



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

February 9, 2023

3:00 pm (Eastern)

Attendees: McEvoy, Riley, Joles, Croom

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

1. FRM Planning

FRM will be a virtual conference on May 16. Chiefs McEvoy, Lindsey and Colburn have lined up five presenters for FRM. They will discuss issues relating to leadership, paramedic education, public safety communications, translating research into practice, GEMT/Surprise Billing, and related issues.

2. FRI Planning

For 2023, FRI will be in Kansas City, Missouri, from August 16 – 18. The IAFC EMS Section meeting tentatively will be on the afternoon of August 18. The EMS Section Board decided to arrive at FRI on either August 15 or the morning of August 16.

3. March 26 EMS Section Board Meeting in Kansas City

Chief Joles reserved the hotel rooms and the travel schedule for the EMS Section Board meeting in Kansas City. The EMS Section Board will discuss a number of topics, including developing a strategy on the EMS Section's liaison relationships with other organization.

4. VCOS Symposium in the Sun

The EMS Section discussed attending the VCOS Symposium in the Sun in Clearwater Beach, Florida, on November 9 – 12.

5. Heart Safe Community Awards

Mr. LaSala reported that the application period for the Heart Safe Community Award will be opening soon. The EMS Section teased the award in its most recent newsletter to members.

6. James O. Page Award

The EMS Section Board discussed the James O. Page award process.

7. Federal Update

Mr. LaSala reported that Senators Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Susan Collins (R-ME) introduced legislation to reauthorize the SIREN rural EMS grant program. The bill would authorize the program through 2028. Mr. LaSala also briefly discussed changes to the California GEMT system.

8. Roundtable

Chief McEvoy reported on the newly-released [EMS Sustainability Technical Advisory Group NYS 2023 Evidence Based EMS Agenda for Future](#). The report has 25 recommendations to support EMS service in the state of New York. Governor Hochul's new budget includes funding for some of these recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm (Eastern).