



## **Fire Service Fellowship Program**

Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center

The Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center (STIC) serves as a hub for the exchange of information between federal, state and local public safety organizations. Public safety personnel, analysts and leaders from these organizations have varying degrees of understanding of the resources available to public safety organizations via the STIC. These resources include several databases, expertise in social media techniques, critical incident response, and available technology. In order to address these gaps and improve the cooperation and coordination with local fire service partners, the STIC is implementing a Fire Service Fellowship Program beginning in June 2018.

This fellowship will be a one-week (5 day) program in which meals and lodging will be provided for fire officials to travel to Springfield and work with personnel, analysts, and program managers at the STIC. Participants selected will be exposed to the following:

- Introduction to the Intelligence Cycle and Intelligence Guidelines
- Participation in daily STIC meetings and briefings
- STIC databases, resources, mapping, and technology
- Familiarization with reporting and tracking of suspicious activity
- Information about MABAS, IEMA, and OSFM
- Techniques in the use of Open Source Intelligence
- Major event support

Participants will become familiar with STIC partners, the Overdose Tracking Program, and Public Safety programs available. Participants will have the opportunity to spend the time with the six divisions of the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal including the Arson Division. Candidates must have the written recommendation of their Fire Chief, and will be subject to a limited background check.

Below are further logistical details about the program and the application process.

- Must be a member of a Fire Department from Illinois to qualify.
- Preferred candidates would be firefighters, company officers, chief officers, fire investigators, training officers and special team personnel.
- The Fire Chief, or Agency Head will make recommendations to STIC for any personnel they want to be considered for the fellowship program.
- Training will be Monday through Friday for one week.
- Lodging will be provided Monday through Thursday and will be paid for by federal State Homeland Security Program grant funds.
- The State of Illinois per diem of \$28 per day to cover the cost of meals will be paid to each personnel attending the fellowship and prorated for any partial days.
- There is no funding available to provide overtime or backfill.
- The home agency will be responsible for their personnel's salary and transportation.
- There will be one candidate selected for each one-week fellowship rotation.
- This fellowship program is anticipated to run every other week for a one-week periods through June 30, 2019.
- Agencies will not have the opportunity to send more than one department member to the fellowship until other agencies have been allowed to send their first participants.
- Personnel must pass a limited background and will be chosen by applications.
- STIC will make selections of participants based upon geographic area, the needs of the participating fire service agency, the applicant's experience and expertise, and their mutual relationship with the STIC mission.
- Participating personnel will be expected to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement as well as a letter of intent in order for lodging and per diem to be provided.
- Further details and personal history forms will be supplied to interested agencies. Interested departments should provide names of candidates, a summary of their background and duties, along with a short-written summary of why the candidate's participation would be beneficial to their Fire Department. If you have any questions or comments or wish to submit personnel for the fellowship program, please contact the Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center via e-mail at [ps\\_applications@isp.state.il.us](mailto:ps_applications@isp.state.il.us).