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

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 the first time.**

**Membership Information**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
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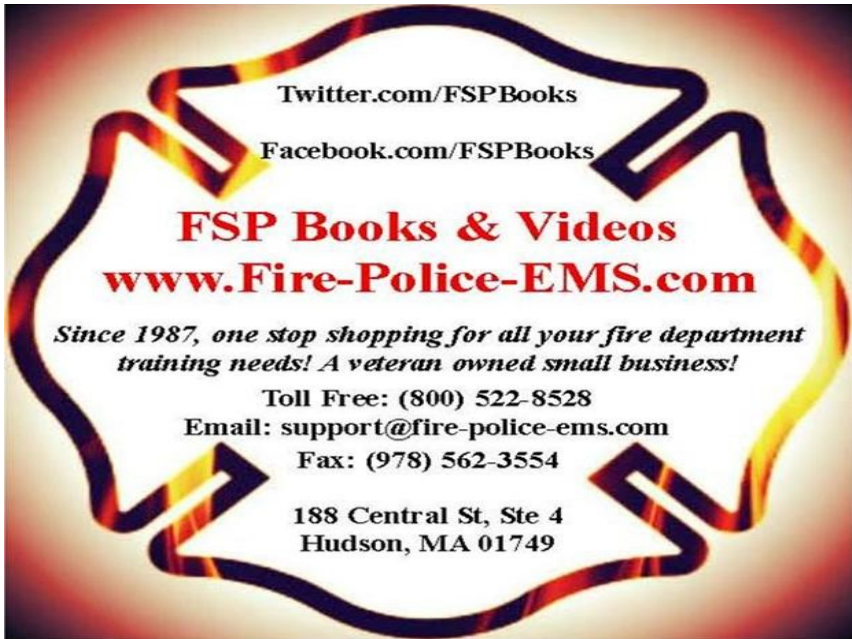
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<b><u>Associate</u></b>	<b><u>E-mail</u></b>	

Please mail completed Application with check or money order payable to:

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## **OCTOBER MEETING:**

The next meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, October 25, 2017**. We will be hosted once again by the Natick Fire Department, 22 East Central St. (Rt.135) courtesy of MIFDI member Captain Eugene Rothman, Natick Fire Training Officer. MIFDI last met in Natick for our October 2013 meeting.

The training will be provided by Boston Fire Department Captain Ryan McGovern. Captain McGovern will share a presentation of his personal experience during a MAYDAY incident. This program has been presented to many groups including the FDIC for the purpose of educating others who may face a MAYDAY in the course of their career.

**SCHEDULE:** **0915** Coffee, **1000** Presentation, **1130** Business Meeting, **1200** Lunch (off site).

**DIRECTIONS:** From Rt. 128/I 95 take Rt.9 WEST in Wellesley to Rt.27 SOUTH in Natick. Continue SOUTH on Rt.27 for 3-traffic lights, that will be Rt.135. Turn left on Rt.135 to the second left, that is Clarendon St which brings you to the parking lot in the rear of the Public Safety Bldg.

From the Mass Pike (I 90), Take EXIT 13 to Rt. 30 EAST. Follow Rt.30 to Rt. 27 (3-lights). Turn right on Rt.27 SOUTH to Rt. 135. Turn left on Rt.135 EAST to the second left which is Clarendon St. which brings you to the parking lot in the rear of the Public Safety Bldg.



## 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

50/50 Raffle = N/A  
 Winner = None  
 Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

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

Balances as of 10/16/2017

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 185.38  
 Less unclesed checks: (\$ 0.00)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 185.38  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 315.49  
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,769.57  
 Total \$ 2,270.44

### Bills Paid September 2017 (Checking):

October 2017 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 09/30  
 Dunkin Donuts Mark Roche meeting \$ 31.85 - 09/27  
 Roche Bros-M.Roche-Donuts-meeting \$ 18.60 - 09/27  
 TOTLA: \$170.45

### Account Transfers:

None

### Mailings

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

### Membership Totals: 124

77 Active - 42 Retired - 5 Associate

There are no new members who have joined MIFDI.

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

10/16/2017

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

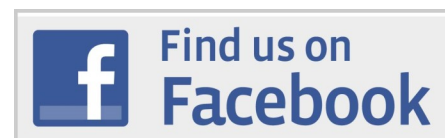
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Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

