

EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT:

Participation Members are eligible to participate in the Educational Assistance Incentive Program of the City. Participation is voluntary and available to those who elect job-related self-development activities, during non-working hours. All course work must be taken in accordance with a planned program of professional improvement approved by the Chief in advance.

Allowances The allowances for assistance are as follows:

For approved courses earning college credit, a maximum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), effective January 1, 2005, of tuition expenses for each academic year may be requested by a member, and for approved courses earning other than college level credit, a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of tuition expenses for each academic year may be requested by a member. Effective January 1, 2009, this amount shall be increased to three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$3,250.00).

Fifty percent (50%) of the expense incurred for textbooks required for approved courses will be paid, except that for non-college-level courses, a Two Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$250.00) limit is not to be exceeded.

To qualify for assistance, a member shall satisfactorily complete the course(s) by attaining a passing grade. Reimbursement shall be made upon submission of official transcripts, tuition statements and receipts for textbooks.

A member who has received educational assistance must remain a member for one (1) year following completion of the courses for which assistance was received. Should a member separate from service with the City within the one (1) year period, except in the event of a disability retirement, that member must repay any assistance received in the one (1) year period.