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 2017 Membership Application & Invoice  
 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2018**

**Your MIFDI Dues  
 are due Jan. 1st**



**or Join MIFDI for  
 the first time.**

**Membership Information**

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<b><u>Active</u></b>	<b><u>Home</u></b>	<b><u>Associate</u></b> \$100.00
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<b><u>Associate</u></b>	<b><u>E-mail</u></b>	

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING:

The September meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, September 27, 2017** hosted by the Wayland Fire Department courtesy of Chief David Houghton. We will meet in the first floor training room at the Wayland Public Safety Building, 30 Cochituate Rd. (Rt. 27). MIFDI last met in Wayland for our November 2004 meeting.

Our training program will be provided by Captain Timothy Choate of the Sudbury Fire Department and MFA Instructor. Tim will present and abbreviated version of his popular presentation for first responders on A.S.H.E., Active Shooter/Hostile Event. In this violent world we now live in with both foreign and domestic acts of terror, the question is not “if”, the question is “when” our members will respond to a hostile event in our community or to help a surrounding community overwhelmed by a mass casualty from an active shooter.

## DIRECTIONS:

From I-95/Rt.128 take Exit 26, Rt.20. Follow Rt.20 WEST approx 5-miles to Rt.27. Turn right on Rt. 27 and the Wayland Public Safety Building is on your right. There is parking on the Millbrook Rd. side of the complex. Try to leave the front parking spots available for department business and for any of our members with mobility issues.

## SCHEDULE:

0930: Coffee, 1000: Presentation, 1130: Association Meeting, 1200: Lunch (off site).



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/03/2017  
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$194.14  
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$315.22  
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance \$1,764.29  
 Total: \$2,273.65

Bills Paid June - August 2017 (Checking):  
 September 2017 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 08/31  
 Dunkin Donuts Mark Roche meeting \$ 32.86 - 06/22  
 TOTAL: \$152.86

50/50 Raffle **June** = N/A

Winner = None

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

None

### Account Transfers:

Total active members = 124

Dues paid thru 2020 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 3  
 Dues paid thru 2018 = 9  
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 75  
 Dues paid thru 2016 = 14  
 Dues paid thru 2015 = 22

### Mailings

E-Mail - 82 Home - 31  
Work - 11  
 124

Balances as of 09/15/2017

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 355.83  
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 120.00)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 235.83  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 315.31  
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,768.99  
 Total \$ 2,320.13

### Membership Totals: 124

77 Active - 42 Retired - 5 Associate

Please welcome these new members to MIFDI.

- Eric Shimelonis - West Stockbridge Fire
- James Rush - Captain - Stoughton

### *Treasurer Notes:*

- (a) Please remember to look at your mailing label for the PAID THROUGH date. Thank you to all of you who have paid your dues. **Your 2017 dues were due in January, 2017. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2017 for your 2017 dues.**
- (b) You may now use the 2017 membership application as your invoice. It has MIFDI's tax ID number listed, for your accounts payable department to process the dues payment. Simply use the dues year or payment date as your invoice number.

Respectfully submitted

09/15/2017

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

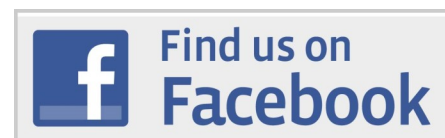
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Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

Please remember to add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2017. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renew before April 1, 2017.

MIFDI is now on Facebook. Login to your Facebook account and search for **Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors** or visit [www.facebook.com/mifdi](http://www.facebook.com/mifdi). Become a Facebook friend to MIFDI and receive up to date announcements right to your PDA, Blackberry or computer. You may also select the MIFDI Facebook link on the MIFDI website home page at [www.mifdi.org](http://www.mifdi.org)



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may be addressed to:

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**\*Dues are \$30.00 per year for Active members \*(\$40 after April 1st)**

**\$15.00 for Retired members \*(\$25 after April 1st)**

**\*100.00 per year for Associate members**

(which includes a 1/4 page of advertising in the MIFDI Bulletin and on the MIFDI website).

