



**International Association of Fire Chiefs
EMS Section Board of Directors – Conference Call
September 12, 2019**

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

Paramedic Degree Requirements

Chief Becker updated the group on recent discussions about the concept of degree requirements for initial paramedic licensure. Chief Becker reported that he will be attending the upcoming NEMSAC meeting in Washington, DC on September 17-19. Chief Becker will update the group following the NEMSAC meeting next week. The group also discussed other ways to oppose this proposal in the event that NEMSAC approves an advisory calling for the creation of such a degree requirement.

FRM 2019 Financials Update

Chief Deardorff reported that the IAFC has mostly finalized the financials surrounding FRM 2019. It appears that the final loss for the conference was significantly less than anticipated.

Current and Proposed EMS Section Budget

Chief Deardorff and Chief McEvoy reported that the FY 2019 Budget cuts appear to be successful in preventing further losses of the Section's net assets. These cuts, and the smaller than expected losses at FRM, will allow the Section to end the 2019 fiscal year in a better than anticipated position.

Chief Deardorff and Chief Croom reported that the IAFC Executive Committee approved the FY 2020 EMS Section Budget. Chief McEvoy also reported that the IAFC Professional Development Department has completed a tentative budget for the 2020 Fire-Rescue Med. Chief McEvoy and Chief Croom reported that they will share this document with the group.

RQI Update/Discussion

Members of the EMS Section Board discussed their meeting with RQI Partners at Fire-Rescue International. Chief McEvoy noted that the IAFC agreed to host a webinar with RQI later this year. Evan and Leslie will work with RQI to identify potential topics for this webinar.

NAEMT Partnering Update

Chief McEvoy updated the group on joint work with the National Association of EMTs to develop educational materials on initial care by civilians at mass casualty incidents. Chief McEvoy reported that Evan and Leslie will work with NAEMT to develop a memorandum of understanding and to finalize details of the partnership agreement.

Legislative Update

Evan provided the group with an update on several legislative and regulatory issues including: ET3, CMS data collection, and efforts to repeal the multifactor productivity factor.