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EMS Section Board Call *Thursday, January 12, 2:00 PM (CDT)*

In Attendance: McEvoy, Croom, Metro, Andersen, Ludwig, Davis

Agenda

EMS Modernization Project

Chief McEvoy reported that there is work underway to create a logo to include on the document that the group drafted in November in Florida. Additionally, Chief McEvoy is looking to send out a poll to group members to identify a time for a conference call to continue discussions on ways to move forward with EMS payment reform.

CFSI 2017 Planning

Chief McEvoy announced that the National Registry of EMTs has secured a table at the dinner for several members of the EMS Section. Evan will arrange meetings on Capitol Hill for Section Board members on the day before and day of the CFSI dinner. All attendees are encouraged to make their reservations as soon as possible. Additional information can be found on the CFSI website.

CPR Challenge

Chief Croom participated in a conference call this afternoon with representatives from AMR and ACEP to continue planning the CPR challenge. This effort will be held during EMS Week. ACEP will handle creating the website and there is interest in having a call or meeting for the communications teams of the IAFC, AMR, and ACEP.

Chief McEvoy will discuss the issue of branding merchandise with Evan offline.

Chief Croom also reported that there is a need to make sure the week-long campaign is branded as an AMR/ACEP/IAFC effort.

IAFC Board Update

Chief Croom reported that the IAFC Board held their regular conference call earlier in the morning. The Board is planning to meet in Reno in March to continue its working on the division governance project.

Proposed Senate Bill on EMS

Evan distributed the draft EMS bill that was being circulated among some Senate offices. After a discussion of the bill, the group decided not to support the draft. Evan will contact the individuals circulating the bill to express the IAFC's concerns.

NFPA 1917 Update

Chief Gary Morris and Evan recently attended a mediation meeting to reach a compromise on ambulance standards between NFPA 1917 and the CAAS GVS document. This meeting ultimately did not end with a resolution. NFPA and CAAS will continue talking to finding a resolution.

Legislative Update

Evan reported that the House recently passed the Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act (H.R. 304) which will preserve the ability of fire departments to continue using "standing orders." The IAFC hopes the Senate will act on this legislation quickly.

Call was adjourned at 2:35pm