



International Association of Fire Chiefs
EMS Section Board of Directors – Conference Call

December 8, 2022

3:00 pm (Eastern)

Attendees: McEvoy, Riley, Croom, Joles, Maxwell, Becker

Chief McEvoy opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

1. FRM Planning

The EMS Section continues to plan for FRM in 2023. There was a discussion about speakers and topics. Chief McEvoy will contact Chief Lindsey and the Program Planning Committee to discuss the educational content for FRM.

2. FRI Planning and ET3 Presentation

Chief Joles reported on the Fire-Rescue International (FRI) Program Planning Committee (PPC) meeting, which recently took place in Kansas City (MO). The PPC is looking for an instructor for the Company Officer Leadership Symposium (COLS) to discuss the Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) program. The EMS Section Board discussed potential instructors and Chief Joles will contact their recommendation.

3. American Institute of Crime Scene Integrity – Crime Scene Training

Chief McEvoy was contacted about a class developed by the American Institute of Crime Scene Integrity to preserve evidence integrity at crime and death scene. Because there is a charge to the program, it was recommended that the IAFC Business Development department contact AICSI about advertising their class.

4. Federal Update

Mr. LaSala updated the EMS Section Board about efforts to resolve the supply chain crisis, which is delaying the delivery of and increasing prices for fire and EMS apparatus and equipment. He also discussed S. 4882, the Fire Grants and Safety Act, which would reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program; the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response program; and the U.S. Fire Administration. The IAFC also is asking Congress to extend the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) add-on reimbursement payments for ambulance transport.

5. Roundtable

- Chief Croom updated the EMS Section Board about the new IAFC office and staffing changes. The IAFC Board will meet in the second week of January. The EMS Section will need new letterhead.
- Chief Maxwell said that Washington State is amending its Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) agreement to account for a new interpretation of the rules by CMS. This change is expected to result in a significant billing reduction for fire departments.
- Chief Riley and the EMS Section Board discussed having an in-person board meeting in 2023 to replace the canceled 2022 board meeting that was supposed to take place in November 2022. Chief McEvoy will follow up with EMS Section Board members to plan the meeting.