



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

October 13, 2022

3:00 pm (Eastern)

Attendees: McEvoy, Riley, Croom, Joles, Becker

Chief McEvoy opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

1. NEMSAC appointment

The EMS Section Board reviewed candidates for openings on the National EMS Advisory Committee. Nominees must submit their applications by November 10.

2. VCOS Symposium in the Sun Logistics

Chief McEvoy discussed logistics for the EMS Section Board meeting at the VCOS Symposium in the Sun. EMS Section Board members are asked to arrive on November 10. The meeting will be held on November 11 and 12 in Waters Edge Ballroom C at the Hilton Clearwater. The meeting is expected to end mid-day on November 12, so that EMS Section Board members can leave on November 12 or 13. Hotel rooms have been reserved for EMS Section Board members.

3. Heart Safe Community Awards

The Heart Safe Community Awards are expected to have a soft opening around November 1.

4. FRM plan

The EMS Section Board discussed dates for Fire-Rescue Med (FRM) in 2023. The Board is looking at holding FRM in June, so that the virtual conference will receive better attendance. A date will be confirmed in coordination with the IAFC Conference department.

5. ACEP meeting report

Chief McEvoy reported on his attendance to the ACEP conference. Overall, ACEP was glad to have IAFC representation at their conference and looks forward to working more closely with the IAFC.

6. Federal Update

- The EMS Section Board reviewed H.R. 8994, the Supporting Our First Responders Act. The EMS Section Board had concerns about the bill's funding for for-profit EMS agencies.
- Mr. LaSala discussed efforts to pass the Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act (H.R. 2454/S. 2037) to extend these important payments until January 1, 2028. Additionally, the legislation makes important changes to how CMS classifies a zip code as urban, rural, or super-rural.
- Mr. LaSala discussed a new effort by the U.S. Fire Administration to look at fire and EMS workforce issues, and recruitment and retention challenges.
- Mr. LaSala also discussed discussions by the IAFC, IAFF, FAMA/FEMSA, NAEMT, and AAA with staff from the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security, Transportation, Commerce, and the White House to address supply chain issues that are causing delays in the delivery of fire and EMS apparatus and equipment.

7. Roundtable

- Chief Croom and Chief Joles will be attending the Colorado Fire Chiefs Leadership Challenge on October 17-22.