

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	April 4-6, 2017	Washington D.C.

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 event is an opportunity to share challenges at the Federal level of Government and how it affects us on the local state level. All expenses other than my requested time outside the City of Manitowoc is reimbursed by the Wisconsin State Firefighters Association.***

What are the objectives for the training? ***Seminars are provided at this conference as well as an opportunity to advocate our concern of the modern day Fire Service with our represented Federal Government leadership. Thursday is spent visiting with our Federal Legislators as a means to touch base with whats happening in Wisconsin and how might their assistance benefit us at the State level.***

How will this training be shared / implemented upon return? ***I've always been happy to share information upon my return. The MFRD finds it very important that when creating benchmarks for our organization we take into consideration of information from within but what is occurring and trending at State and Federal Levels.***

How will this training benefit the City? What is the return on the investment? ***The information learned and networking with fire service peers around the 50 States will not only help but enrich the City of Manitowoc Fire Rescue as we also share in the changes of the Modern Day Fire Service.***

Supervisor Approval/Decline

Approved ☒ Declined ☐ Reason for decline: _____

Supervisor/Manager Signature:  Dated: 2/20/17

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

Mission

“....to educate Members of Congress about fire and life safety issues.”

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.

2017 Seminar Schedule

Schedule is tentative and subject to change

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017

All seminars on Wednesday, April 5th are eligible for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from Columbia Southern University

OPENING SESSION: THE UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION: A Retrospective Discussion about Our Federal Agency

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Lincoln East; Washington Hilton

Description: A panel discussion with former-U.S. Fire Administrators about their experiences

heading the agency, the challenges they faced as Fire Administrators, and their thoughts on strengthening the mission of USFA.

Moderator: Bill Webb, CFSI Executive Director

Panelists: Chief David Paulison, Chief Greg Cade, Chief Ernest Mitchell, Jr. (TENTATIVE)

CEUs: 0.1

U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION'S APPLIED RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONDER

12:00 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Lincoln East; Washington Hilton

Description: This presentation will address the United States Fire Administration's (USFA) research agenda, including both and future research efforts to reduce firefighter on-duty deaths and injuries, and to enhance the safety of the general public.

Presenter: Bill Troup, United States Fire Administration

CEUs: 0.1

THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE SERVICE INVOLVEMENT IN STATE AND LOCAL ADOPTION OF MODEL CODES

12:00 noon – 12:50 p.m.

Monroe Room; Washington Hilton

Description: State and local governments are adopting model codes in longer intervals than in the past, and with amendments that weaken codes developed by using a national consensus process. The impact of these amendments creates a less-safe working environment for firefighters, greater losses for the community and, overall greater risk. This seminar will explore strategies for countering this practice and promoting the adoption of model building codes at all levels of government.

Moderator: Jim Tidwell, Tidwell Code Consulting

Panelists: Chief Greg Cade, National Fire Protection Association

Assistant Chief James "Robby" Dawson, Chesterfield (VA) Fire and EMS Department

Jeff Feid, State Farm Insurance

Jeff Terrey, Rasky Baerein Strategic Communications

Sara Yerkes, International Code Council

CEUs: 0.1

HIGHWAY INCIDENT DANGERS – HOW FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY IMPACTS ROADWAY RESPONDER SAFETY

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Lincoln East; Washington Hilton

Description: Roadways present one of the most dangerous working environments for firefighters. Each year, firefighters are struck and killed or injured at roadway emergencies, while many experience close calls that could have been disasters. Distracted drivers are a serious threat to all emergency responders at roadway incidents. This panel will discuss how federal rulemaking, programs, and research have reduced the risk of injury and death to first responders at roadway incidents and how firefighters needs to become more engaged in adopting and implementing these programs.

Moderator: Steve Austin, Emergency Responder Safety Institute

Panelists: Jim Austrich, Federal Highway Administration

Jack Sullivan, Emergency Responder Safety Institute

Ryan Pietzsch, VFIS

Bill Troup, United States Fire Administration
CEUs: 0.1

A 9-1-1 SYSTEM IN TRANSITION – MAJOR 9-1-1 ISSUES UPDATE

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Monroe Room; Washington Hilton

Description: This seminar will provide an update on the many changes to the nation's 9-1-1 system as a result of constantly evolving communication technologies. Presenters will provide an overview of efforts to transition from the legacy 9-1-1 system to a fully capable next generation 9-1-1 system, including efforts to improve 9-1-1 location accuracy. They will provide an update on the ability of the nation's public safety answering points (PSAPs) to receive text-to-911 messages. The presentation will include an overview of the process underway by the National 911 Program Office to establish and implement a \$115 million NG9-1-1 grant program as well as a discussion on the intersection of FirstNet and NG9-1-1 systems.

