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COMMISSIONER OF SAFETY

October 1, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Requested Action

Pursuant to MOP 1102 (L), the Department of Safety, Division of State Police, requests **retroactive** authorization for one Trooper to travel over 300 miles one way in a State Police issued unmarked state vehicle in the amount of \$1,570.32 to attend the FBI National Academy – 278th Session in Quantico, Virginia, from October 6, 2019 through December 21, 2019. Effective upon Governor and Council approval. Funding source: 48.64% General, 28.31% Turnpike, 23.05% Highway.

Funds are available in the SFY2020 operating budget as follows:

02-23-23-234015-40030000 Department of Safety – Division of State Police – Traffic Bureau
080-500715 Out of State Travel Reimbursement – Operation - State Car (Out-of-State)
Amount: \$1,570.32

Explanation

This request is **retroactive** because it was an oversight in the completion and routing of the paperwork and by the time the request was forwarded, it was too late for Governor and Council approval for one Trooper to travel outside a 300 mile radius before the start date of the FBI National Academy – 278th session in Quantico, Virginia. The Trooper is traveling in a State Police issued unmarked state vehicle. The session runs from October 6 through December 21, 2019.

The round trip mileage from Hampton, New Hampshire to Quantico, Virginia is 1,054 miles. The total cost for travel by air and use of a rental car for the 77 days time frame in Quantico is \$3,646.44. The cost to travel by state vehicle is \$1,570.32. The savings to travel by state vehicle versus travel by air is \$2,076.12 (see Attachment A for comparisons). The employee will not be paid overtime during the time frame of this travel.

The National Academy is an advanced professional course of study for United States and International law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation worldwide. Attendance in this course of study is by nomination and invitation only. The ten week courses of study are undergraduate and/or graduate college courses areas such as: law, behavioral science, forensic science, understanding terrorism/terrorist mindsets, and more. Officers participate in a wide range of leadership and specialized training and they share ideas, techniques and experiences with each other, creating lifelong partnerships that span state and national lines. The National Academy is known as one of the premier law enforcement departments.

All maintenance on the State Police issued unmarked state vehicle is up to date. The Division of State Police has a policy in place for breakdowns and maintenance of vehicles. If a mechanical issue should occur, notification will be made to the attendees' supervisor and maintenance will be handled through a local contractor in the area.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Date: October 1, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR & COUNCIL:

The Department of Safety, Division of State Police, requests permission for Captain Christopher Vetter from the Field Operations Bureau to travel to Quantico, Virginia for 77 days of out-of-state-travel status from October 6 through December 21, 2019, **retroactively**.

Conference/Workshop/Seminar Title

FBI National Academy – 278th Session

Purpose of Travel

Pursuant to the Department of Administrative Services Manual of Procedure (MOP) 1102 (L), the Department of Safety, Division of State Police, requests approval for travel outside a 300 mile radius (see Attachment B) for one Trooper in a State Police issued unmarked state vehicle for the purpose of attending the FBI National Academy – 278th Session from October 6 through December 21, 2019 in Quantico, Virginia. The round trip mileage from Hampton, New Hampshire to Quantico, Virginia is 1,054 miles. The total cost for travel by air and use of a rental car for the 77 day time frame in Quantico is \$3,646.44. The cost to travel by state vehicle is \$1,570.32. **The savings to travel by state vehicle versus travel by air is \$2,076.12**(see Attachment A for comparisons). This employee will not be paid overtime during the time frame of this travel.

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Attendee and Title

Captain Christopher Vetter – Field Operations Bureau

Fiscal Information – Summary

<u>Obit</u>	<u>Description</u>		<u>Amount</u>		<u>Amount</u>
0710	Common Carrier	\$		Appropriation of Out-of-State Travel	\$ 81,582.00
0711	Per Diem In Lieu	\$		Amount Expended to Date	\$ 7,410.52
0712	Meals	\$	*100.00	Available Balance	\$ 74,171.48
0713	Hotel	\$	**109.00	Amount requested this authorization	\$ 1,570.32
0714	Mileage	\$		Estimated Balance Available	\$ 72,601.16
0715	Operation State Car	\$	***611.32	*Meals First & Last Day of Travel; No cost while Attending Academy.	\$
0717	Miscellaneous	\$	****750.00	**Hotel for One Night on 10-6-19/No Cost Starting 10-7-19 for the Remainder of the Academy – Accommodations Provided by the FBI Academy.	
0719	Registration Fees	\$		***State Mileage Reimbursement Rate – Round Trip = \$.58 per mile x 1,054 Miles)	
	TOTAL	\$	1,570.32	****Tolls = \$100.00 Approx. (Round Trip); Mandatory Uniforms/Clothing Requirement = \$650.00 Approx.	

