



## EMS Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs

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### **EMS Section Board Call** *Thursday, October 11, 4:00 PM (ET)*

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

Chief McEvoy called the meeting to order at 4:00pm Eastern

#### **FRM 2019 Update**

The group discussed ongoing plans for the FRM 2019 conference. Chief McEvoy presented an update to the group on the work of the Program Planning Committee. Chief McEvoy also announces that Bob Owen has accepted a new position and will no longer be able to continue working on the FRM conference. Mr. Owen is compiling a transition memo for the IAFC Conferences Department to update them on the work that he had been doing to recruit new exhibitors.

#### **Cost Reporting Conference Call**

Members of the IAFC's Cost Reporting Work Group recently held a conference call with representatives of the International Association of Fire Fighters and the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association to discuss the CMS' cost reporting process. Chief McEvoy reported that the three organizations have agreed to issue a joint press statement to encourage fire service leaders to support the forthcoming IAFC-IAFF-Metro Chiefs proposal. The group also agreed to encourage their members to reject AAA attempts to have the fire service support an alternate cost reporting proposal that has been developed by the AAA.

#### **VCOS 2018**

The group discussed their travel plans for the VCOS conference and strategic planning meeting in November. Evan reported that a representative from the IAFC Membership Department has requested time to meet with the EMS Section. Chief McEvoy also reported that a representative from the NHTSA EMS Office has requested to meet with the EMS Section Board. Chief McEvoy also requested that the EMS Section Board find time to meet with the VCOS Board during the conference. Evan will work with the VCOS' Staff Liaison to find a time for this meeting.

#### **Legislative Update**

Evan updated the EMS Section Board on a variety of legislative issues including

- **SIREN Act**: The IAFC is continuing to push for Congress to maintain the SIREN Act in the final version of the Farm Bill. The AAA has been working to oppose the current eligibility rules that are proposed in the SIREN Act. Evan reported that the IAFC and NAEMT have been working to counter the AAA's opposition.



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- Cost Reporting: CMS is continuing to evaluate how to collect cost information in the EMS industry. Representatives from the IAFC recently spoke with the CMS and RAND researchers to provide recommendations on how to structure this system and define cost variables. Chief McEvoy also reported that the joint IAFC-IAFF-Metro Chiefs cost reporting work group is continuing to make progress and will soon finalize some recommendations.

The call was adjourned at 4:45pm Eastern