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

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



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 the first time.**

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		<u>Retired</u> \$ 15.00
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DECEMBER MEETING:

Due to the day Christmas falls on this year, many people are taking off the week before and/or the week after making it difficult to secure a presentation and meeting location. It has therefore been decided that we hold a "Holiday Social Luncheon" for members to break bread together and enjoy a few laughs over hose wagon tactics.

The lunch will take place on **Wednesday, December 20, 2017** at 11:30 am at the CAFÉ ESCADRILLE, 26 Cambridge St, Burlington. We will have a table reserved from 11:30-1:30 and they have a nice variety of lunch menu items reasonably priced.

We hope to see many old faces attend as well as those members planning to retire in 2018 moving to a new chapter in their life. For those planning to attend, shoot me an email at captroche@aol.com or leave me a message at 508-655-2528 to ensure that we have adequate seating for our group.

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt.128/I-95, take Exit 33A towards Winchester. The restaurant is located a short distance on the left. There is plenty of free parking available.



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 = 104

Dues paid thru 2020 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 4
 Dues paid thru 2018 = 13
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 77
 Dues paid thru 2016 = 7
 Dues paid thru 2015 = 2

Balances as of 12/08/2017
 Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 142.07
 Less unclesared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 142.07
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 195.49
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,770.75
 Total \$ 2,108.31

Bills Paid November 2017 (Checking):

December 2017 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 11/30
 Dunkin Donuts Mark Roche meeting \$ 40.64 - 11/16
 Roche Bros.-Mark Roche-Donuts \$ 16.47 - 11/14
 TOTLA: \$177.11

Account Transfers:

None

Mailings

E-Mail - 65 Home - 30
Work - 9
 104

Membership Totals: 104

59 Active - 40 Retired - 5 Associate

Welcome to this new member who has joined MIFDI.

- Thomas D'Eon, Jr. - Deputy Chief - Saugus

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 2018 dues are due in January, 2018. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2017 for your 2017 dues.**
- (b) You may now use the 2018 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

12/08/2017

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

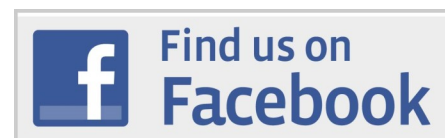
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Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues! **Please note: I will be attending this month's holiday gathering to collect 2018 dues payments.**

Please remember to add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2018. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renewed before April 1, 2018.

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Phone: (978) 346-4731

***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 MEETING #2017-11

The November meeting of MIFDI was held on November 15, 2017 hosted by the Waltham Fire Department courtesy of Chief Paul Ciccone. Our training was presented by MIFDI member, Waltham Fire Captain John Bonadio. John provided a presentation on the challenges faced by Waltham Firefighters on July 23, 2017 during an 8-alarm fire involving a large apartment complex under construction. The program included video, audio of the 9-1-1 calls, and input by Chief Ciccone, Deputy Chief's Hebert, Mullin, and Roland all in attendance sharing the account of their experience during this massive blaze.



Following the presentation a brief business meeting was conducted by President Roche. A moment of silence was offered in honor of Watertown Chief Mario Orangio. Andy Connerty spoke on the Mass Fire Training Council meeting. Members were reminded that it is important to ask every new recruit if they have any type of learning disability before they enter the MFA Recruit Training Program to ensure they receive assistance with the curriculum. Tim Donovan reminded members of an upcoming presentation on November 27 at Bridgewater State University "Remembering Victor Melendy: Applying Lessons Learned from a Line of Duty Death". Member John Spillane suggested creating your personal profile on the MFA electronic application site ahead of time before applying for a course to allow for a smoother process.

The unofficial meeting reconvened for lunch at the Chateau Restaurant in Waltham.

EMS Run *Baby Safe Haven*

In conjunction with the Massachusetts Baby Safe Program and the Department of Children & Family Services, new Baby Safe Haven signs have been developed to protect communities from possible liability.

Under the Baby Safe Haven program, a person can leave an infant up to 7 -days old with an employee at any hospital, a police station or a manned fire station. A concern with some fire departments and the Safe Haven coordinators is that if the fire stations are not manned 24/7 and an infant is left outside the station, the department could be libel for any harm to the infant.

The new signs were designed to provide instructions to the person relinquishing the infant by providing them with the hotline number (866-814-7233) and instructions on personnel responding to receive the infant. The signs should be placed next to the door the public would enter.

For further information or for call/volunteer departments needing new signs, phone the Safe Haven Coordinator @ 516-781-3511.



LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Watertown Chief Mario Orangio**, age 51, who died November 7, 2017 from occupational cancer. He was appointed to the department in 1989 and rose quickly through the ranks to become Chief of Department in 2004 at age 37. His devotion to the fire service reached beyond the borders of Watertown as he worked to improve training and safety for firefighters throughout the Commonwealth as a member of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council where he served as Chairman. We thank him for his service and we were grateful for his friendship. Rest in Peace now Chief.





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CONGRATULATIONS:



Congratulations to firefighters from throughout the Commonwealth recognized for their actions from the previous year at the 28th Annual Firefighter of the Year Awards held on November 21, 2017 in Worcester.

Members from the following departments were honored:
Boston, Braintree, Brookline, Cambridge, Canton, Dedham, Douglas, Holyoke, Hyannis, Lawrence, Lowell, Mansfield, Middleborough, Norwood, Pittsfield, Turners Falls, Uxbridge, Walpole, Watertown, Wellesley, & Westwood.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 15-19, 2018: F.D.S.O.A. Apparatus & Safety Symposium
Scottsdale, AZ www.fdssoa.org

January 24, 2018: **MIFDI** –

February 27- March 1: FCAM Professional Development Conference
Worcester Centrum www.fcam.org

February 28, 2018: **MIFDI** –

March 4-8, 2018: FireHouse World 2018 Expo
San Diego, CA www.firehouseworld.com

March 28, 2018: **MIFDI** – DFS/MFA - Stow

April 23-28, 2018: F.D.I.C. 2018 Conference & Expo
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have.

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our November meeting offered members an overview of the challenges faced by Waltham firefighters this past July 23 during a massive fire at a large apartment complex under construction. Special thanks to MIFDI member, Captain John Bonadio of the Waltham Fire Department for providing this presentation for MIFDI. Thanks also to Chief Paul Ciccone, D.C. Roger Hebert, D.C. Randy Mullin, & D.C Brock Rowland for sharing input of their experience during this major incident.

As we approach a new year, it is again that time when we ask members to pay their dues for 2018 to avoid a lapse in membership. We do not mail out dues notices so members should refer to the back of their bulletin or the MIFDI roster under "Paid" for the date of their membership expiration. Dues are \$30 for Active, \$15 for Retired, and \$100 for Associate.

Finally, I hope that many of you will be able to attend our Holiday Luncheon on December 20. For those unable to attend I wish you Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or whatever holiday you choose to celebrate, may it be filled with joy and happiness.



INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Remembering one of MIFDI's original members

CAPTAIN JAMES V. BELLIVEAU

Fitchburg Fire Department



Captain Belliveau died in the line-of-duty 50-years ago this month on December 10, 1967 at a building fire in the Cleghorn section of Fitchburg.

Captain Belliveau was the father of MIFDI V.P. retired Deputy Chief Brian Belliveau and MIFDI member retired Deputy Chief James Belliveau.