



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

**April 14, 2022**  
**3:00 pm (Eastern)**

*Attendees:* McEvoy, Croom, Becker, Deardorff, Maxwell

Chief McEvoy called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm ET.

**1. Discussion re: EMS Leadership Training at National Fire Academy**

Chief McEvoy discussed last month's briefing by the National Fire Academy (NFA) about their EMS leadership training classes. Chief McEvoy recommended that the EMS Section develop a list of recommended classes at the NFA for an EMS management track and share these recommendations with the IAFC Board and NFA.

**2. FRM update**

Chief McEvoy reported that FRM will be held in a virtual format on July 12, 2022. He discussed the requirements for allowing FRM attendees to receive CAPCE credit and other FRM logistics.

**3. EMS Section Elections**

Chief McEvoy updated the EMS Section Board about the section elections. The IAFC staff are working on a web page listing the EMS Section positions and candidates up for re-election. The EMS Section Board decided that the website should clarify on the web page which board positions are uncontested.

**4. National EMS Week May 15-21**

The EMS Section and IAFC staff are fulfilling their commitments to advertise National EMS Week. Chief McEvoy will work on an article about National EMS Week and the IAFC staff will work on a National EMS Week web page. The EMS Section is still looking for volunteers to develop two social media posts about National EMS Week.

**5. Heart Safe Award Update**

Mr. LaSala reported that the Heart Safe Award application period is open. The IAFC has a webpage and started doing social media in support of the award. Chief McEvoy requested evaluators for the award on Knowledgnet. Mr. LaSala was asked to see if FireRescue 1 would send out information about the Heart Safe awards.

**6. Agreement with PCG Consulting**

Chief McEvoy outlined the requirements of the agreement with PCG Consulting. PCG is developing a follow-up webinar series on Medicare billing, including topics such as EMS budgeting, Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection, and update on the GEMT.

The EMS Section Board will try to meet with PCG Consulting at FRI. Mr. LaSala was asked to find out the hotel information and information about when sections are to meet at FRI. The EMS Section also would like to host its usual booth at the IAFC pavilion at FRI.

## **7. Federal Update**

Mr. LaSala updated the EMS Section Board about EMS-related legislation before Congress, such as efforts to increase funding for the SIREN grant program for rural EMS and efforts to extend the Medicare ambulance extenders past their expiration date at the end of 2022. The EMS Section Board discussed EMS workforce issues, including the potential use of apprenticeship programs to develop the EMS workforce.

## **8. Roundtable**

The EMS Section discussed the upcoming IAFC Strategic Planning meeting on June 1 and 2. The next EMS Section meeting will be on May 12. Chief McEvoy may be out of the country on work-related travel.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm ET.