



International Association of Fire Chiefs

EMS Section Board of Directors – Conference Call

March 10, 2022

3 PM (Eastern)

Attendees: McEvoy, Becker, Deardorff, Maxwell, Croom, LaSala

Guests: Eriks Gabliks and Mike Stern, National Fire Academy

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

1. EMS Leadership Training at the National Fire Academy

Mr. Mike Stern, Training Specialist (EMS Curriculum) at the National Fire Academy (NFA), discussed training opportunities and EMS management classes at the NFA. The NFA focuses on EMS management and is developing classes to examine issues like supervising and leadership of EMS systems. The EMS Section Board will examine the EMS classes at NFA and see what classes to recommend creating a pathway for EMS officer development.

2. FRM update

Chief McEvoy reported that most of the speakers are confirmed for the Fire-Rescue Med on Thursday, July 12. He also discussed the educational agenda with the EMS Section Board. The IAFC is exploring the potential for CAPE credit for FRM classes.

3. EMS Section Elections

As Elections Chair, Chief McEvoy reported that the EMS Section has validated the paperwork for the following EMS Section candidates:

Vice-Chair:

- Vance Riley, Fire Chief, Pearland (TX) Fire Department

Treasurer/Secretary:

- Corey Johnson, Assistant Chief of Operations, Williston (ND) Fire Department
- Kevin Joles, Division Chief, Lawrence (KS) County Fire Medical

Director-At-Large:

- Lee Richardson, Deputy Chief – Operations, City of Sachse (TX) Fire-Rescue

4. Heart Safe Community Awards Update

Mr. LaSala reported that the [Heart Safe Award application](#) period has now opened. Here is the timeline for the awards program:

- 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. Federal Legislative Update

Mr. LaSala updated the EMS Section Board about important legislative developments. The House and Senate passed the [Fiscal Year 2022 omnibus appropriations legislation](#) with an increase to funding for the SIREN grant program for rural EMS. The IAFC is working with other national fire service and EMS organizations to ask Congress to pass legislation (H.R. 2454/S. 2037) to extend the CMS add-on payments for ambulance transport. The IAFC also is working with other national fire service and EMS organizations to draft legislation to address EMS workforce shortages resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. Roundtable

Chief Croom reported that the IAFC budget at the end of the year is looking good. Chief Deardorff reported that he expects to receive the EMS Section financials after the first quarter of 2022.

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