



## EMS Section of The International Association of Fire Chiefs

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### **EMS Section Board of Directors Conference Call** *Thursday, October 12, 3:00 PM (ET)*

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

#### **Agenda:**

#### **FRM 2018 Update**

The group discussed the planned FRM schedule and agreed that it is nearing completion. The Program Planning Committee is hoping to finalize the selection of a key note speaker for the conference. The PPC also believes that they have identified a speaker to teach the pre-conference session on data and research. This individual likely will be able to assist in evaluating posters for the conference.

#### **REPLICA Update**

Chief Croom announced that the REPLICA Commission recently held their first meeting earlier in October. The group elected officers and adopted bylaws. The REPLICA Commission hopes that the compact will go live in early-2018 for the 12 states which have adopted the compact.

#### **Review of OnStar Visit at FRI**

Evan reported that the IAFC is collecting feedback from everyone who attended the meeting to share with OnStar. Evan will email questions to the group. All Board members who attended the meeting are asked to return their comments to Evan at their convenience.

#### **Legislative Update**

Evan reported that the IAFC, IAFF, and NAEMT sent a joint letter of support for H.R. 3729, legislation to extend the Medicare add-on payments and create an EMS cost reporting system. The IAFC hopes that Congress will combine H.R. 3729 into a large Medicare package in November. Additionally, the IAFC is continuing to explain its concerns to Congress about S. 967 and other proposals to treat ambulance service “suppliers” as “providers.”

Evan reported that the IAFC has made a letter template available on the need to reauthorize the AFG/SAFER grant programs. Board members interested in contacting their members of Congress should contact Evan Davis or Ken LaSala.

#### **EMS Section Website Update**

Chief McEvoy reported that he spoke with IAFC staff about updating and improving the EMS Section website. Focus will be placed on streamlining the website and better organizing the information and resources available. Additionally, Chief McEvoy and IAFC staff spoke about

migrating the EMS Section Google Group to a closed group on KnowledgeNet for EMS Section members. This closed group will allow for private discussion among EMS Section members.

### **EMS Section/IAFC Branded Apparel**

Evan is working with the IAFC's clothing vendor to create a mock-up and price quote for EMS Section and IAFC branded clothing. The group agreed that it would be best to have these shirts available before the VCOS Symposium in November.

### **EMS Section Board Meeting at VCOS**

Members of the EMS Section Board discussed their upcoming strategic planning meeting at the VCOS Symposium in the Sun. Evan will distribute all travel plans for EMS Section Board members. The EMS Section Board plans to meet on Friday (11/10) and Saturday (11/11).

### **Treasurer's Update**

Chief Deardorff reported that the September financial statements for the EMS Section were not yet ready for review. Evan reported that the IAFC Finance Department anticipates that they will be ready on September 16.

### **IAFC Board of Directors Update**

Chief Croom reported that the IAFC Board of Directors held their monthly teleconference. Chief Croom reported that the IAFC anticipated signing the lease for its new office space soon. Chief Croom reported that the IAFC membership department will be working to clean up the list of life members. Lastly, Chief Croom reported that the IAFC will be working with WebEOC to update MutualAidNet and release a new module.

*The call was adjourned at 3:45pm Eastern*