**\* Membership dues are for one calendar year (January 1 through December 31). Dues are due by January 1st. Add a \$10.00 Late Fee after April 1, 2017.**

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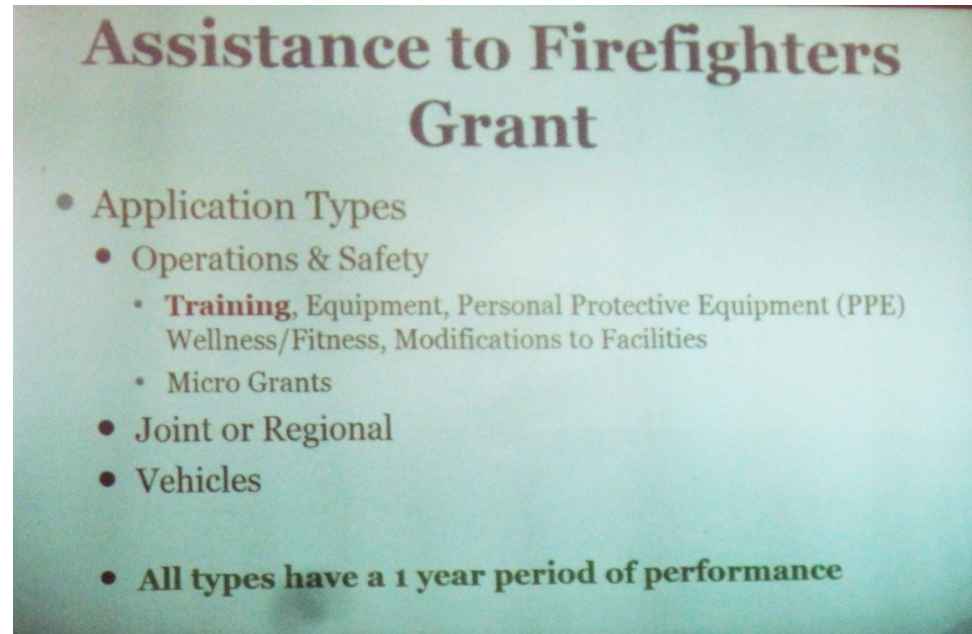
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## RECALL OF MEETING #2017-06

The June meeting of MIFDI was held on June 21, 2017 hosted the by the Lynnfield Fire Department courtesy of Chief Mark Tetreault. Our training was presented by David L. Parr, Regional Fire Program Specialist with DHS/FEMA Region 1. Dave provided members with a very informative power-point presentation on the FEMA grant program for the fire service.



Following the presentation, a brief business meeting was conducted by President Roche. Andy Connerty spoke on the Mass Fire Training Council meeting including the search for the new MFA director down to 7 finalists from 53 applications with hopes for the position to be filled by the fall. Member Bob MacKendrick spoke about the updated Fire Code manual and other items of interest.

The unofficial meeting reconvened for lunch at a nearby 99 Restaurant.

## EMS Run

### ***Fentanyl Exposure kits***

The opioid epidemic is affecting countless families through the commonwealth and across the country. As we respond to an increased number of calls for overdoses in our communities, what we don't want is for our own members to become victims from exposure of powder or other drug paraphernalia on or around the patients. A recent incident in Chelsea this past August showed how easy an incident can turn to "rescuing the rescuer"!

Many departments have now equipped their fire companies, EMS units, as well as police cruisers with "Exposure Kits" to be used for our own members ONLY. These kits are easy to create and are relatively inexpensive. They can be invaluable when one of our members begins to show signs of exposure at an incident. Signs of exposure include; headache, nausea, or passing out.

Included in the Exposure Kit should be;  
Narcan (In addition to what we normally carry for patients), P100 Masks, goggles, coveralls, Nitrile gloves, additional BVM, and infectious waste bag.