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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**\*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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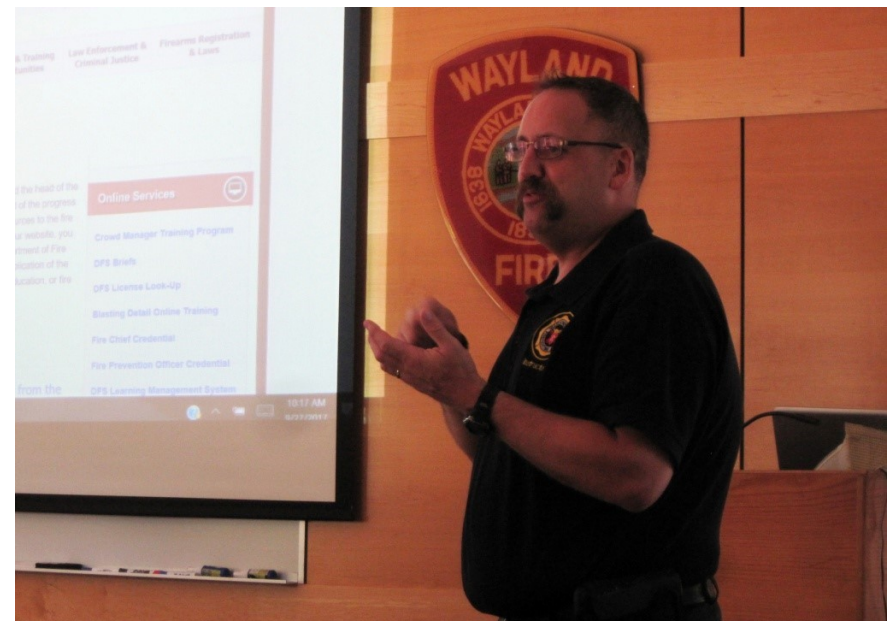
## RECALL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING #2017-09

The September meeting of MIFDI was held on September 27, 2017 hosted the by the Wayland Fire Department courtesy of Chief David Houghton.

Our training was presented by Sudbury Fire Captain Timothy Choate. Tim is also an Instructor at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and began with an explanation and walk-through of the new on-line application process for MFA courses. Tim then provided an abbreviated version of the presentation on ASHE (Active Shooter/Hostile Event). This program is a must see for every public safety agency as our world continues to grow more violent. We must have a strategic plan in place to prepare for these incidents in our community.

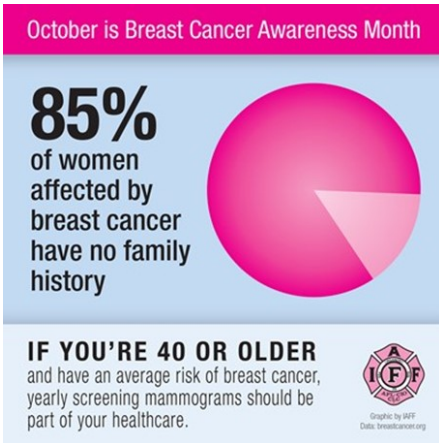
Following the presentation, a brief business meeting was conducted by President Roche. Andy Connerty spoke on the Mass Fire Training Council meeting including the announcement of a new MFA Director, David Evans. There was discussion on installations of new filling stations for hydrogen powered vehicles. Mention was made on the recent opening of two new fire stations, one in Newton and one in Sharon. Both of these new stations included various training props and we will arrange to visit with future meetings of MIFDI in 2018.

The unofficial meeting reconvened for lunch at a nearby Bertucci's Restaurant.



## EMS Run

*October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*



## LAST ALARM:

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

**Bourne Firefighter/Medic Chad A. Cerulli**, age 40, died unexpectedly on September 1, 2017. He has served as a member of the Bourne Fire/Rescue since 2001



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## CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and full support to **David Evans** upon his appointment as the new Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy effective on September 5, 2017.

Director Evans is a Deputy Chief of the West Newbury Fire Department and also a member of the Groveland Fire Department. He was an Assistant Principal of the Pentucket Regional High School. Director Evans is a Certified Firefighter I/II and has worked in the Special Operations Unit at DFS since 2016.

We look forward to meeting Director Evans at our annual DFS/MFA meeting in early 2018.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 25, 2017: MIFDI - Natick

November 5, 2017: END DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
*"Change Your Clocks/Change Your Batteries"*

November 15, 2017: MIFDI - Waltham

November 18, 2017: Statewide Exam – Fire Captain & Fire Lieutenant  
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November 21, 2017: Massachusetts Firefighter of the Year Awards  
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## **REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

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

Our September meeting provided MIFDI members an overview of the “Active Shooter/Hostile Event (A.S.H.E.) program provided by MFA Instructor, Sudbury Fire Captain Timothy Choate. I thank Tim for offering this excellent presentation for MIFDI. I also thank Chief David Houghton, Assistant Chief Neil McPherson and the members of the Wayland Fire Department for hosting MIFDI at their Public Safety Training Room.

Sadly, just over a week following our presentation on A.S.H.E., we learned of the horrific event of a gunman firing an automatic weapon into a concert crowd in Las Vegas killing 59 innocent people and injuring hundreds more. There seems to be no end to the violence in today’s world. Those of us in public safety must remain vigilant both on and off duty and be prepared to save as many victims as possible from these cowardly attacks.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Natick on the 25<sup>th</sup>



*In Memory of the Las Vegas Victims*

## **INSTRUCTORS CORNER:**

### ***“MAYDAY MAYDAY”***

### **5 Reasons to Call a Firefighter Emergency/MAYDAY**

1. Separated from Crew or “Lost”
2. SCBA Malfunction or Low Air
3. Injured or Disabled
4. Trapped, Pinned, or Entangled in Debris
5. Any life threatening condition that cannot be resolved in 30 seconds

