



EMS Section of The International Association of Fire Chiefs

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EMS Section Board Call *Thursday, February 8, 2:00 PM (CDT)*

Attendees: McEvoy, Riley, Deardorff, Croom, Becker, Metro, Davis

Update on PulsePoint Project

Chief McEvoy updated the group on the work of the PulsePoint Task Force to develop a position paper endorsing the use of the PulsePoint platform. A final draft has gone out to committee members for review and will soon be shared with the EMS Section Board for their review.

Update on FRM 2018

Chief McEvoy updated the group on the PPC's work. Registration has opened and save-the-date cards have gone into the mail. Additionally, the PPC made substantial cuts to the program budget by reducing speaker travel and lodging. Lastly, Chief McEvoy has encouraged the group to examine their own schedules and see where they might be able to condense their schedules to prevent unnecessary stays.

Chief McEvoy reported that booth sales seem to be higher than last year.

Opioid Response/PPE Selection Discussion

The group discussed whether they would be interested in releasing a position paper on PPE usage for fentanyl-related emergencies. Chief Metro thought that the IAFC should release information on best practices. Chief McEvoy agreed with Chief Croom's concern that the IAFC should be careful not to muddy the water by issuing new advisories. Chief McEvoy will collate existing resources and share with the EMS Section Board.

Shirts Review

Everyone received their shirts and are satisfied with the products.

On Scene Articles

The group reviewed who is writing articles for On Scene. Chief McEvoy will draft a schedule for who will be writing articles in which months.

Meeting on Health/Wellness

Chief McEvoy attended the discussion about a potential meeting on health and wellness topics with the VCOS, Fire and Life Safety and Safety, Health and Survival Sections. The group is hoping to refine their list of potential topics. Chief McEvoy will forward minutes from this meeting to the rest of the EMS Section Board.

Liaison/List Serve Website

Chief McEvoy discussed his plans to add a feature to the EMS Section website where members can view liaison reports from other organizations and informational list serves. Chief McEvoy encouraged the group to continue sending in their reports and IAFC staff and Chief McEvoy will continue building out this feature.

Legislative Update

Evan reported that the House passed a continuing resolution, H.R. 1892, which contained the IAFC's preferred language on cost reporting as well as restoring the add-on payments for five years. However, the CR is running into some objections in the Senate so it is unclear if the Senate will amend the CR that the House already passed.

IAFC Board of Directors Update

Chief Norris Croom reported that the IAFC Board discussed a few items including Chief Gary Curmode's eligibility to run for President in the 2018 IAFC Election. The EMS Section Board discussed whether to endorse a candidate and agreed to endorse Chief Eggleston. Chief McEvoy will notify Chief Eggleston of the EMS Section Board's support and clarify that the endorsement is from the EMS Section Board and not the entire EMS Section itself.

Scope of Practice Update

Chief David Becker updated the group on the model scope of practice document that is under development and is currently open for comment. However, the comment opportunity will close soon. Chief Becker encouraged the group to submit any comments as soon as possible.

COAEMSP Update

Chief Becker announced that he recently was elected to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer for the COAEMSP. Chief Paul Berlin continues to serve as the Vice Chair for the COAEMSP and will soon take over the Chair position for the group.

EMS Agenda 2050 Update

Chief Mike Metro reported that he attended the recent EMS Agenda 2050 meeting in Los Angeles, CA. Chief Metro reported that the topic of creating a degree requirement received a significant amount of discussion during the meeting. The EMS Section Board discussed the concept of this requirement and expressed some concern about imposing such a requirement on the EMS industry.

The conference call was adjourned at 3:45pm ET