

**Wisconsin Fire EMS
Legislative Leadership Coalition
May 2019 activity notes**

Current Proposed Legislation

- **LRB 2751 Volunteer EMS Tax Credits “BRAVE”** – 300 1-5 years, 600 more than 5 40 hours or ½ calls. 2nd credit education and training \$500. Fiscal note - \$40 million/annual
- **LRB 0437 Increase FAP Funding** - Rep. Kolste may have bill to fill gap of \$250K
- **AB157/SB 149 Wisconsin Retirement System** - Broad bill. Sen. Jacques bill
- **Chapter 961 Uniform Controlled Substances Act**
- **SB 53, AB 44 School Barricade Bill** – Senate hearing. No update
- **AB139 SB134 – Naloxone**. No hearing or update at this point.
- **LRB 135 MAMA C Mid-America-Mutual-Aid-Consortium** – work being done now with Rep. Loudenback.
- **AB 54/SB 56 Fire Drills** – Supported. Assembly hearing.
- **AB31 SB 35 Tractor Rollover** – Senate Hearing. Supportive testimony no opposed. Assembly May 29 hearing, no opposition.
- **LRB 3306 and LRB 2297 Firefighting Foam** – Reduce the Foam with PFAS. Made in Marinette. The ground water contaminated by the chemical. Nygren in behind it. Regional aspect?
- **New Rule 110 Scope Statement** – testimony in support of it but SB committee or work group. OLC said committee could be set up. EMS Advisory Board and Dana to make up 12 committee. 1st meeting on June 5th at EMS advisory meeting. Will address all 26 issues. Long process 12- 18 months. Officially no one can do CEMS or Flex Staffing. If op plan, then a service can get acknowledgement of plan. Those who take 25-hour course can call themselves CEMS, but state may develop rules that request 200 hours and won't be in compliance. 2 paramedic requirement – are we all in agreement. We can make it work if it was flexible and accommodation. The language will need to
- **LODD** – Bewley/Wanggaard – working with author to correct that and add back in EMS. Carved out EMS and not included. In favor of everyone covered

including privates. Legislators believe it will be too costly to include EMS. Sun Prairie, and Holman under Chpt. 181 Joint Fire Department

- **Hazmat lobby for \$500K to JFC for Meters and detectors** – 4 to 7 year shelf life. \$1.1 million costs over 5 years. Got second \$500K as a budget amendment
- **Transfer of OEC from DMA to DOT** – delayed vote to DOT. Dave has heard it will stay at DMA. At a minimum, doesn't transfer but responsibilities. DOT offers RFP and auth to spend DOT to spend \$500 K July 2020 deadline.

Current Legislative Goals

- **Increase Medicaid Reimbursement Rate** – asking for 15-17 mil. Someone on finance committee has to bring motion forward. Loudenback office intends to bring a budget motion request to LRB and Fiscal Bureau .to group as bill. She must submit request. Because Amy on Finance committee don't need to submit a request. Meeting scheduled upcoming.
- **Levy Limit Caps** - Increase Fees and no reduction on Levy back to 2013
- EMS as an Essential Service
- Ground Emergency Medical Transport
- Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model – 256 is in conflict with what is happening about transport to hospital vs other locations. No answers yet EMS Office and OLC are aware and may need to do a statute change to line up rule with practice. Because no service could participate in the program because of the statute
- 2017 Fire/EMS Districts
- PTSD Workers Compensation Eligibility
- 911 Phone Fee
- Healthcare Design – Effects health insurance for Public employee