



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

**November 17, 2022**

**3:00 pm (Eastern)**

**Teams Link ([click here](#))**

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Attendees: McEvoy, Riley, Joles, Richardson

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

**1. FRM Planning**

The EMS Section is planning for the future of FRM, including the potential of an in-person event. Chief McEvoy requested a meeting between the EMS Section Board and IAFC leadership to facilitate FRM planning.

**2. James O. Page Award**

Chief McEvoy discussed the need for the EMS Section Board to recognize a fire-based EMS leader with the James O. Page Award. He discussed some potential candidates and requested nominees from the EMS Section Board.

**3. Heart Safe Community Awards**

The EMS Section Board discussed a proposal to hire a contractor to help administer the Heart Safe Community Awards. The IAFC also will boost marketing awareness of the award to encourage more applications. The IAFC staff have developed a budget for the award and will increase the sponsorship amount to offset any additional costs.

**4. Federal Update**

Mr. LaSala updated the EMS Section Board about final legislative efforts for the lame duck session of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress. They include passage of the Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations for federal fire & EMS programs; the Fire Grants and Safety Act (S. 4882) to reauthorize the USFA and AFG & SAFER grant programs; and extension of the ambulance add-on payments that CMS pays to fire and EMS agencies in urban, rural, and super-rural jurisdictions.

**5. Roundtable**

- Chief Joles said that he would be attending the FRI Program Planning Committee meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, on December 4, 5, and 6. He asked EMS Section Board members to contact him with any input about FRI. He will keep his eyes out for opportunities to recruit more EMS speakers for FRI. Also, the EMS Section discusses the concept of holding FRM as a pre-conference for FRI.
- Chief McEvoy said that the committee would have three big projects to complete for next year:
  - Plan out next year's EMS Section activities: meetings, representation at conferences, etc.
  - Review the list of EMS Section liaisons to various affiliated organizations.
  - Develop recommendations of classes at the National Fire Academy that future EMS officers should take.
  - He asked the committee to consider time for a three-to-four-hour meeting to work on these issues.