

# STA Chicago/STA(SM) DuSable Harbor

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**WEB SITE:** <https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/District-9/Ninth-District-Units/Sector-Lake-Michigan/Units/Chicago/>

**UNIT POINT OF CONTACT (POC) E-MAIL:** Will be assigned via welcome aboard message.

**UNIT's MISSIONS:** Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement, Ports, Waterways and Coastal Security.

**TYPICAL SA/SN JOB ASSIGNMENT:** Communications Watch stander, RBS/RBM Boat crewmember, Boarding Team Member, Ice Rescuer. Certification deadlines are assigned and rigorously enforced.

**TYPICAL FA/FN JOB ASSIGNMENT:** Same as SA/SN, FN's will also be expected to certify as RBM engineer.

**INPORT WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION:** Port and Starboard: two days on, two days off, alternating weekends.

**SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING AFTER HOURS:** Report to Officer of the Day; make every effort to report prior to 1600 on a weekday.

**SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING IF UNIT IS UNDERWAY:** N/A

**AMOUNT OF PERSONAL STORAGE SPACE:** Very, very limited. Only enough space in duty room for issued PPE and duty uniforms.

**NORMAL WORKDAY UNIFORM:** ODU's

**UNIFORM TO REPORT IN:** Tropical Blue (May-October), Service Dress Blue 'Bravo' (November-April)

**AVERAGE TEMPERATURE      SUMMER:** 80-90F **WINTER:** 0-20F

**UNIT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE REP NAME & PHONE #:** Sector Lake Michigan, 414-747-7144

**TYPES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AVAILABLE IN THE AREA:** The Chicago Metro area is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city in the nation. Numerous public, private, vocational schools are available.

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CG members will be expected to first certify in all positions before ESO will approved Tuition Assistance.

**RATINGS PRESENT AT UNIT:** CWO(BOSN), BM, MK, EM, SK, and CS

**NAME OF NEAREST CITY AND DISTANCE:** We are in the southernmost portion of Chicago. Hammond, Indiana is within 1 mile. The station is actually located in Chicago; the downtown area is approximately 7 miles to the north.

**NAME OF NEAREST MILITARY FACILITY AND DISTANCE:** Great Lakes Naval Training Center, approximately 50 miles to the North.

**LOCATION OF NEAREST EXCHANGE AND COMMISSARY:** Great Lakes Naval Training Center, approximately 50 miles to the North.

**RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE AREA:** All, very diverse community.

**ALTERNATE POC IF SPONSOR'S NOT AVAILABLE:** Officer of the Day

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** *(any other information a newly arriving non rate needs to know)* Chicago is a thriving, exciting, and rewarding place to serve. The city is also experiencing a surge in violence. While the immediate area around the station is safe, there are parts of the city where crime is high and law enforcement/military members may not be welcome. Do not make any housing arrangements without first speaking with your sponsor. This station is the busiest station in D9; we typically complete over 100 SAR cases and 600 LE activities per year. We operate a Station Small out of downtown Chicago during the summer months. It is critical you report in fit for full duty and prepared to tackle your certifications. Bring extra base layers and cold weather gear, like extra watch caps, gloves, etc. You will be challenged here, but we pride ourselves in making this unit a great place to start your CG career.

## **MEMBERS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS**

**IS MESSING AVAILABLE:** Yes. You will receive Basic Allowance for Subsistence. The galley serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

**TYPICAL HOUSING ASSIGNMENT FOR A SINGLE NON-RATE:** *(Describe what type of accommodations a non-rate is likely to get upon reporting as well as other housing options they may become eligible for over time at your unit)* A temporary duty room is available for when you first report in. You will be expected to find your own quarters within ten (10) days of reporting in. Some Station members live in the Chicago area, rent around downtown is expensive and will be \$1,500 and more for singles/lofts/studios. Parking is very limited and isn't always included into rent prices. Majority of Station Members live in the Merrillville, Crown Point, Valparaiso, and Hammond, IN areas. The cost of living for the majority of apartments is \$1,000 and more in these areas.

**STEPS TO ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS:** *(Explain the steps new member will need to take to set up their living accommodations, i.e. submit housing application to Housing Officer, contact MAA for berthing in UPH, etc.)* There is no government-owned housing available in the Chicago area. You will receive Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). E-2 Rates for 2020 are \$1,683 without dependents and \$2,052 with dependents.

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## **RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR TYPICAL 18-20 YR OLD**

**SINGLE MALE**: Will vary based on age/driving history/etc.

**SINGLE FEMALE**: Same.

**MOST WIDELY USED BANK**: Many members bank with USAA. All major banks are available in Chicago area.

**IS THERE A CREDIT UNION IN THE AREA**: Yes, many. Navy Federal, etc.

**DISTANCE TO THE NEAREST MALL**: Several world-class shopping destinations are available within 50 miles of the station. This is a large, diverse metropolitan area; you'll have access to nearly anything you need.

## **MEMBERS WITH DEPENDENTS**

**COST OF AVERAGE TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT IN THE AREA**: Depends on the community you choose to live in. In most cases, rent for a two bedroom apartment is within the BAH rate.

**AVERAGE COST OF UTILITIES FOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT**: Varies based on community. Winter heating/utility expenses generally cost more than summer cooling. Plan to pay some out of pocket (beyond BAH) for cellular phone, cable, etc.

**BAH RATE FOR AN E2 & E3 WITH DEPENDENTS**: \$2,052

**LEASED HOUSING AVAILABILITY**: None

**GOVERNMENT OWNED HOUSING AVAILABILITY**: None

**AVERAGE WAIT FOR HOUSING**: None

**HOUSING OFFICE PHONE#** *N/A*      **FAX#***N/A*

**WHERE MOST MEMBERS WITH DEPENDENTS LIVE**: Most members with dependents live in the western Chicago suburbs or in northwestern Indiana. The commute from Indiana is generally easier than the western suburbs, but involves tolls. Talk with your sponsor to get some options.

**RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR TYPICAL YOUNG FAMILY**: Varies based on provider and driving history.

**WHERE MOST DEPENDENTS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE**: Due to the Station's, location we are able to use a local Medical provider instead of the Great Lakes Naval Facility. When a member reports aboard and has made living arrangements the member will apply for TRICARE for their dependents and them self, TRICARE North Region 1888-TRICARE. The provider list and application can be found at <https://www.hnfs.net/bene/enrollment>

**LEVELS OF TRICARE AVAILABLE**: Remote

**IS THE TRICARE DENTAL PROGRAM AVAILABLE**: Yes

**LOCAL SCHOOLING OPTIONS**: Varies based on community. Many of the northwest Indiana schools are very highly rated. Many private school options as well in Chicago area.