

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

Requesting Supervisor/Manager: Todd Blaser, Chief      Department: Fire & Rescue

Name of Employees Attending: Todd Blaser

Name of Training	Dates of Training	Location of Training
Congressional Fire Service Institute Conference	April 29-May 3, 2014	Washington DC

Estimated cost of training	\$ 0	
Estimated cost of travel	\$ 0	
Estimated cost of meals	\$ 0	
Estimated cost of accommodations	\$ 0	
Estimated cost of misc. expenses	\$ 0	Please explain
Total estimated cost	\$ 0	

**Requesting Supervisor/Manager Comments:**

*This training opportunity is of no cost to the City of Manitowoc. The only request is the time away from duties; that will be covered by the Deputy Fire Chief and Battalion Chiefs.*

**What are the objectives for the training?**

*The CFSI allows for fire service around the US to speak with Congress and the Senate to share concerns and challenges that face the fire service. It also provides with some seminar opportunities for attendees in addressing some of the challenges for the fire service.*

**How will this training be shared / implemented upon return?**

*The information learned will be exchanged with administrative staff, oversight committees and the Mayor.*

**How will this training benefit the City? What is the return on the investment?**

*The opportunity allows for the City of Manitowoc to be recognized at the federal level of government and the challenges that are occurring back in the state they represent. It also allows for the professional enrichment of the Fire Chief with the education and networking opportunities that will be taken advantage of.*

**Supervisor Approval/Decline**

Approved  Declined  Reason for decline: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor/Manager Signature: Todd Blaser Dated: 3/25/14

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

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Mission

*"...to educate Members of Congress about fire and life safety issues."*

History

Whether you are a firefighter, emergency services responder, manufacturer or fire service leader, the United States Congress is more aware of your concerns because of the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI). Established in 1989 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan policy institute, CFSI is designed to educate members of Congress about the needs and challenges of our nation's fire and emergency services so that the federal government provides the types of training and funding needed by our first responders.



Members of Congress often turn to CFSI for its knowledge that penetrates the inner workings of Capitol Hill and the various facets of the fire and emergency services - from culture of the fire service and various associations that represents different disciplines to the technology and training being developed by industry. Because of our nonpartisan nature, CFSI is a proven source for accurate and objective information on fire service issues. That is why CFSI has achieved unparalleled success in consensus building...not only on Capitol Hill, but among fire service organizations as well.

For CFSI, success is built around education. Each year, we provide a series of educational activities, mostly through hands-on training programs, to sensitize Congress about the challenges facing the fire service. We offer basic training programs in structural and wildland firefighting and special briefing to discuss pending fire service legislation. We publish white papers for Congress to share with them the consensus position of the fire service on federal fire programs and legislation.

Our motto is simple: "So That First Responders Never Stand Alone." Although you often find yourself alone performing dangerous work, CFSI stands in your place on Capitol Hill working to insure that your actions and needs are being heard by federal legislators.