



EMS Section of The International Association of Fire Chiefs

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2012 Accomplishments

Top achievements in 2012 and a list of events, meetings & initiatives involving EMS Section representation on behalf of the IAFC and fire service-based EMS

- The EMS Section continued to play a strong role on Capitol Hill advocating for and providing insight to Members of Congress on issues including: Discussion of a lead Federal agency for EMS; the Federal Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act; Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act; Medical Preparedness Allowable Use Act; Medicare/Medicaid Ambulance Fee Schedule funding;
- Members of the EMS Section Executive Committee taught a variety of classes at EMS Today on fire-based EMS
- The IAFC joined with other organizations of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Coalition, to send a letter to Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX) in support of the Cardiac Arrest Survival Act (H.R. 3511) at the urging of the EMS Section Executive Board.
- The EMS Section launched their first complimentary webinar. This webinar was sponsored by Masimo and addressed NFPA 1594 – Firefighter Rehabilitation and Medical Monitoring.
- The IAFC, with the EMS Section Executive Board’s support, joined with other organizations to send a letter to House and Senate appropriators in support of funding to support and increase participation in the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS).
- The EMS Section created the Community Para-Medicine Subcommittee, which is chaired by Chief Jeff Lindsey
- The IAFC prevented language from remaining in the final FAA reauthorization that could potentially prohibit public safety agencies from being able to perform Helicopter EMS (HEMS) missions, as many public safety helicopters cannot be certified under Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 135 of Title 14.
- At the Fire-Rescue Med 2012 conference, the following individuals were elected to the EMS Section Executive Committee
 - Vice Chair: Chief David Becker, Ret.
 - Secretary: Chief Michael Metro
 - Director-at-Large: Chief Norris Croom

- The EMS Section awarded the 2012 James O. Page EMS Achievement Award to Chief William Metcalf
- The EMS Section awarded the 2012 Heart Safe Community Award for Large Communities to the Howard County, MD Department of Fire/Rescue
- The EMS Section awarded the 2012 Heart Safe Community Award for Small Communities to the Hilton Head, SC Department of Fire and Rescue.
- The IAFC Board of Directors passed a position statement on the National Drug Shortage drafted and submitted by the EMS Section Executive Board.
- The EMS Section worked with other national fire-based EMS organizations to create a letter to Congress detailing the drug shortage crisis
- Congress responded to the drug shortage crisis in June, by passing the FDA Safety and Innovation Act (P.L. 112-144).
- The EMS Section completed work on *The Handbook for EMS Medical Directors*.
- Fire Rescue Med was held in Las Vegas, NV on May 4-8. FRM had over 400 attendees
- The EMS Section Executive Committee taught several classes on EMS topics at the Fire-Rescue International convention in Denver, CO
- The EMS Section presented a gift to outgoing IAFC President Chief Al Gillespie at the Fire-Rescue International convention in Denver, CO
- The EMS Section awarded the EMS Section Meritorious Service medal to Vicki Lee for her work on the *Handbook for EMS Medical Directors*
- The EMS Section endorsed *NFPA 1917: Standard on Automotive Ambulances*
- Chief Gary Ludwig represented the IAFC and the EMS Section by participating in a study with the Government Accountability Organization (GAO) study on the drug shortage crisis
- Chief Norris Croom worked with the National EMS Management Association (NEMSMA) to develop a letter of support for the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) designation of Chief EMS Officer
- The EMS Section participated in multiple meetings of the Emergency Services Coalition on Medical Countermeasures to discuss important preparedness issues with Federal government officials.

- The EMS Section contributed \$10,000 for the IAFC's Firefighter Near Miss Program
- Chief John Sinclair was nominated to serve on the National EMS Advisory Committee (NEMSAC)
- EMS Section Treasurer Chief Rob Brown continued to serve on the FRI Planning Committee
- Chief Rob Brown taught several classes as part of the Chief's Edge educational program
- Chief Michael Metro taught a series of classes through the State of California on the topic of fire-based EMS systems
- Chief Rob Brown attended a meeting of International City/County Management Association to address the topic of bias against fire-based EMS systems
- Congress extended the Medicare ambulance bonus payments for all of 2013 as part of H.R. 8, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012.
- Chief Norris Croom was nominated to serve on the Council of State Governments National Center for Interstate Compacts National Advisory Panel for EMS Personnel Licensure: Exploring Interstate Cooperation
- The EMS Section completed a rough draft of the document, *Enhancing Fire-based EMS Systems: Transitioning to the Next Level*.
- Chief Norris Croom began serving as a liaison between the CPSE Commission on Professional Credentialing and the "Compleat" Fire Officer Training program.
- The EMS Section worked with the Safety, Health, and Survival Section to encourage the General Services Administration to formally adopt *NFPA 1917: Standard for Automotive Ambulances*
- The EMS Section and the IAFC are continuing to provide complimentary EMS Section memberships for the year to new IAFC members as a membership enhancement campaign

A Calendar of Representation and Advocacy in 2012 on behalf of the EMS Section members and their goals

January 12-14: Chief John Sinclair participated in the NAEMSP 2012 annual meeting and led a discussion with other national EMS organizations on revamping the Medicare payment structure.

January 29-30: The EMS Section Executive Board met near the IAFC headquarters to prepare the EMS Section's 2012 Strategic Plan, review the 2011 accomplishments, met with IAFC CEO

Mark Light, and began working on 2012 goals including the development of the National Executive Leadership Summit to build a competitive high performing Fire Based EMS System.

