



**International Association of Fire Chiefs
EMS Section Business Meeting Agenda
August 20, 2020
Fire Rescue International**

Call to Order and Chair's Welcome – Chief Mike McEvoy, Chair

Chief Mike McEvoy called the meeting to order at 1pm ET. Chief McEvoy thanked the attendees for logging into the meeting and introduced the EMS Section and IAFC Board members who were present.

Approval of the Minutes

Chief McEvoy announced that the minutes from the previous in-person meeting are available online for review. Chief Croom made a motion, seconded by Chief Riley, to approve the minutes as posted online. The motion passed unanimously.

Administer Oaths of Office to Newly Re-Elected Officers

IAFC President Gary Ludwig addressed the EMS Section and offered his thanks for the EMS Section's help and support throughout his term. President Ludwig especially noted his appreciation for the EMS Section's assistance in developing the IAFC's response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and his effort to address cardiovascular health in fire/EMS personnel.

Following his remarks, President Ludwig administered the oath of office to the following individuals who were re-elected to another term in their current role:

- Vice Chair: Chief Vance Riley – Pearland, TX
- Secretary/Treasurer: Chief Chad Deardorff – York City, PA
- Director At-Large: Chief Chris Shimer, Ret. – Howard County, MD

Treasurer's Report

Chief Chad Deardorff provided an update to the group on the EMS Section's finances. The Section's finances are becoming stronger. Travel generally constitutes one of the largest expense categories. Due to travel restrictions from the COVID-19 Public health Emergency, there have been very limited travel expenses. Chief Deardorff anticipates that this will continue for the remainder of the year and that the EMS Section will make significant contributions to the net assets at the end of this year.

Fire-Rescue Med Update

Chief Mike McEvoy updated the group on the latest plans to hold a virtual FRM on October 19. Like FRI this year, FRM will be held entirely online and at no cost to the attendees. FRM will be held prior to the RE-Ignite conference.

In addition to the anticipated educational content, the EMS Section plans to make available recorded updates from liaisons representing other EMS associations and government entities.

Chief McEvoy also announced that the Heart Safe Community Award nomination period is now open for submissions. Anyone interested in submitting a nomination should refer to the [online nomination form](#). Nominations *must* be submitted through the [online nomination form](#) to be eligible for consideration.

Legislative Update

Mr. Evan Davis updated the group on a variety of legislative and regulatory developments impacting EMS agencies. Mr. Davis shared information on new funding opportunities available to EMS agencies through the CARES Act, temporary federal changes in ambulance reimbursement policies, delays of the ET3 program, IAFC plans to seek payment for treatment-in-place interventions, IAFC priorities for future COVID-19 relief bills, and an overview of the Congressional proposals for FY 2021 funding levels.

Presentations from Liaisons and Guests

Dr. Jon Krohmer, MD, presented updated information for the group on ongoing NHTSA EMS projects, such as efforts to address provider mental health needs, as well as NHTSA EMS' role in the federal response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Among the resources that Dr. Krohmer highlighted was NHTSA's new [COVID resource reporting tool](#).

Mr. David Cook and Mr. Brent Williams updated the group on activities and developments at FirstNet. Among the news shared by Mr. Cook and Mr. Williams was information on the appointment of Robert Osterthaler as the new FirstNet chair, continued buildout and expansion of new FirstNet cell sites across the US, and FirstNet's expansion of deployable assets to assist in supporting communications during disasters and other events.

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Adjournment

Chief McEvoy adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm ET.