



## EMS Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs

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### EMS Section Board Call *Thursday, March 14, 2:00 PM (CDT)*

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

#### Agenda

*Chief McEvoy called the meeting to order at 2:59 pm ET*

#### **Page and Heart Safe Community Awards**

Members of the EMS Section Board discussed the recipient of the 2019 Page Award. Chief McEvoy agreed that he would notify the recipient of his selection. The Board members also discussed supporting the award recipient's travel to Henderson to attend FRM 2019.

The EMS Section Board discussed discontinuing the Heart Safe Community Award if a sponsor is not identified for the 2019 awards. The group unanimously agreed to not present the 2019 Heart Safe Community Award unless a sponsor can be identified.

#### **FRM Update and FRM Travel Plans**

The group discussed their plans to arrive and depart from the 2019 FRM conference. Evan requested that all members of the EMS Section Board send their travel plans to him in order to make the group's hotel reservations.

#### **CFSI Travel**

Chief McEvoy requested the group to provide their anticipated arrival and departure dates to Evan so that he can plan meetings on Capitol Hill for the group. The group plans to focus on urging Congressional action in response to drug shortages, funding the SIREN grants, and other issues in their meetings with Congressional offices and committees.

#### **Conflict of Interest**

Members of the EMS Section Board discussed their recent conversation with the IAFC Executive Committee and reported that there has be no additional information. The IAFC Executive Committee likely will discuss the issue with the full IAFC Board at the IAFC Board of Directors meeting later this month in Reno, NV.

#### **Legislative Update**

Evan reported that the AAA recently contacted the IAFC to share a draft bill on issues related to federal reimbursement of EMS. Evan did caution the group that the draft legislation does include a proposal to transfer some agencies from "supplier" to "provider" status under Medicare regulations. As a result, the IAFC may be forced to oppose the bill on the grounds that it would



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transition some agencies to “provider” status as well as set a precedent of reimbursing non-fire based EMS agencies at a separate rate from fire-based EMS agencies.

### **Nomenclature Meeting**

Chief Becker reported that he recently attended a NHTSA meeting with other stakeholder organizations to discuss the concept of transitioning the nomenclature of EMS to “paramedicine.” Chief Becker shared that the IAFC is continuing to oppose this concept and it appeared that the concept was generally opposed by other organizations as well, including the IAFF. Chief Becker will continue to monitor this issue and advise when additional action from the IAFC is needed.

*Meeting was adjourned at 3:49pm ET*