



## EMS Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs

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### **EMS Section Board Call** *Thursday, July 12, 10:30 AM (ET)*

Attendees: McEvoy, Deardorff, Metro, Shimer, Becker, Davis

Chief McEvoy called the meeting to order at 10:30am Eastern

#### **FRM 2018 Review**

Members of the EMS Section discussed the preliminary financial information from FRM 2018. The Board noted that attendance did improve in the final days. Chief McEvoy also reported that the FRM Program Planning Committee has begun working on plans for FRM 2019 and will be holding an initial conference call soon. The PPC Chair has assembled a Program Planning Manual to memorialize the tasks, functions and timelines for FRM going forward.

#### **NAEMT Meeting**

Members of the EMS Section Board discussed their desire to continue working with the National Association of EMTs. The group discussed holding a meeting with the NAEMT Board. Ultimately, the group decided to hold a conference call with NAEMT members this winter in order to align legislative/advocacy priorities in 2019. The EMS Section Board also discussed their desire to collaborate with the NAEMT on various projects, including the Stop the Bleed program. The Chair will speak with NAEMT leadership to facilitate these. Potentially, both Boards may wish to meet in the fall of 2019.

The EMS Section Board also agreed to hold their regular strategic planning meeting in November at the VCOS conference in Florida.

#### **Gun Task Force**

Chief McEvoy updated the group on his work chairing the Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) Task Force. Chief McEvoy reported the group is nearly done analyzing the issue of whether firefighters should be permitted to carry a firearm while on-duty. The CCW Task Force's report and recommendations will be available for the IAFC Board's review at FRI in August.

#### **Cost Reporting Work Group**

Chief McEvoy reported that he is finalizing an EMS Section working group to analyze cost reporting for EMS agencies. Chief McEvoy expects this group to analyze a variety of reports and recommendations such as the Moran Company's study and the GEMT Cost Reports utilized by Medicaid in GEMT-participating states.

#### **Heart Safe Awards Criteria**

The EMS Section Board discussed their intention to revise the criteria for the Heart Safe Community Awards. Board members noted that these criteria have not been assessed in many



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years and should be reviewed regularly. Chief McEvoy will put a work group together to revise these criteria.

### **FRI 2018 Planning**

Members of the EMS Section Board discussed their plans for FRI. Evan briefed the board on a number of corporate/sponsorship meetings for the Board and will be sending a schedule shortly.

### **EMS Degree Requirement**

Chief Becker reported that he will be attending the IAFC Board of Directors meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup> at FRI to present the EMS Section's position statement in opposition to requiring degrees for paramedics. Chief Becker thanked the EMS Section Board for their quick review and editing of the draft position statement.

### **Legislative Update**

Evan updated the EMS Section Board on a variety of legislative issues including

- **SIREN Act:** The Senate included this in their version of the Farm Bill (H.R. 2). The IAFC encourages Congress to include the SIREN Act in their final version of H.R. 2.
- **Cost Reporting:** CMS is continuing to evaluate how to collect cost information in the EMS industry. The EMS Section's work group on this will be helpful in developing recommendations for CMS.
- **Cancer Bill:** Congress passed the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act to assess the extent and dangers of cancer in the fire service. Thank you to everyone who contacted their members of Congress on this issue.
- **AV Issues:** The IAFC is continuing to work with manufacturers and users of autonomous vehicles to assess how they can safely interact with first responders.

The call was adjourned at 11:30am Eastern