Appropriation Code: 15-023-4003-080

Source of Funds: 27.6% Turnpike, 22.5% Highway, 49.9% General

Division Director: Xo *Maull J. Shapiro*
 10-02-19

Commissioner of Safety: *[Signature]*

ATTACHMENT A

AIR TRAVEL BREAKDOWN

TRAVEL BY AIR - TIME REQUIRED:

Round Trip (R/T) to Manchester Airport in Vehicle from Residence in Hampton, NH	1.50 Hours
Arrival Time at Manchester Airport Prior to Departure	1.50 Hours
Air Travel from Manchester Airport to Washington/Reagan National Airport	2.00 Hours
Arrival Time at Washington/Reagan National Airport Prior to Departure	1.50 Hours
Air Travel from Washington/Reagan National Airport to Manchester, NH	<u>1.50 Hours</u>
	8.00 Hours – Round Trip

TRAVEL BY AIR - TRIP COST INCLUDING AIR TRAVEL:

State Mileage Reimbursement Rate – R/T	\$ 48.84
<i>[From Residence to Manchester Airport in Private Vehicle: 84.2Miles R/T x \$.58]</i>	
Airfare	\$ 465.60
Baggage Fee – Round Trip [<i>\$30.00 = One Way</i>]	\$ 60.00
Rental Car (Compact) – Approximate for 77 Days	\$2,213.00
Mandatory Uniform/Clothing Requirement – Approximate	\$ 650.00
Hotel – Approximate Plus Tax - One Night on 10-6-19	\$ 109.00
Meals (GSA Rate for First & Last Day of Travel To & From Quantico)	\$ <u>100.00</u>
TOTAL COST TO TRAVEL BY AIR	\$3,646.44

TRAVEL BY VEHICLE COST BREAKDOWN

TRAVEL BY VEHICLE - TIME REQUIRED:

Hampton, New Hampshire to Quantico, Virginia 17.50 Hours – Round Trip

TRAVEL BY VEHICLE - TRIP COST:

State Mileage Reimbursement Rate – R/T New Boston, NH to Quantico, VA <i>[\$.58 per mile x 1,054 miles]</i>	\$ 611.32
Tolls (R/T) - Approximate	\$ 100.00
Mandatory Uniform/Clothing Requirement – Approximate	\$ 650.00
Hotel – Approximate Plus Tax - One Night on 10-6-19	\$ 109.00
Meals (GSA Rate for First & Last Day of Travel To & From Quantico)	\$ <u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,570.32

COST COMPARISON USING MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL

AIR TRAVEL:	\$3,646.44
VEHICLE TRAVEL:	\$1,570.32
SAVINGS IF DRIVEN:	\$2,076.12

ATTACHMENT B

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – MANUAL OF PROCEDURES

Section 1102 General Reimbursement Policy

- (A) These policies apply to all Executive Branch agencies.
- (B) It is the State's policy to limit costs to only those expenses that are necessary to conduct State business.
- (C) Employees who are on travel status are required to keep costs within reasonable limits.
- (D) These policies are intended to provide clear and consistent guidelines and procedures to ensure:
 - 1. Employees are reimbursed fairly and in a consistent manner.
 - 2. Employees are provided with clear and consistent travel expense reimbursement instructions.
 - 3. Compliance with applicable state and federal regulations (RSA 4:15, OMB Circular A-87, etc) and meet the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) definition of an accountable plan.
 - 4. Expenses and reimbursements that conform to this policy are not reported as taxable income to the individual with the exception of call back commuter mileage.
- (E) Only travel performed in the course of State duties shall be reimbursable under the provisions of RSA 4:15.
- (F) Heads of departments, assistants, and employees shall not be allowed the expense of travel between their residence and their official headquarters.
- (G) Travel reimbursement shall not include any costs that are incurred solely for the convenience or enjoyment of the employee.
- (H) All requests for out-of-state travel requiring authorization of Governor and Council shall be made on the prescribed, "Request for Authorization of Out-of-State Travel," showing the full detail of expense to be incurred and the justification for the request.
- (I) All requests for out-of-state travel requiring authorization of Governor and Council shall be transmitted through the budget office with an original and three copies.
- (J) The mode of travel, performed within a 300 mile radius of the employee's official headquarters, shall be at the discretion of the employee's department head or designee.
- (K) The mode of travel, performed outside of a 300 mile radius of the employee's official headquarters, shall be economy class airfare on commercial airlines.

- (L) Governor and Council approval shall be required for travel, performed outside of a 300-mile radius of the employee's official headquarters, by any mode other than economy class airfare on commercial airlines flying.
- (M) The Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services, or designee, may approve exceptions to provisions of this policy, to the extent justified and approved by the employee's department head or designee.
- (N) The Governor and Executive Council shall make the final determination in dispute concerning the reimbursement of travel expense.