

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
Congressional Fire Service Institute	May 3 rd – 6 th , 2016	Washington DC

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: Todd Blaser Dated: 4/25/16

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

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CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE PRESENTS

2016 National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium / 28th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner

"Making a Difference at the National Level"
Washington, DC

May 4-5, 2016

About the Event

Since 1989, fire service leaders from across the nation have traveled to Washington, DC to attend CFSI's National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and Seminars Program. Each year, approximately 2,000 fire and emergency officials participate in the program, attending seminars, conducting meetings with the members of Congress and networking to build relationships. At the conclusion of the event, they assemble together in the Washington Hilton ballroom to hear the highest ranking political leaders in the nation pay tribute to the dedication and commitment of our nation's firefighters and emergency services personnel.

On May 4-5, 2016, CFSI will once again host the annual gathering of fire service leaders in Washington, DC. The theme of the program is "Making a Difference at the National Level." We can capture the attention of every member of Congress and deliver a strong message about our concerns if we have a large turnout. If you are concerned about continued federal support for fire service programs - especially while



National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner And Symposium

Future Dates

2016 - May 4-5

2017 - April 5-6

2018 - April 18-19

2019 - April 24-25

2020 - April 29-30

2021 - April 28-29



sequestration is imposing significant cuts on so many federal programs - you should attend this program.

Veteran attendees will notice a slight change we have made to the title of the program - from a dinner and seminars event to a symposium/dinner program. The change reflects the emphasis CFSI places on the educational aspect. 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 awards dinner.

Culminating the two-day event, the 28th 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. CFSI will extend invitations to the President and Vice President to deliver the keynote address - three presidents and four vice presidents, including Vice President Biden, have addressed previous dinners. And the program will include four award presentations for individual and organizational leadership in advancing the readiness and response capabilities of our nation's fire and emergency services (visit our website for details).

So register now, so you can help fire and emergency services "Make a Difference at the National Level" by sending important messages to Congress, messages that need to be heard by our lawmakers.

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.

CLICK THE TABS ON THE LEFT FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM.



2016 NATIONAL FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES SYMPOSIUM/ 28th ANNUAL NATIONAL FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DINNER

“Making a Difference at the National Level”

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Schedule is tentative and subject to change)

* All seminars on Wednesday, May 4th are eligible for 0.1 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from Columbia Southern University*

For more information, please visit www.cfsi.org.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016

OPENING SESSION “The Privilege of Leadership”

10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Georgetown West; Washington Hilton

The opening session of the National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium will explore a number of leadership lessons where those in command were faced with difficult circumstances and demonstrated the ability to face those circumstances with confidence, competence, and effective decision-making skills. By reviewing these examples and applying them to the fire service profession, participants will enhance their leadership skills and be able to apply them to difficult challenges that leadership opportunities can present.

Presenters: Chief Billy Hayes, Columbia Southern University

Chief Ron Dennis, Columbia Southern University

CEUs: 0.1

N-FORS: THE NATIONAL FIRE OPERATIONS REPORTING SYSTEM

12:00 noon to 12:50 p.m.

Georgetown West; Washington Hilton

Developed by prominent fire service stakeholders, the National Fire Operations Reporting System (N-FORS) captures the data elements that describe, measure, and allow benchmarking of fire operations and how they relate to reducing firefighter and civilian injury, death, and property loss. During this seminar, panelists will describe how N-FORS will transform data collection in the fire service, providing critical information to allocate resources, expand the national fire database, and produce the first firefighter career diary - a document detailing a firefighter's individual exposure, injuries, and structure fire incident experience.

Moderator: Chief Bill Metcalf, International Association of Fire Chiefs

Panelists: Dr. Greg Mears, Zoll Inc.

Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell, International Association of Fire Fighters

Mike McAdams, M.A., NREMT-P, Emergency Performance, Inc.

CEUs: 0.1

CANINE CRIME FIGHTERS – MAN’S BEST FRIEND; AN ARSONIST’S WORST NIGHTMARE

12:00 noon to 12:50 p.m.

Georgetown East; Washington Hilton

Arson shatters lives and destroys property. It is among the most difficult crimes to investigate. Canines can often detect what the best investigator can't detect the scene of a suspicious fire. Panelists in this seminar will discuss the increased role of canines in arson investigations. Attendees will learn how canines are trained to find accelerants and how using a canine can reduce the amount of time spent on the investigation, saving taxpayers thousands of dollars in testing fees. Attendees will understand how public awareness and education are a part of the canine program and can help reduce arson crimes.

