



## EMS Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs

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### **EMS Section Board Call** *Thursday, May 9, 2:00 PM (CDT)*

Attendees: McEvoy, Riley, Croom, Shimer, Davis

#### **Agenda**

##### **FRM Update and Meeting Schedule**

Chief McEvoy gave overview of the current number of registered attendees, vendors, and sponsors. Members of the EMS Section Board discussed additional marketing campaigns to promote the conference. Chief McEvoy announced that he was working with IAFC staff to develop a phone campaign to reach all IAFC EMS Section members.

The group also discussed the schedule of meetings with corporate partners as well as other national fire and EMS organizations. Evan will send the group the current tentative meeting schedule.

The group agreed to provide a free conference registration for past EMS Section chairs. Chief McEvoy agreed to work with IAFC staff to develop this comp'd registration code for past EMS Section leaders.

##### **Presidential Gift**

Members of the EMS Section Board discussed the gift to present to IAFC President Jenkins at Fire-Rescue International. The Section agreed to make a contribution to the President's Scholarship Fund as well as present an additional gift to Chief Jenkins. Chief McEvoy agreed to work on this additional recognition.

##### **First Responder Exposure Registry**

Chief McEvoy reported that he heard from a federal agency interested in creating a nationwide registry of opioid exposures for first responders. The group agreed that NIOSH could be a good place to house this registry. The group discussed whether they thought there were unreported exposures that this registry could help identify. This remains a work in progress.

##### **IAFC Concealed Weapons Working Group**

Chief McEvoy announced that he was asked by the President Jenkins to lead an IAFC-wide working group to address the issue of allowing firefighters to carry concealed weapons while on-duty.



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### **Masimo Recognition of Illinois Fire Science Institute**

The group discussed the event that Masimo will be holding in Champaign, Illinois to present the Excellence in Fire-Service Based EMS Award to the Illinois Fire Science Institute. The group agreed to ask Chief Gary Ludwig to represent the IAFC at this event.

### **CoAEMSP/CAAHEP Sponsorship Renewal**

Chief McEvoy reported that the IAFC received an invoice to renew its sponsorship for the CoAEMSP. Evan reported that the IAFC likely will receive an invoice soon for sponsorship of the CAAHEP too. The group unanimously agreed to continue the EMS Section's support for both organizations.

### **FirstNet Board Vacancy**

Chief McEvoy reported that Chief Kevin McGinnis will soon be coming off the FirstNet Board. Chief McGinnis represents EMS organizations on the FirstNet Board. The National Association of State EMS Officials plans to nominate Mr. Paul Patrick to replace Chief McGinnis. The EMS Section agreed to support the nomination of Mr. Patrick for this role. Evan reported that the IAFC Communications Committee also supports the nomination of Mr. Patrick.

### **REPLICA/IAFF Update**

Chief Croom reported that he met with representatives from the International Association of Fire Fighters to discuss their concerns about the REPLICA EMS Licensure Compact. Chief Croom and the IAFF representatives were unable to reach an agreement. The IAFC will maintain its support for the REPLICA Compact.

Chief Croom reported that Nebraska adopted REPLICA and is the 13<sup>th</sup> state to do so.

### **KnowledgeNet Issues**

Chief McEvoy reported that he spoke with IAFC leadership about the concept of automatically activating the email digest of KnowledgeNet posts for all members on the EMS Section subgroup. IAFC leadership seemed supportive of this idea. Chief McEvoy will speak with IAFC staff about enacting this change. The EMS Section Board was supportive of this change.

### **Automated Vehicle Issues**

Chief McEvoy reported that the NHTSA EMS Office recently contacted the IAFC and other fire/EMS organization to solicit comments on the issue of autonomous vehicles. Chief McEvoy and IAFC staff provided comments to NHTSA.



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### Legislative Update

Evan provided an update to the group on the following topics:

- NFPA 1917 Letter: The IAFC collaborated with the IAFF, NVFC, and CFSI to encourage the GSA to adopt the NFPA 1917 in place of the KKK specification.
- SIREN Act: Senators Durbin and Roberts are preparing to introduce a Senate version of the Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs Act. Evan thanked the group for reviewing the proposed Senate language and for their continued support in developing this bill.
- Mental Health Registry: Evan reported that Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA) was interested in developing a PTSD/suicide registry for first responders. Chief McEvoy mentioned that the USFA might be looking to also do a similar project.
- BLS Data Gathering: The IAFC is continuing to work with NASEMSO and NAEMT to continue encouraging the Bureau of Labor Statistics to gather data on cross-trained firefighters/EMS providers
- PAHPA: The Senate has released a draft of their proposal for reauthorizing the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act. ASPR continues to be interested in taking a greater operational role. However, the Senate draft did not have much language to directly impact EMS operations.