Four Levels of Exposure PPE are recommended to be used at suspected overdose incidents;

- 1) No visible product (EMS gloves)
- 2) Small substance visible (Gloves, goggles, P100 Mask)
- 3) Large quantity of powder, open bag (Coveralls, gloves, goggles, P100 Mask)
- 4) Lab or high concentration of visible product (Contact State Haz-Mat – Level 1 Response)

As an essential safety precaution, ALWAYS avoid handling suspected materials including containers and bags. Fentanyl is water soluble so expedient rinsing and decontamination is advised. Departments that allow shorts for Class B work uniform must ensure that bunker pants are worn at all EMS incidents.



## LAST ALARM:

*The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of the following ACTIVE members of the fire service that we lost during the summer;*

**Peabody Firefighter Daniel F. Pimenta**, age 53, died tragically from injuries sustained in a bicycle accident in Beverly on July 30, 2017.



**Falmouth Captain Gregory Clements**, age 54, died of complications from a medical incident suffered in the performance of duty in December 2016.



**Boston Firefighter Joseph "Gerry" Welch**, age 57, died suddenly on August 10, 2017.



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## CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and best wishes to MIFDI member, **Assistant Chief Angus Davison** upon his retirement from the Belmont Fire Department on June 30, 2017 after over 29-years of service. We wish you good health and happiness in your retirement Angus!



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 11, 2017: 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Attack on America

September 16, 2017: National Firefighters Memorial Service  
Colorado Springs, CO

September 22, 2017: Greenwood Emergency Vehicles Open House  
North Attleborough [www.GreenwoodEV.com](http://www.GreenwoodEV.com)

September 27, 2017: MIFDI – Wayland

October 8-14, 2017: National Fire Prevention Week

October 25, 2017: MIFDI

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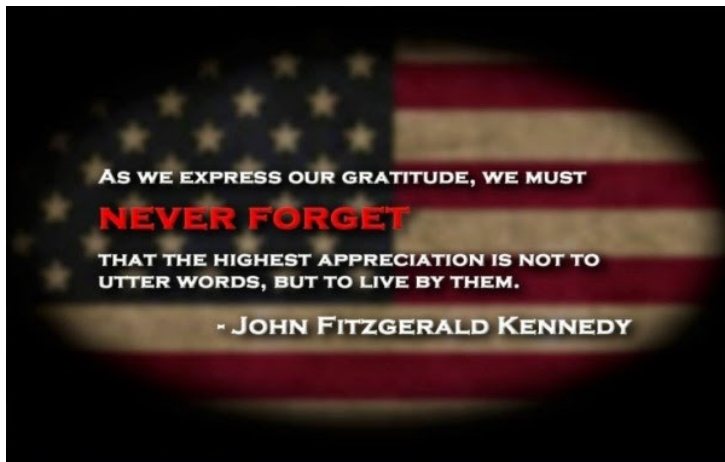
**REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

**Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department**

Our June meeting offered MIFDI members an important overview of the grant process for the SAFER and AFG grants. I thank Dave Parr for this informative presentation to help those involved in grant writing for our departments. I also thank our host Chief Mark Tetreault and the members of the Lynnfield Fire Department for hosting MIFDI with special thanks to member Bob MacKendrick for arranging this meeting location.

As we begin the 58<sup>th</sup> year of MIFDI, I want to thank all of those that make this organization a great resource of training, education, safety and networking for sharing of knowledge. I thank our Vice Presidents Brian Belliveau and Frank Fitzgerald, our Treasurer Michael McLeieer, our Secretary Ted Quinn, and Bulletin Editor Scott Maker as well as our Board of Directors for their support each year. No one person can do it alone so we are privileged to have such a strong support team in place. We must also ensure that our younger members step-up in the years ahead to allow this great organization to continue for the future.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Wayland on the 27<sup>th</sup>



*Never Forget the Victims of 9/11*

**INSTRUCTORS CORNER:**

**2017 Fire Prevention Week: October 8-14**  
***"Every Second Counts, Plan 2 Ways Out"***

