



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

October 13, 2023

3:00 pm (Eastern)

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

Chief Joles began the call at 3:00 pm (Eastern).

1. Strategic Planning

Chief Joles began the discussion about what the EMS Section intends to achieve in 2024. One major goal will be to host Fire-Rescue Med in person. The EMS Section Board also discussed other possible projects.

2. VCOS Symposium in the Sun Logistics

Chief Joles reported that the logistics should be set of the EMS Section Board meeting at the VCOS Symposium in the Sun. For November 10, the Waters Edge C room has been reserved all day. The Starfish room has been reserved on November 11 from 10:30 am – 12:00 noon for the meeting between the EMS Section and VCOS Board members.

3. Fire-Rescue Med

Chief Joles reported that the logistics planning continues to hold FRM in person in 2024. The EMS Section Board is working with the IAFC staff to review a hotel contract. There will be a follow-up meeting to discuss speakers.

4. EMS Section Membership Recruitment

The EMS Section will arrange a time to discuss membership recruitment opportunities with Chief Daniel Gray, the IAFC's Membership Director.

5. IAFC EMS Section Webinar Series with PCG

The IAFC has held two webinars with PCG this fall:

- [GEMT Mythbusters – October 11](#)
- [Alternative Payment Methodologies for Medicaid Supplemental Reimbursement for Emergency Transports – September 19](#)

The next webinar will be on November 30 at 1:00 pm (Eastern). It is titled "SUSTAINABILITY NOW! Actions and Impacts Into Sustainability for Fire & EMS Agencies."

The EMS Section Board discussed using social media to advertise the webinars and gain higher attendance numbers.

6. Federal Update

Mr. LaSala updated the EMS Section Board about pending federal legislative and regulatory business:

- The federal government is funded through November 17 and Congress must pass the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations bills to keep the federal agencies operating.
- The next meeting of the Advisory Committee on Ground Ambulance and Patient Billing will be held on October 31 and November 1. It is expected to consider recommendations for Congress.
- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is soliciting comments for its EMS Education Agenda 2050. Comments are due on October 31.

7. Roundtable

Chief Richardson and McEvoy had nothing to report.

- Chief Becker recommended that the EMS Section Board develop an education agenda for FRM. He recommended inviting the U.S. Fire Administrator, Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell, to attend. Chief Becker also said that he may attend the November meeting of the National EMS Advisory Committee to discuss the postgraduate EMS degree recommendation.
- Chief Croom reported on developments at the IAFC. He also discussed the trial in Colorado regarding the death of Elijah McClain.
- Chief Joles updated the EMS Section Board about his recent presentation to the National Association of EMTs Board. He also attended a meeting of the American College of Emergency Physicians to discuss the problems with boarding at hospitals.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm. The next meeting will be the VCOS Symposium in the Sun on November 10.