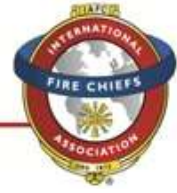




## EMS Section of The International Association of Fire Chiefs

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### 2013 Accomplishments

#### ***Top achievements in 2013 and a list of events, meetings & initiatives involving EMS Section representation on behalf of the IAFC and fire service-based EMS***

- January 4 – Members of the EMS Section spoke with the General Services Administration to encourage adoption of *NFPA 1917: Standard on Automotive Ambulances*
- January 8-9 – Chief Norris Croom attended the National Association of State EMS Officials meeting in Washington, DC.
- January 10 - The EMS Section executive committee held a phone conference to discuss the Section business and emerging issues
- January 18 – Chief Norris Croom wrote an article for *On Scene*
- January 18-19 – Chief Gary Ludwig and Chief John Sinclair attended the IAFC Strategic Planning Meeting in Fairfax, VA.
- January 24-25 – Chief Michael Metro attended the IAFC-IAFF Labor Management Initiative in Phoenix, AZ.
- January 25 – Community Paramedicine Committee began working on a document to guide fire-based EMS systems in developing a community Paramedicine program
- January 29-30: Chief John Sinclair attended the National EMS Advisory Committee meeting in Washington, DC.
- February 1-2 – Chief David Becker and Chief Paul Berlin the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for Emergency Medical Services Professionals meeting in Dallas, TX
- February 4 – Chief Norris Croom wrote an article for *On Scene*

- February 5 – EMS Section Executive Board Members sent comments to the Government Accountability Office to express the concerns of Fire-based EMS systems for the GAO’s upcoming study on drug shortages
- February 11 – Chief John Sinclair represented the IAFC at a meeting with other emergency medical organizations, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Homeland Security to discuss ways to improve the U.S. trauma system.
- February 14 - The EMS Section executive committee held a phone conference to discuss the Section business and emerging issues
- March 3-4 – Chief Norris Croom attended a meeting of the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Committee on Professional Credentialing in Henderson, NV.
- March 6 – EMS Section Executive Board members taught a class entitled “Managing Fire-based EMS Systems” at the EMS Today Conference in Washington, DC.
- March 8 – Chief David Becker represented the IAFC at a meeting of the Joint National EMS Leadership Forum
- March 8 – Nominations for the Board Election closed. Chief David Becker will be running unopposed for the position of Chair. Chief Rob Brown will be running unopposed for the position of Treasurer.
- March 12 – Chief Norris Croom wrote an article for *On Scene*
- March 14 – EMS Section Executive Board members submitted comments to the FDA on the proposed Drug Shortage Mitigation Task Force
- March 14 - The EMS Section executive committee held a phone conference to discuss the Section business and emerging issues
- March 31 – EMS Section completed the guide entitled *Enhancing Fire-based EMS – Transitioning to the Next Level*. The committee was led by Capt. Chad Deardorff and the guide will be unveiled and offered for sale at FRM in May.
- March 19-20 – Chief Norris Croom attended the National Association of State EMS Officials meeting in Washington, DC.
- April 1 – The EMS Section received nine nominations for the Heart Safe Community Award

- April 1 – The EMS Section chose Chief Kevin Brame to receive the 2013 James O. Page Award
- April 11 - The EMS Section executive committee held a phone conference to discuss the Section business and emerging issues
- April 24 – Chief Norris Croom wrote a column for *On Scene* about the educational value of FRM 2013
- April 26 – The EMS Section and IAFC sent a letter of support to Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) for his introduction of a piece of legislation (H.R. 1791) to assist fire departments in obtaining medical countermeasures
- April 29 – Chief Chris Shimer attended a meeting in Washington, D.C. with other national EMS organizations and members of the Obama Administration to discuss ways to help military emergency medical technicians achieve civilian certification
- May 3-7 – The EMS Section held the 2013 Fire Rescue Med conference in Las Vegas, NV.
- May 5 – Chief David Becker was installed as the EMS Section Chair for 2013-2015 and Chief Michael Metro was installed as the EMS Section Vice Chair for 2013-2014.
- May 5 – The EMS Section honored Kathy West with the EMS Section Meritorious Service Award
- May 5 – The EMS Section honored Capt. Chad Deardorff with the EMS Section Meritorious Service Award
- May 7 – Chief Kevin Brame (Ret.) was honored as the 2013 James O. Page Award winner
- May 7 – East Pierce, WA Fire/Rescue was chosen as the 2013 Heart Safe Community Award winner for small communities
- May 7 – Tulsa, OK Fire Department was honored as the 2013 Heart Safety Community Award winner for large communities
- May 9 – Members of the EMS Section Executive Committee attended the Congressional Fire Services Institute dinner in Washington, D.C.

