Rich,

As part of the Chicago Fire Department’s Emergency Medical Services Division, I received permission to attend and participate in the “Stress and Violence in fire-based EMS Responders (SAVER)” project conducted by Dornsife School of Public Health at Drexel University. This project responded to seven of FEMA’s national prevention priorities on firefighter safety projects “designed to measurably change firefighter behavior and decision-making”.

The project enabled me as a member of the Chicago Fire Department (CFD) to assist with developing a system-level checklist for violence against fire-based EMS responders using findings from a recently completed USFA IAFF funded systematic review of academic and industrial literature. The checklist will speak to each phase of emergency response, including 1) traveling to the event, 2) scene arrival/prior to entry, 3) patient care, 4) transport to the hospital, 50 transfer to ED staff, and 6) assessing reediness to return to service. As part of this project, the Assistant to Firefighter Grant obtained by Dornsife School of Public Health covered expenses relating to approved transportation, lodging, meals, taxi’s and other incidentals.

 Participation at the conference will allow the CFD to implement a program that would allow the CFD to track verbal and physical violence against our members that does not result in injury. Pertinent information relating to my participation and travel for this course is as follows:

 - Member Information:

Keith Gray- Assistant Deputy Chief Paramedic

- Project Information:

Center for firefighter Injury Research and Safety Trends (“FIRST”) at the Dornsife School School of Public Health at Drexel University

- Conference Description:

Two day conference to focus on a “System Checklist Development & Stakeholder Consensus”

- Course Location:

Dornsife School of Public Health – Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

- Conference Dates:

July 16-17, 2018

Travel Dates

July 15, 2018

July 18, 2018

Members time off covered by department

Respectfully Submitted,

“Keith Gray, Chicago Fire Department