



International Association of Fire Chiefs

EMS Section Board of Directors Meeting

August 25, 2022

11:00 am (Central)

Attendees: McEvoy, Riley, Croom, Becker, Shimer, Maxwell, Joles, Richardson

Chief McEvoy called the meeting to order at 11:00 am (Central).

1. Introduction of New Board Members and Board Member Orientation

Chief McEvoy introduced the new EMS Section Board members:

- Secretary/Treasurer: Kevin Joles, Division Chief, Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical, Lawrence, KS
- At-Large: Lee Richardson, Deputy Chief, Sachse Fire-Rescue, Sachse, TX

Chief Vance Riley (Ret.) also was re-elected as EMS Section Vice-Chair.

Chief McEvoy gave a brief orientation of the EMS Section. The EMS Section is a section of the IAFC, and it must finance its own operations. It represents the leadership of fire-based EMS at meetings of the National EMS Advisory Council, Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Profession (CoAEMSP), and Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

2. Review of EMS Section Business Meeting

Chief McEvoy reviewed the agenda for the EMS Section meeting on Friday, August 26. There will be representatives from the U.S. Fire Administration, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and CoAEMSP. Chief McEvoy will recognize 3 Meritorious Service Awards.

3. NAEMSE Culture of Humility Statement

Chief Becker discussed the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) recent statement calling for cultural humility in pre-hospital care. The purpose of the document was to develop a culture of humility and set up a toolbox for training and education. Chief Becker will ask Dr. Sarah Jahnke and her staff to review the document and provide comment. Chief Maxwell also will review the paper and provide comment. The document is being revised by NAEMSE and the EMS Board will wait for a final draft before bringing the document to the IAFC Board for consideration.

4. Federal Update

Mr. LaSala provided an update on U.S. federal legislation. The IAFC is working with other national fire service organizations to pass legislation to reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters Grant and SAFER grant programs, along with the U.S. Fire Administration. Also, we are trying to pass legislation to extend the Medicare rural, urban, and super-rural ambulance add-on payments, which expire at the end of the year. The Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act (H.R. 2454/S. 2037) to extend these important payments until January 1, 2028.

5. NREMT Resolution

Chief McEvoy reported that the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians withdrew its draft proposal based on public comment. Chief Becker and Chief Croom offered to draft a position statement for the IAFC website re-affirming our support for the EMS Agenda for the Future; the need for one accreditor; and one system of accreditation.

6. VCOS Symposium in the Sun Planning

Chief McEvoy discusses the 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; meet on November 11 and half-day on November 12; and go home on November 12 (evening) or November 13.

Chief McEvoy adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm (Central).

The next EMS Section Board meeting will be a virtual meeting in October.