- May 10 – Chief John Sinclair, and the IAFC Board of Directors, met with Secretary of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano
- May 16-17 – Chief John Sinclair attended the National EMS Advisory Committee meeting in Washington, D.C.
- May 29 – Members of the EMS Section provided comments to the National Fire Protection Association on the revision of *NFPA 1917: Standard for Automotive Ambulances*
- June 5 – Chief Gary Ludwig participated in an informational interview with the Government Accountability Organization to discuss drug shortages
- June 13 - The EMS Section executive committee held a phone conference to discuss the Section business and emerging issues
- July 8 – Chief Norris Croom wrote a column for *On Scene* about the need for situational awareness among first responders
- July 11-12 - Chief Mike Metro spoke at the Missouri Valley IAFC Conference on “Fire Service as a Competitor” and “How to Change the Culture of the Fire Service, a Ten Step Process.”
- July 11 - The EMS Section executive committee held a phone conference to discuss the Section business and emerging issues
- July 15 - Chief Mike Metro wrote an article for Fire Chiefs Magazine on the innovative thinking regarding EMS. This article focused on responding “In the Right Time.”
- July 15 – Chief Norris Croom wrote an article for the IAFC’s newsletter *On Scene*
- July 18 – Chief Mike McEvoy was appointed to serve as EMS Section Secretary through May 2014
- July 18 – Chief Mike Metro met with the Mesa, AZ Fire Department to discuss their EMS Transitional Response Program
- July 31 – The EMS Section and IAFC worked with Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) to support introduction of S. 1405, the Medicare Ambulance Access Act of 2013
- August 1 – The IAFC released a letter of support for S. 1405

- August 1-4 – Chief Paul Berlin and Chief David Becker attended a CoAEMSP meeting in Minneapolis, MN
- August 5 – The EMS Section collaborated with the Government Relations Department to design a survey to measure the impact of Medicare Ambulance Add-On payments for IAFC members
- August 5-10 – Chief David Becker represented the IAFC at the National Association of EMS Educator’s annual symposium
- August 8 – Chief Gary Ludwig attended a meeting of the IAFF EMS Committee in Denver, CO
- August 15 – The EMS Section held a meeting at FRM to discuss emerging topics in the EMS field
- August 15 – The EMS Section announced that FRM 2014 will be held in Arlington, VA
- August 15 - Chief Norris Croom wrote an article for the IAFC’s newsletter *On Scene*
- August 15-18 – Members of the EMS Section taught classes on EMS related topics at the 2013 Fire Rescue International conference in Denver, CO
- August 20-24 – Members of the EMS Section attended the IAFF’s EMS conference in Redmond, CO
- August 30 – Chief Mike Metro taught about the Affordable Care Act at a meeting of Alameda County Fire Chiefs Association
- September 5-6 – Chief John Sinclair represented the IAFC at a meeting of the National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC)
- September 6 – The EMS Section collaborated with the GR Department to submit comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Studies (CMS) on ways to improve ambulance reimbursements
- September 10 – The IAFC submitted comments to the Internal Revenue Service to encourage the IRS to exempt volunteer firefighters and EMTs from being considered employees for the purposes of the Affordable Care Act’s Employer Shared Responsibility Provision

- September 12 - The EMS Section executive committee held a phone conference to discuss the Section business and emerging issues
- September 15 - Chief Norris Croom wrote an article for the IAFC's newsletter *On Scene*
- September 16 – Chief Mike McEvoy began serving as the EMS Section representative to the IAFC's newly formed Radio Interoperability Working Group
- September 20-22 – The FRM Program Planning Committee met in Arlington, VA to plan for FRM 2014
- September 25 – Chief Mike Metro taught about the Affordable Care Act at the California Fire Chiefs' annual conference in Sacramento, CA
- September 30 – Chief Mike Metro was selected to be the EMS Section representative to the IAFC's newly formed Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Task Force
- October 1: Chief Norris Croom attended a meeting of the CPSE Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC)
- October 4: Chief Norris Croom attended an IAFC Board of Directors phone conference
- October 10: Chief Norris Croom attended an IAFC Board of Directors phone conference
- October 10: The EMS Section executive committee held a phone conference to discuss the Section business and emerging issues
- November 4: Chief Norris Croom completed the IAFC Board of Directors survey on financial issues
- November 8-10: The EMS Section executive committee held their Fall Strategic Planning Meeting
- November 16–18: Chief Gary Morris attended a meeting of the NFPA 1917 Working Group
- November 17: Chief Norris Croom wrote a column for the IAFC's *On Scene* newsletter
- November 17: Chief Mike McEvoy was appointed to be the IAFC representative to the National Registry of EMTs board of directors

- November 21: Chief Norris Croom attended a CPSE CPC conference call
- November 27: Chief Norris Croom attended an IAFC Board of Directors phone conference
- December 3: Chief Norris Croom attended a CPSE CPC conference call
- December 5-6: Chief John Sinclair attended a meeting of the National EMS Advisory Council in Washington, D.C.
- December 9: Chief Norris Croom served on a panel to discuss the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act at a meeting of the Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association
- December 12: Chief Norris Croom attended an IAFC Board of Directors phone conference
- December 15: Chief Norris Croom wrote a column for the IAFC's *On Scene* newsletter
- December 26 – President Barack Obama signed a three-month extension of the Medicare ambulance bonus payments (H.J. Res. 59)