Moderator: Patrick Halley, NG9-1-1 Institute

Panelists: Ken LaSala, International Association of Fire Chiefs

Trey Forgety, National Emergency Number Association

Don Brittingham, Industry Council on Emergency Response Technologies

CEUs: 0.1

FACING FIRE SERVICE OCCUPATIONAL CANCER CHALLENGES

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Lincoln East; Washington Hilton

Description: Firefighter occupational cancer presents a rapidly evolving set of issues. Fire service organizations are working individually, and as part of a national alliance, to meet these challenges. This session addresses critical elements of their efforts and focuses primarily on progress made most recently through legislation, administration and policy, and through research and collaboration.

Moderator: Dennis Compton, International Fire Service Training Association

Panelists: Ken LaSala, International Association of Fire Chiefs

Victor Stagnaro, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

Pat Morrison, International Association of Fire Fighters

Jimmy Seavey, National Volunteer Fire Council

CEUs: 0.1

DRIVING CULTURE CHANGE IN THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Monroe Room; Washington Hilton

Description: This seminar will cover the definition and concept of culture as it relates to the fire service. Much of the session will focus on three important strategies that leaders in fire and emergency services

organizations can leverage to make cultural changes in their organizations. The presenter will blend theory and specific examples into his presentation to illustrate the important elements for bringing about cultural changes that will benefit the workplace.

Presenter: Dr. Brian Brauer, Illinois Fire Service Institute

CEUs: 0.1

FIRE SERVICE-BASED EMS – THE NEXT PHASE OF SERVICE DELIVERY INTEGRATION

3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Lincoln East; Washington Hilton

Description: Fire Service-Based EMS is a constantly evolving element of fire department emergency service delivery systems. It is critical that the fire service engage in a full range of pre-hospital 9-1-1 emergency medical care issues to effectively represent the needs of Fire Service-Based EMS providers. Seamless emergency services delivery is critical to public safety and most effective when part of an integrated all-hazards model provided by most career and volunteer fire departments. This session is focused on an overview of current EMS related opportunities and challenges facing the fire service. This includes legislation, administration and policy, as well as the safety of firefighters responding to EMS scenes. Leaders from the volunteer and career fire service will find this seminar very informative and helpful.

Moderator: Dennis Compton, International Fire Service Training Association

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

Chief Gary Ludwig, International Association of Fire Chiefs

Chief Kenneth Willette, National Fire Protection Association

Chief Otto Drozd, Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association

CEUs: 0.1

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION SUCCESS TIPS

3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Monroe Room; Washington Hilton

Description: With over 70% of the United States fire service being comprised of volunteers, effective recruitment and retention is essential for departments nationwide. When fire departments are asked about their major challenges, they often state that recruitment and retention are a struggle. This session will present proven tips that have led to an increase in volunteer staffing. Key topics that will be discussed include leadership, social media, local partnerships, training, policies, media, public relations, unique out-of-the-box ideas, and more.

Moderator: Chief Timothy Wall, International Association of Fire Chiefs Volunteer & Combination Officers Section

Panelists: Chief Nick Caputo, Virginia Fire Chiefs Association

Chief Shawn Stokes, International Association of Fire Chiefs

CEUs: 0.1

EXCELLENCE IN FIRE SERVICE-BASED EMS

4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

Lincoln East; Washington Hilton

Description: A presentation by the winners of the 2017 CFSI/Masimo Excellence in Fire Service-Based EMS Award winners highlighting best practices and outstanding innovations in the delivery of emergency medical services by local fire departments.

Moderator: Bill Webb, CFSI Executive Director

Panelists: To Be Announced

CEUs: 0.1

LIVING WITH WILDLAND FIRE: THE NATIONAL COHESIVE WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – A NATIONAL EFFORT

4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

Monroe Room; Washington Hilton

Description: As wildfire burns in all areas of the nation, the National Cohesive Strategy is important to all of us and requires collaboration among stakeholders with different authorities and resources. By providing a national framework, the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management plan offers policy options, risks and consequence decision matrixes combined with

evaluation of how these decisions fit into the future wildland fire management strategies. This seminar will present key elements of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy (NCWFMS). By attending, participants will understand how this national strategy applies to their local jurisdictions, where to access additional information on the strategy, and learn about community success stories.

Panelists: Dr. Tom Zimmerman, International Association of Wildland Fire
Chief Kathy Clay, Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Department

CEUs: 0.1

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017

CFSI TOWN HALL MEETING: FIREFIGHTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monroe Room, Washington Hilton

Description: Firefighting is an inherently dangerous profession. In addition to physical hazards, firefighters often face additional layers of emotional and mental stress. It is critical that all firefighters have access to comprehensive wellness programs that include information, education, and support to assist in dealing with these issues. This town hall meeting will feature an open discussion between attendees and subject matter experts representing several of the nation's prominent fire service organizations.