



## EMS Section of The International Association of Fire Chiefs

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### **EMS Section Board Call** **866-809-4014, Passcode 2730605** **Thursday, January 14, 2:00 PM (CDT)**

In Attendance: McEvoy, Metro, Croom, Andersen, Davis

#### **Agenda**

##### **EMS Section Bylaws**

Board members discussed the proposed bylaws changes which were developed during the Strategic Planning meeting at the VCOS conference in November. The draft changes have been complete and were submitted to the IAFC Constitution and Bylaws Committee for review. If approved, the changes will be voted upon during the next EMS Section business meeting.

##### **FRM Sponsorship Opportunity**

Members of the EMS Section Board discussed the sponsors which have already been secured for FRM 2016 as well as discussed other outreach opportunities for new sponsors.

##### **“New EMS” Project Proposal**

Several national EMS associations have proposed a project to examine “new EMS” and innovation opportunities. The IAFF and NVFC have both declined to participate. Members of the EMS Section Board discussed the new project and decided not to participate at this time.

##### **NFPA 1917**

The second edition of the NFPA 1917 ambulance standard was released in the Fall and is now public. The IAFC will pursue opportunities to encourage local, state, and federal entities to adopt NFPA 1917. The IAFC also will continue to encourage replacement of the KKK standard with NFPA 1917.

##### **Ryan White Act Enforcement**

The IAFC is continuing to research cases in which hospitals have failed to comply with the notification provisions contained within the Ryan White Act. The IAFC is preparing to send a letter to the HHS Secretary to request that an enforcement agent be identified for Ryan White Act issues. Once completed, the IAFC will circulate a draft letter among other fire and EMS organizations for additional sign-on.

##### **Legislative Update**

The IAFC is aware of legislation which will soon be introduced by Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC) to preserve the ability of EMS agencies to administer controlled substances to patients. This bill

also would permit agencies to register directly with the DEA and to maintain a single, agency-wide registration.

The President's budget is also expected to be released on February 9. The IAFC will make information available once the budget is released.

### **Articles for On Scene**

The March edition of On Scene will focus on EMS-related issues. Anyone interested in submitting an article should contact Evan Davis as soon as possible.

### **EMS Strong 2016**

The IAFC has been invited to participate in the EMS Strong Campaign for 2016. The IAFC participated in 2015, however the campaign did end up including material in support of the Field EMS Bill and EMS on the Hill Day. Members of the EMS Section Board were supportive of the campaign but concerned about the potential for the campaign to be used to support the Field EMS Bill or other priorities which do not align with the IAFC's priorities.