



## International Association of Fire Chiefs

### EMS Section Board of Directors – Conference Call

January 13, 2022

*Attendees:* McEvoy, Riley, Becker, Maxwell, Shimer, Croom, LaSala

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

#### **FRM update**

Chief McEvoy reported that planning continues for Fire-Rescue Med (FRM) in 2022. He had nothing specific to report.

#### **HeartSafe Community awards**

Chief McEvoy reported that the EMS Section is looking at using a web-based awards management system to manage the HeartSafe Community awards. The system would make it easier to manage the program; improve the experience for applicants; and allow the section to use the same application system for multiple years.

#### **EMS fatigue analyzer tool**

Chief Shimer discussed a new tool to analyze Fatigue Risk Management in Emergency Medical Services. The tool was developed by the National Association of State EMS Officials and the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The fatigue risk analyzer tool ([NASEMSO - Shift Schedule Fatigue Risk Analyzer \(ibrinc.org\)](https://www.nasemsso.org/shift-schedule-fatigue-risk-analyzer)) is a web-based program with a series of drop-down menu items to analyze the risk of fatigue for department EMS personnel. Chief McEvoy will share this tool on KnowledgeNet.

#### **Federal Update**

Mr. LaSala discussed the status of the COVID-19 vaccine mandate requirements in the wake of the recent Supreme Court rulings. He also discussed the status of pending legislation such as the Build Back Better Act and the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations bills. In addition, the section discussed the appointment of Mr. Gamunu Wijetunge, NRP, to head the NHTSA Office of EMS.

#### **Old Business**

The Section Board reviewed its decision to not attend this year's National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner. Chief Croom reported that the IAFC Board would consider the recent *Joint Statement on Lights & Siren Vehicle Operations on EMS Responses* at its next meeting.

#### **Roundtable**

Chief Becker reported on his work regarding the "Common Ground on EMS" paper. The EMS Section discussed the upcoming IAFC webinar regarding alternate transport destinations on January 27 at 1:00

p.m. (Eastern). It will have speakers from PCG Consulting and Chief Mary Cameli, the fire chief of Mesa (AZ) Fire and Medical Department.

Chief McEvoy adjourned the call at 3:45 p.m. ET.