting

Chief McEvoy reported that the Joint National EMS Leadership Forum met. The forum discussed EMS workforce shortages and ideas about how to address this shortage.

7. James O. Page Award

The EMS Section Board discussed the James O. Page award and potential awardees.

8. EMS Section IAFC Election Endorsements

The EMS Section decided not to endorse either candidate for IAFC 2nd Vice President citing a tradition of not endorsing candidates in contested elections. Chief McEvoy will inform both candidates.

9. New Webinar Series with PCG

Chief McEvoy said that PCG is interested in doing more educational webinars with the EMS Section. The following topics are being considered:

- Budgeting and accounting basics (how to prepare, read and understand a budget)
- Purchasing strategies
- EMS billing 101
- GEMT Update

10. University of Kentucky Fire Prevention & Research Proposal

Chief Maxwell asked the EMS Section Board to endorse a proposal by the University of Kentucky for the FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety grant. The proposal would examine how to help firefighters suffering from musculoskeletal injuries rehabilitated and back to work faster. The EMS Section Board decided to support this effort and Chief McEvoy will write the endorsement letter.

11. EMS Section Elections

Chief McEvoy reported that he is working on the election manual for the EMS Section elections. The positions of Vice-Chair, Secretary Treasurer, and Director-at-Large are up for election. Chief Riley will be running for re-election as Vice-Chair. Chief McEvoy will be the EMS Section's Elections Committee Chair and Chief Becker will be the Vice Chair.

12. Federal Update

Mr. LaSala reported that the federal government is running under a continuing resolution (CR) that will expire on February 18. The House passed a new CR to keep the federal government funded until March 11. Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) introduced the Firefighter Staffing and Support Act (S. 3592), which would authorize the AFG and SAFER programs through Fiscal Year 2028. It is not clear if the bill will be considered in the Senate this year.

13. Old Business

Chief McEvoy reported that he has been named to the New York State 9-8-8 committee. He said that there is a demonstrated need to tie 9-8-8 to the existing 9-1-1 system.

14. New Business

The next meeting will feature Michael Stern, the Training Specialist for EMS Curriculum at the National Fire Academy to discuss the creation of an educational pathway to help company officers become EMS leaders.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm (Eastern).