

Out of State Travel/Training Request Presented to Personnel Committee for Approval

Requesting Supervisor/Manager: Todd Blaser

Department: Fire Rescue Department

Names of Employees Attending: Todd Blaser

| Name of Training | Dates of Training | Location of Training |
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| Congressional Fire Service Institute | April 17-20, 2018 | Washington DC |

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| Estimated cost of training | \$ N/A |
| Estimated cost of travel | \$ N/A |
| Estimated cost of meals | \$ N/A |
| Estimated cost of accommodations | \$ N/A |
| Estimated cost of misc. expenses | \$ N/A |
| Total estimated cost | \$ N/A |

Requesting Supervisor/Manager Comments: *Provides an opportunity to network and attend workshops regarding the challenges the modern day fire service is meet with.*

What are the objectives for the training? *Meet with other fire professionals and discuss the local challenges of our services and educating on the Federal level the challenges that exist.*

How will this training be shared / implemented upon return? *Any opportunities or threats to our organization will be shared with admin staff and line personnel. Information on trends will also be shared with elected and other departments.*

How will this training benefit the City? *What is the return on the investment? The investment being requested is for my time to attend this conference and represent not only the City of Manitowoc but the fire service for the State of Wisconsin. The information obtained in this conference will be shared in order to stay abreast of any industry trends that might either enhance or make our organization more efficient. It allows for the input from the State level of the challenges placed on the modern day fire department with hopes of financial support of the federal government.*

Supervisor Approval/Decline

Approved Declined Reason for decline: _____

Supervisor/Manager Signature:  Dated: March 23, 2018

**Please attach any additional information you would like considered with this request

Engaging Future Leaders

Washington, DC

April 18–19, 2018

About the Event

On April 18-19, 2018, the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) will host the 30th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner in Washington, DC. Once again, the annual gathering is expected to draw over 1,500 fire and emergency services leaders from across the country. They will attend seminars, conduct meetings with their members of Congress and network with their colleagues. At the conclusion of the two-day event, they will assemble together in the Washington Hilton ballroom to hear national political leaders paying tribute to the dedication and commitment of our nation's firefighters and emergency services personnel.

The theme of the 2018 program is "Engaging Future Leaders." "To maintain our strength and active presence in Washington, DC, we must encourage future leaders to step forward and learn how they can contribute their talents and expertise to our mission," said CFSI Executive Director Bill Webb. "As we celebrate the milestone of our 2018 program, we encourage the current generation of leaders to invite individuals they see as potential future leaders of their organizations and departments to our program."

You will not find another fire service event that explains how the federal government is addressing the challenges and concerns of our firefighters, emergency services personnel and the fire service industry. Opportunities abound to interact with members of Congress and federal agency officials to discuss both national issues and local concerns. The knowledge you will acquire will increase your understanding of federal programs and legislation, while emboldening you to take a stronger interest in advocating for fire and emergency services on Capitol Hill.

The seminars program is something you can only experience in our nation's capital. Featuring members of Congress, federal agency officials and national fire service leaders, the program covers a broad array of federal issues – issues being considered by Congress or implemented by federal agencies. Your registration fee will allow you full access to the seminars program and the Dinner.

Culminating the two-day event, the 30th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner will feature leaders of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus and the Administration who will pay their personal tributes to the men and women of the fire and emergency services. The program will also include four award presentations for individual and organizational leadership in advancing the readiness and response capabilities of our nation's fire and emergency services.

Three Important Reasons Why CFSI Offers This Program

1. **Educate** attendees on critical current and future national issues, legislation, and policies that significantly impact the entire fire and emergency services community.
2. **Engage** attendees to influence members of Congress and their professional staffs, as well as leaders of federal agencies and other key Administration representatives.
3. **Network** and build relationships with a diverse assembly of leaders from throughout national fire and emergency services organizations.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 202-371-1277.

About CFSI

Established in 1989, CFSI is a nonprofit, nonpartisan policy institute designed to educate members of Congress about the challenges and needs of our nation's fire and emergency services. It is a privately-funded organization. While actively advocating each year for continued congressional support for the Assistance to Firefighters and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant programs, CFSI has never applied for either grant. This is why CFSI depends on the support from individuals and organizations to maintain an active presence on Capitol Hill.