



EMS Section of The International Association of Fire Chiefs

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EMS Section Board of Directors Strategic Planning Meeting *Symposium in the Sun - Clearwater, FL* *November 10-11, 2017*

In Attendance: McEvoy, Riley, Croom, Shimer, Metro, Deardorff, Becker, Davis

Agenda:

Fire-Rescue Med 2018

The group discussed their plans for the FRM 2018 program. The group discussed several of the classes and pre-conference classes and agreed on the need to prioritize classes that prepare EMS leaders to become chief of their department. The group discussed ways to gain new vendors for the conference as well as the opportunity to expand the exposition space.

Heart Safe and James O. Page Awards

The group discussed various individuals who could receive the 2018 James O. Page Award. Following their conversation, the group unanimously agreed upon a recipient and will notify that person as soon as possible.

The group also discussed the nomination and selection timeline for the Heart Safe Community Awards. The EMS Section Board agreed to open the nomination period by December 1 and close the nomination period in mid-February. The group expects to select two recipients by late-February or early-March.

Liaison Updates and Discussion

The EMS Section Board held a comprehensive evaluation and discussion of all liaisons who represent the EMS Section to other national fire and EMS organizations. Following this review, the group discussed ways to improve the communication between those liaisons, the EMS Section Board, and the EMS Section membership as a whole. Chief McEvoy described his desire to improve the website to make liaison reports more readily available to all EMS Section members. These reports likely will be housed on the EMS Section website and only will be accessible to IAFC members.

EMS Section Communications

In addition to the liaison discussion above, the group discussed the current EMS Section website and improvements that they would like to see made to the page. Chief McEvoy described his vision for the page including improvements to the link between the EMS Section website and KnowledgeNet. Chief McEvoy also hopes to create portions of the EMS Section webpage to

feature information on various EMS-focused list servers and biographical information on members of the EMS Section Board.

The group also discussed their plan to provide more regular EMS-focused articles for On Scene. Evan shared a draft 2018 On Scene topic schedule with the EMS Section Board and the group discussed potential articles they could create to coincide with the different On Scene topics.

Travel Plans for 2018

The group discussed a variety of travel plans for 2018, including:

- CFSI (April 18-19 – Washington, DC)
- FRM (June 9-13 – Henderson, NV)
- FRI (August 8-11 – Dallas, TX)
- Symposium in the Sun (Nov. 8-11 – Clearwater, FL)

Special Projects/Future Growth

The EMS Section Board discussed a variety of future projects including an update to the Orange Ribbon Report and the possibility of selling EMS Section-branded merchandise such as t-shirts and job shirts. The group also discussed the creation of an internal EMS Reimbursement Committee to serve within the EMS Section.

Legislative Update

Evan provided the group with an overview of various pieces of legislation that the IAFC has been monitoring and working on within Congress:

- EMS Extenders: The group discussed the two main pieces of legislation regarding the ambulance add-on payments. The group agreed that it is important for the final package to provide a long-term add-on payment reauthorization, no impact to supplier/provider status, and generate the data necessary to achieve a reform of the ambulance fee schedule.
- DEA Bill: The group discussed Congress' recent passage of legislation to preserve the ability of EMS agencies to use standing orders.
- Rural EMS Grants: The group discussed recent attempts to create a grant program to assist rural EMS agencies.

Meeting with VCOS Board

The EMS Section Board met with members of the VCOS Board of Directors and discussed several issues and projects impacting volunteer and combination departments with an EMS component. The group agreed that updating the Orange Ribbon Report would be an important project to complete.

Meeting with Chief Gary Ludwig

Chief Gary Ludwig met with the EMS Section Board to discuss various EMS Section projects and priorities. Chief Ludwig thanked the group for their support of his IAFC Presidential campaign and agreed to keep EMS issues as a top priority if he wins the 2018 election.

Bylaw Review

Members of the EMS Section Board reviewed the EMS Section Bylaws and agreed that no revisions are needed at this time.

The meeting was adjourned on November 11 at 5:00pm ET