## **Local Law Enforcement 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. Officers, 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 dozen databases, expertise in many investigative and intelligence techniques, major case support, and available technology and equipment. In order to address these gaps and improve the cooperation and coordination with local law enforcement agencies, the STIC implemented a Law Enforcement Fellowship Program beginning in May 2017.

This fellowship will be a one - week (5 day) program in which meals and lodging will be provided for local officers to travel to Springfield and work with personnel, analysts, and program managers at the STIC. Officers 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 counter terrorism, HVEs, and the FBI JTTF
- Techniques in the use of Open Source Intelligence
- Major crime support and leads management

Participants will become familiar with STIC federal partners, the Narcotics program, and the Public Safety programs available. Officers will have the opportunity to bring agency and case specific requests with them to STIC for potential exploitation during the week. Candidates must have the recommendation of their Chief or Sheriff, will be subject to a limited background check to included checks of STIC databases and open source social media, and must sign a non-disclosure agreement. All law enforcement agencies in Illinois are eligible to participate in this fellowship program and should be willing to share information about public safety threats from within their jurisdictions with the STIC.

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- Must be a member of a law enforcement agency from Illinois to qualify.
- Preferred candidates would be investigators, narcotics officers, or investigative supervisors. Patrol officers will be accepted if they participate in task forces, special enforcement details, or have established relationships with the community.
- Chiefs, Sheriffs, or Agency Heads will make recommendations to STIC for any officers they want to be considered for the fellowship program.
- Training will be Monday through Friday.
- 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 officer 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 officer's salary and transportation.
- There will be one candidate selected for each one-week fellowship rotation.
- This fellowship program is anticipated to run consecutively for a one-week period through June 30, 2020.
- Agencies will not have the opportunity to send a second officer to the fellowship until other agencies have been allowed to send their first participants.
- Officers 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 law enforcement agency, the applicant's experience and expertise, and their mutual relationship with the STIC mission.
- Participating officers 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 agencies 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 the law enforcement agency. If you have any questions or comments or wish to submit an officer for the fellowship program, please contact the Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center via e-mail at ISP.STICMGRS@illinois.gov.