Moderator: Rick Hammond, International Committee on Arson Control

Panelists: Heather Paul, State Farm Insurance

Paul Gallagher, Maine Specialty Dogs

CEUs: 0.1

JUST-IN-TIME DELIVERY OF CNG/ LNG – IT'S HERE - ARE YOU READY?

1:00 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

Georgetown West; Washington Hilton

This seminar will address the challenges virtual energy pipelines pose to local fire and emergency service providers. These “plug-and-play” Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) or Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) compressor packages are designed for delivery to facilities in remote or rural locations that lack traditional pipelines. Many local fire departments are often unaware these virtual pipelines are traveling through their jurisdictions, and may lack the necessary training and resources to deal with them. This seminar is designed to help raise awareness to this issue and provide attendees important information to help them understand the challenges virtual pipelines pose.

Moderator: Jon Narva, National Association of State Fire Marshals

Panelist: Bill Degnan, New Hampshire State Fire Marshal

CEUs: 0.1

THE WUI FIRE RESPONSE: LEAVE YOUR BUNKER GEAR BACK AT THE FIRE HOUSE

1:00 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

Georgetown East; Washington Hilton

With ever-increasing frequency, structural fire departments are being called to fight fires in the wildland urban interface (WUI). This presentation will discuss the need for all fire departments to be ready and capable of responding to these types of incidents. Panelists will discuss differences that must be recognized when responding to structural fires and wildland fires and the utilization of standard and specialized equipment to protect local communities.

Moderator: Chief Greg Cade, National Fire Protection Association

Panelists: Battalion Chief Kathy Clay, Jackson Hole (WY) Fire/EMS

Chief David A. Moore Jr., International Association of Wildland Fire

CEUs: 0.1

EMPOWERING THE FIREFIGHTER COMMUNITY IN DEVELOPING NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND SAFETY

2:00 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Georgetown West; Washington Hilton

The purpose of this seminar is to share lessons learned from engaging the firefighter community in developing new technologies that can make the fire service a safer profession. A panel composed of

researchers, members of the fire service, and government agencies will provide their unique insight into this development process. They will share best practices developed in forming a collaborative team and a results-oriented process which has produced a string of innovations designed to make the work of first responders safer and more effective.

Moderator: Chief Steve Edwards, North American Fire Training Directors

Panelists: David Oyganski, Ph.D., Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Kathy Notarianni, Ph.D., Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Raymond Panellone, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Deputy Chief John F. Sullivan, Worcester Fire Department

CEUs: 0.1

STAFFING TOMORROW: RECRUITING THE NEXT GENERATION OF VOLUNTEERS

2:00p.m. to 2:50p.m.

Georgetown East; Washington Hilton

Many volunteer fire departments across the country are struggling with recruiting new members. To better understand this issue, the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) conducted extensive qualitative and quantitative research to support the development of a national recruitment effort. The research collected indicates that there is a large population of individuals across all spectrums who are interested in volunteering. This seminar will feature a panel of experts who will offer insight on recruiting those individuals to the volunteer fire service.

Moderator: Dr. William Jenaway, Congressional Fire Services Institute

Panelists: Kevin D. Quinn, National Volunteer Fire Council

Eric Bernard, Montgomery County Fire-Rescue Association

Jabari Smith Fraser, MA, Salter-Mitchell

Allison Moore, National Volunteer Fire Council

CEUs: 0.1

CURRENT NATIONAL FIRE SERVICE-BASED EMS LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES

3:00p.m. to 3:50p.m.

Georgetown West; Washington Hilton

The information shared by panel members will cover many timely issues impacting fire service-based EMS and offer guidance to promote and advance fire service-based EMS systems at the local level. The panelists will cover the following topics:

- Communicating effectively with elected officials and other policy-makers on the advantages of fire service-based EMS systems. This will include an update on any pending legislation introduced in Congress.
- Examples and elements of current Fire Service-Based Integrated Community Health Care Partner Programs. This includes a variety of issues that have been overcome such as policy, federal funding, regulations, protocols, etc.
- Current national EMS leadership issues and challenges facing the fire service.
- NFPA standards relating to a full range of fire service-based EMS management and service delivery issues throughout the nation.

Moderator: Chief Dennis Compton, International Fire Services Training Association

Panelists: Chief Ken Knipper, National Volunteer Fire Council

Chief Gary Ludwig, International Association of Fire Chiefs

Dr. Lori Moore-Merrill, International Association of Fire Fighters

Chief Ken Willette, National Fire Protection Association

CEUs: 0.1