February 3—Chief Brown and IAFC staff met with the National Security Staff to discuss the lead federal agency for EMS issue and reiterate the IAFC’s position that if there is to be a lead federal agency; it should be at the Department of Homeland Security.

February 3-4: Chief Dave Becker and EMS Section member Chief Paul Berlin participated in the CoAEMSP Board meeting.

February 29: The EMS Section sent section member Chief Keith Morrison to the EMS Transport Safety: Systems, Strategies, and Solutions Summit.

February 29: The EMS Section sent section member Chief Mark Lockhart to participate in the NIST/DHS Ambulance Patient Compartment Design Workshop.

February 29: Chief Brown taught at EMS Today a session on “Lessons Learned: Tour Bus MCI.”

March 1: Chief Ludwig taught at EMS Today sessions on “Crime Scene Management for EMS” and “Culture Change from the Ground Up.”

March 1: Chief Sinclair taught at EMS Today sessions on “A Panel Discussion: Priorities in Terrorism Planning” and “A Panel Discussion: Town Hall Questions and Answers on EMS.”

March 1: Chief John Sinclair, Chief Dave Becker, and IAFC staff participated in the Joint National EMS Leadership Forum meeting and were selected to lead a working group on drug shortages.

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March 2: Chief Ludwig, Chief Sinclair, and Chief Brown taught at EMS Today a session on “Best Practices in Fire-Based EMS.”

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March 2-3: EMS Section Executive Board members met with the leadership of other national EMS organizations to discuss common interests and the future of the EMS industry during EMS Today.

March 6-9: Chief Norris Croom participated in the CPSE 2012 Excellence Conference.

March 19: Chief John Sinclair participated in a Department of Homeland Security event on the Blue Campaign that addresses human trafficking.

March 20: Chief Mike Metro participated in the National Guidelines for HEMS Use and Availability Follow-Up Meeting hosted by the CDC.

March 28: Chief Rob Brown and Chief Dave Becker participated in a roundtable event on the EMS Education Agenda for the Future: A Systems Approach, held in conjunction with the National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC) meetings.

April 3: The first meeting of the EMS Section Subcommittee on Community Para-Medicine was held

April 4: The IAFC, with the EMS Section Executive Board's support, joined with other organizations to send a letter to House and Senate appropriators in support of funding to support and increase participation in the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS)

April 5: The EMS Section worked with other EMS advocacy organizations to create and issue a letter to Congress detailing the drug shortage facing the fire and EMS services

May 4-8: Fire-Rescue Med was held in Las Vegas, NV and had over 400 attendees

May 24: Chief Norris Croom attended a press conference with Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO) on the topic of the drug shortage and related legislation

May 30: Chief Gary Ludwig attended a meeting of the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (NEMSAC) in Washington, D.C.

June 25: Chief Gary Ludwig attended a meeting of the Joint National EMS Leadership Forum which was being held in conjunction with the Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services.

June 26: Congress passed the FDA Safety and Innovation Act (P.L. 112-144) which contained solutions for preventing and responding to drug shortages in the EMS community.

August 1-5: The EMS Section taught several classes on topics related to EMS at the Fire-Rescue International convention in Denver, CO.

August 2: Chief Norris Croom was awarded the Pinnacle Emerging Leadership Award by Fitch and Associates for his leadership on various projects to improve EMS around the nation

August 2-5 Chief Paul Berlin attended CoAEMSP meeting in Washington DC

August 7: Chief David Becker attended the NAEMSE Conference in Orlando, FL

August 15, Chief Gary Ludwig participated in study with the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to measure the impacts of the Drug Shortage on EMS.

August 29: Chief John Sinclair was appointed to the National EMS Advisory Council meeting in Washington, DC.

September 1: Chief Norris Croom worked with NEMSMA to issue a joint letter of support for CPSE's new Chief EMS Office designation.

September 23, Chief Norris Croom attended the annual NASEMSO meeting in Boise, ID

September 28: Chief John Sinclair met with student EMS leaders at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH

October 16: Chief Michael Metro taught a class on fire-based EMS systems in Newport Beach, CA

October 23: Chief Michael Metro taught a class on fire-based EMS systems in Los Angeles, CA

October 26-28: The EMS Section Executive Committee met and completed the 2013 Strategic Plan in Fresno, CA.

October 29-November 2: Chief Gary Ludwig attended the National Association of EMTs (NAEMT) meeting in New Orleans, LA

November 6: Chief Norris Croom participated in a conference call with the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Commission on Professional Credentialing

November 15-16: Chief Rob Brown taught two classes as part of the IAFC's *Chief's Edge* program

November 28-29: Chief Michael Metro and Chief Rob Brown attended a meeting of the California Fire Chiefs Association

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November 29: Chief Norris Croom participated in a conference call with the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Commission on Professional Credentialing

December 1: Chief Michael Metro taught a class on fire-based EMS systems in Santa Monica, CA

December 8: Chief Gary Ludwig, Chief Norris Croom, Chief Rob Brown, and EMS Section member Chief Jack Krakeel met with IAFC CEO Mark Light in Fairfax, VA to discuss a project to evaluate the Affordable Care Act

December 13: Chief Michael Metro taught a class on fire-based EMS systems in Anaheim, CA

December 19: The EMS Section created a letter of endorsement for NFPA 1917: Standard on Automotive Ambulances

December 21: Chief Rob Brown attended a meeting of the International City/County Management Association to address issues related to fire-based EMS

December 27: Chief Norris Croom participated in a conference call with the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Commission on Professional Credentialing