



**International Association of Fire Chiefs**

**EMS Section Board of Directors**

**Room Waters Edge C, Hilton Clearwater**

**Clearwater, FL**

**November 10, 2023**

Attendees: Joles (Chair), McEvoy, Becker, Riley, Croom

Staff: LaSala

Guests: Chief Rick Patrick (USFA) and Chief Dave Bryson (NHTSA Office of EMS)

***Agenda:***

**Chief Joles started the meeting at 10:51 a.m.**

**1) USFA Update**

Chief Patrick updated the EMS Section Board about developments at the USFA. He discussed the focus on fire and EMS data and the new USFA National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS). The USFA system is designed to work with the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS).

Chief Patrick should be able to attend Fire-Rescue Med to provide an update on USFA's programs. There will be a panel for federal agencies to discuss fire-based EMS issues. It tentatively will be on April 30 from 9:45 am to 11:45 am. In addition, there will be a roundtable at the end of the day where the speakers will be able to discuss the day's presentations and take questions from the audience.

**2) NHTSA EMS Update**

Chief Bryson updated the EMS Section about programs at the NHTSA's Office of EMS. He discussed the update to the EMS Education Agenda 2050. There also was a discussion about the National EMS Advisory Committee's recommendation on post-graduate EMS education.

Chief Bryson also discussed Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training. NHTSA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are developing CAPCE-accredited TIM training. They developed an eight-hour "train the trainer" course. States also are developing their own TIM training based on the federal government's standards. Some states, including Georgia, require TIM training to achieve a paramedic certificate. The EMS Section is going to see if the new NFPA 1001 or NFPA 455 standards will include TIM components.

**3) Articles for ICHIEFS**

Chief Becker asked if the EMS Section was still providing articles for ICHIEFS. The section used to provide a monthly column. Mr. LaSala was asked to check with the IAFC's Communications department. In addition, the EMS Section Board asked for better involvement with the USFA on the development of programs and initiatives.

#### **4) EMS Section Membership**

Chief Joles discussed opportunities for recruiting and retaining EMS Section members. The EMS Section Board discussed various pricing strategies for FRM registration fees to incentivize EMS Section membership. The EMS Section Board also discussed developing an EMS Section brochure.

The EMS Section Board would like to invite the IAFC membership to join the December EMS Section Board call to discuss EMS Section recruitment strategies. They also would like to identify fire chiefs that are not part of the EMS Section and ask them to either join the EMS Section or ask their EMS Chiefs to sign up.

#### **5) Fire-Rescue International Planning**

Chief Becker reported that sections and divisions will be asked to appoint a representative to attend a virtual workshop about FRI on November 20. The IAFC would like to involve the divisions and sections in FRI planning per the IAFC Strategic Initiative. Chief Joles will attend.

Chief Becker also updated the EMS Section about changes to the IAFC Officer Development Program (ODP). Chief Becker is recruiting instructors for a three-day educational ODP program.

#### **6) EMS Section Publications for 2024**

The EMS Section Board discussed developing a series of one-page documents about EMS issues. It also discussed working with the IAFC Volunteer and Combination Officers Section to develop a guide for jurisdictions to become Heart-Safe Communities.

#### **7) EMS Section Elections**

The EMS Section Board discussed planning for elections next year. The following positions will be open: Vice Chair; Secretary/Treasurer, and Director at Large.

#### **8) Fire-Rescue Med**

Chief Joles discussed planning for FRM with the EMS Section Board. The board reviewed the agenda of speakers for FRM and received a status report about who has been invited. They also discussed potential co-located meetings hosted by the FirstNet Authority and NHTSA.

The agenda for the FRM will be:

April 29 – EMS Section Business Meeting

April 30 – FRM (all day)

May 1 – FRM (half day)

The EMS Section Board also discussed potential events relating to FRM that would have to be sponsored like welcome receptions on April 29 and 30. The EMS Section Board will have to deliver a list of events that will require sponsors to give to the IAFC Corporate Relation program.

The EMS Section also discussed the James O. Page and Heart Safe Community Awards. Both awards will be presented at FRM. The EMS Section will pay for one representative each of the large Heart Safe Community award winner and one representative of the small Heart Safe Community award winner to attend FRM. We will have to clarify that information on the IAFC's website.

The application period for the Heart Safe Community Award will be as follows:

January 1 – The application period opens.

March 1 – The application period closes.

March 2 – Applications are sent to the reviewers.

April 3 – Notifications are made to the award winners.

**9) EMS Section Board Meetings**

The EMS Section agreed to continue holding board meetings (virtually) on the second Tuesday of each month.

Chief Joles adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern).