



**International Association of Fire Chiefs  
EMS Section Board of Directors – Conference Call  
October 10, 2019**

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

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

#### **FRM 2020 Update**

Chief Croom updated the group on discussions that the IAFC Board of Directors recently held regarding FRM 2020 and the co-location of FRM with Fire-Rescue International in Phoenix. The IAFC Board has approved the colocation of the two conferences.

In response to questions received via email, Evan and Leanne shared updated information with the group regarding the newly revised break-even numbers for the conference as well as revenue benchmarks.

Chief McEvoy reported that he will direct the FRM Program Planning Committee to continue working on developing the program and selecting speakers.

#### **EMS Education Standards Update**

Chief Becker reported that he recently attended a meeting to discuss the EMS Education Standards. Chief Becker reported that the group discussed whether there should be a requirement for accreditation of A-EMT programs. Chief Becker noted that he thought the IAFC could support accrediting A-EMT training programs but would not support making such an accreditation mandatory. Chief Becker noted that the comment period will close at the end of October and that he will work on developing comments.

#### **Legislative Update**

Evan updated the group on a number of legislative and regulatory developments, including:

- 1) ET3 – The CMMI closed the ET3 application period on October 5. CMMI anticipated selecting participants this winter and beginning the model policy in January.
- 2) AAA Bill – The AAA is preparing to have legislation introduced to address a number of topics, including making permanent the add-on payments and adjusting the information fields required by CMS for registered ambulance service suppliers and providers. The IAFC worked with the AAA to remove several concerning provisions in the bill. As a result, the IAFC adopted a neutral stance on the draft bill that the AAA shared.
- 3) Early Medicare Eligibility – Evan briefed the group on a proposal to allow retired public safety personnel to become eligible for Medicare coverage at the age of 50. The IAFF is currently supporting this bill and the IAFC Board will discuss whether to adopt a position later this month.

#### **EMS Strong Campaign in 2010**

Chief McEvoy reported that the IAFC plans to continue participating in ACEP's *EMS Strong* campaign. Chief McEvoy believes this is a worthwhile endeavor to raise the profile of EMS within agencies as well as with the public. However, the IAFF will no longer participate in the campaign. The IAFF may launch their own campaign this year. Chief McEvoy will share information on that campaign whenever the IAFF shares it with him.

**Potential Partnership with PCG**

Chief McEvoy reported that the IAFC likely will partner with PCG and Chief Ken Riddle to develop education for EMS Section members on cost reporting. This partnership likely will take the form of webinars and potentially podcasts and in-person classes at IAFC conferences. Chief McEvoy will update the group once a formal agreement has been reached between the IAFC and PCG.

Chief McEvoy adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm ET