



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

**December 14, 2023**

**3:00 pm (Eastern)**

Attendees: Joles (Chair), McEvoy, Richardson, Riley, Becker, Croom

Chief Joles began the call at 3:00 pm (Eastern).

**1. Fire-Rescue Med**

Chief Joles updated the EMS Section Board about the agenda for FRM. He reported that all but one speaker had been confirmed. In preparing for the conference, the EMS Section Board also should think about back-up speakers. Also, the EMS Section Board should begin work on official invitations and speaker agreements for the conference.

**2. EMS Section Recruitment**

Ms. Jwan Shamdin, the IAFC's Senior Membership Manager, reported on ideas for increasing EMS Section management. The EMS Section discussed past efforts at creating trial memberships and the importance of the EMS KnowledgeNet benefit. The EMS Section asked for:

- 1) The ability to send a message to all IAFC members (that are not EMS Section members) to invite the fire chief or fire department's EMS leadership to join the EMS Section.
- 2) The list of EMS Section members who are in arrears.
  - a. The EMS Section leadership will design a plan to contact them.

*Motion by Chief Croom to ask the IAFC Membership department to add all new IAFC members to the EMS Section for one year. The motion was seconded by Chief Richardson and unanimously approved.*

**3. JNEMSLF Papers**

The EMS Section discussed a paper created by the Joint National EMS Leadership Forum entitled "A Consensus on Implementing Uniform Biometric FBI Criminal Background Checks for Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics Across the United States." The EMS Section Board considered the document and noted that the IAFC Board would have to approve it.

**4. Federal Update**

Mr. LaSala reported that the SIREN grant application period is now open. The program is aimed to help rural EMS agencies address training, staffing, and equipment issues and help respond to the opioid epidemic. In addition, S. 265, legislation to reauthorize the SIREN grant program, passed the Senate on December 13.

Chief Becker updated the EMS Section Board about the recent National EMS Advisory Committee meeting on November 15 and 16. He reported that the NEMSAC proposal on postgraduate education was discussed but held from advancement.

**5. Roundtable**

Chief Riley asked about meeting in Las Vegas in February or March to inspect the FRM location.

Chief Becker asked about the EMS Section Board attending the National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner on April 25. Chief Croom reported that Congress was out of session that week.

Chief Croom reported that the IAFC Board approved its 2024 budget. The TSI conference in Irvine, Texas, was well attended. In addition, a new Training and Education Development committee is being established.

The section also discussed recent resolutions by the Urban Fire Forum regarding CPR and blood transfusions. Chief Joles reported that the EMS Section Board would meet with the National Association of EMS Physicians at their conference.

Chief Richardson reported on an upcoming chat regarding pre-hospital blood transfusions:

<https://prehospitaltransfusion.org/>

Chief Joles adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m. (Eastern).