



**International Association of Fire Chiefs
EMS Section Business Meeting Agenda
August 18, 2022
Fire Rescue International – Kansas City, MO
Room 2102 AB, Kansas City Convention Center
2 PM(Central)**

Attendees: McEvoy, Riley, Joles, Croom, Richardson, Becker, Sinclair

Call to Order and Chair's Welcome

Chief Mike McEvoy opened the meeting at 2 PM. He reviewed the meeting agenda and introduced the officers.

Approval of the Minutes

Chief McEvoy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from last business meeting, which was held at FRI 2022.

Chief John Sinclair made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Chief Norris Croom, and was unanimously approved.

Meritorious Service Award Presentations

Chief McEvoy recognized the following people for their dedication to the field of EMS:

- Chief Ken Riddle (Ret.)
- Chief Dave Bryson (Ret.)
- John Krohmer, MD
- Kevin J. Joles, Division Chief of EMS, Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical

Administer Oaths of Office to Newly Re-Elected Officers

Chief Norris Croom, the International Director, administered the oath of office to the following EMS Section Board members:

- Chair: Kevin J. Joles, Division Chief of EMS, Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical, Lawrence, Kansas
- At-Large: Shaughn Maxwell, Assistant Chief, South Snohomish County Fire and Rescue, Washington

Announcement of Officer Appointments

Upon elevation to EMS Section Chair, Chief Joles position as Secretary/Treasurer opened. Per EMS Section bylaws, the new composition of the EMS Section Board is below:

- Chair – Kevin Joles, Division Chief of EMS, Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical, KS.
- Vice-Chair – Vance Riley, Fire Chief (Ret.), City of Pearland, TX.
- Secretary-Treasurer – Shaughn Maxwell, Assistant Chief, EMS Division, South Snohomish County Fire & Rescue, WA.
- International Director – Norris Croom, Fire Chief, Castle Rock Fire and Rescue, CO.
- At-Large Board Member – David Becker, Division Chief (Ret.), Castle Rock Fire & Rescue, CO.

- At-Large Board Member – Lee Richardson, Deputy Fire Chief of Operations, City of Sachse Fire-Rescue, TX.
- Past Chair – Mike McEvoy, EMS Coordinator/Deputy Director Emergency Services, Saratoga County (NY).

Reports of Officers and Committees

- **Past Chair's Report** – Chief McEvoy gave a brief update of the section's activities. The section hosted a virtual version of Fire-Rescue Med in May, which was well-attended. He thanked the section for the opportunity to serve as EMS Section Chair.
- **Chair's/Secretary-Treasurer's Report** – Chief Joles reported that the EMS Section has 1,095 members. He also reported on the EMS Section's finances. As of June 30, the EMS Section had a carryover balance from 2022 of \$121,871. It had total revenue of \$28,231 and expenses of \$27,333 for a balance of \$122,769.

Chief Ken Riddle made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, which was seconded by Chief Pete Lawrence, and unanimously approved.

Chief Joles also reported that Chief Norris Croom needed to be reappointed as International Director of the EMS Section.

Chief John Sinclair made a motion to reappoint Chief Croom as the International Director, which was seconded by Chief Vance Riley, and unanimously approved.

- **Legislative Update** – Ken LaSala, the IAFC's Director of Government Relations and Policy, updated the EMS Section members on federal legislative issues. He urged members to call their Representatives and ask them to pass the Fire Grants and Safety Act (H.R. 4090/S. 870). He also urged them to call their Senators and oppose proposed cuts to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, the SAFER grant program, and the U.S. Fire Administration. Mr. LaSala also urged members to ask their Senators and Representatives to cosponsor and pass the SIREN Grant Reauthorization Act (H.R. 4646/S. 265).

Presentations from Liaisons and Guests

- **FirstNet** – Jon Olson from the First Net Authority discussed FirstNet's roadmap and strategic plan. The buildout is complete, so FirstNet is focusing on the next steps. It is reinvesting funds into the network and focusing on the use of technology and plugging operational gaps.
- **GAPB** – Chief Pete Lawrence is a member of the federal Advisory Committee on Ground Ambulance and Patient Billing. He discussed the No Surprises Act, which created the committee and the committee deliberations. He explained the need to ensure that insurers pay the state and local rates for EMS service, and do not try to pass off costs as being "out-of-network. He also discussed the need for a paramedic to be considered as a practitioner to allow for reimbursement of treatment in place.
- **USFA** – Chief Richard Patrick, the Director of the National Fire and EMS Division of the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), updated the EMS Section members about changes at USFA. He said that the division is focused on fostering EMS prehospital systems; assessing state,

local, tribal, and territorial EMS agencies; and better integrating EMS into emergency management.

The key initiatives of the National Fire and EMS Division are:

- EMS Needs Assessment.
- National Response Framework – Community lifeline.
- EMS Licensure COMPACT.
- Joint Federal Initiatives like the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS).
- Research and Technology (including working with NIH).

He reported that the National Fire Academy has 10-12 dedicated EMS programs. The USFA is preparing for a new U.S. Fire Administrator's Summit in October.

- **NHTSA Update** – Chief Dave Bryson, who serves with the Office of EMS of the federal National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), briefed the EMS section members. He reported on NHTSA's focus on the Safe Streets Program and on focusing on reducing fatalities of children in ambulance crashes. He also reported that FICEMS developed a COVID-19 EMS Response white paper. NHTSA also is updating the Education Agenda. He discussed the National EMS Advisory Council's (NEMSAC) statement on a graduate paramedic position.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Selection of date, time, and location of next meeting

It was decided to postpone the date, time, and location of the next EMS Section meeting, because Fire-Rescue Med may be in person next year.

Good of the EMS Section

Chief Joles and Chief Sinclair thanked Chief McEvoy for his leadership of the EMS Section.

Adjournment

Chief Joles asked for a motion to adjourn.

Chief Croom made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded, and adopted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 PM