



**International Association of Fire Chiefs
EMS Section Board of Directors – Conference Call
March 11, 2021**

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

Chief McEvoy called the meeting to order at 3:00pm ET

Planning for Fire-Rescue Med 2021

Chief McEvoy announced that the FRM Program Planning Committee has agreed to hold FRM virtually this year based upon the success of the online program last year. The group has landed on June 11 as the conference date this year.

EMS Section Awards Update

The EMS Section Board of Directors discussed the following awards which will be approaching:

- Heart Safe Community Award: Mr. Davis recommended that the EMS Section consider opening the nomination process for the award given the fact that FRM is approaching. The EMS Section Board concurred and asked Mr. Davis to open the process. The Board also agreed to maintain the same selection criteria as was used last year.
- Page Achievement Award: The EMS Section Board discussed potential recipients of the 2021 Page Award and unanimously agreed upon a recipient for this year. Chief McEvoy will notify the individual of his selection to receive the award.

Section Election

Mr. Davis reported that the EMS Section election nominations period has closed, and the following nominations were received:

- Chair: Chief Mike McEvoy
- Director at Large: Chief David Becker, Ret; Deputy Chief Shaughn Maxwell

Chief McEvoy will be elected to another two-year term as he will be running unopposed.

The IAFC will include the EMS Section Director at Large race on the single ballot that goes out to all IAFC members later this Spring.

Government Relations Update:

Mr. Davis provided the EMS Section Board with the following update on the following legislative and regulatory issues:

- Treatment in Place (TIP) Legislation: Congress passed legislation earlier this week which will allow agencies to receive reimbursement from CMS for providing treatment in place (TIP) services to Medicare beneficiaries for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. In order to bill under this new code, agencies will need to have a protocol in place which limits their ability to transport low-acuity patients. The IAFC will continue working with the other national fire and EMS groups to monitor the implementation of this new emergency waiver for CMS.

- EMS Quality Bill: The IAFC is continuing to monitor efforts by the National Association of EMS Physicians to introduce legislation that reimburses medical directors for their services and requires EMS agencies gather EMS quality data among other issues. The IAFC, IAFF, NAEMT, and AAA continue to oppose the bill and will collaborate on ways to either amend the bill or prevent it from being introduced.

Fire-Rescue International Planning

Chief Chris Shimer reported that he is continuing to be involved in the FRI Program Planning Committee. Chief Shimer gave the group an update on the FRI PPC's discussions surrounding COVID-19 and the plans for whether an in-person FRI could be held.

Chief McEvoy adjourned the call at 3:45pm ET