



## New England Regional Report June 2020

Hello New England Members,

For those of you that do not know me, my name is Dave LaFond. I have been with the NFSA since 2013, switching into a part time contract consultant position in mid-2018. I had a full career with the Holyoke, Massachusetts Fire Department, serving as the Fire Chief for 15 years.

With the economic challenges that led to several NFSA employees, including your Regional Manager, Mike Young, departing, I will be the new contact person and support your membership as well as I can. In addition to myself, Gary West, Director of Field Ops and Government Relations, and his full team are committed to assisting in anyway they can.

Please do not hesitate to call, email or text if I can be of future assistance.

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## Chapter News

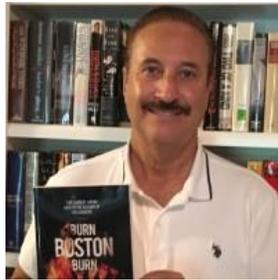


"The Boston and Connecticut chapters successfully held a first ever combined virtual chapter meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>, with Wayne Miller as the guest speaker. Wayne Miller is a former ATF agent and the author of Burn Boston Burn, the true story of the investigation

and eventual arrests of the largest arson ring in US History, which occurred in Boston during the 1980's. The Boston Chapter is providing a copy of Wayne's book for all that participated in the online virtual meeting, and Wayne has graciously signed each copy. The Boston Chapter will begin distributing the books next week. With gathering and meeting restrictions still in place, we will continue to hold virtual online meetings until it is safe to resume normal, in person chapter events."

Boston Chapter President, Steve Cook

[Click here to review the Joint Chapter Meeting video](#)



Former ATF agent, Wayne Miller

## Sprinkler Saves

### Fire inside “explosion room” at industrial building put out by fire sprinklers.

Amesbury, MA: A regional hazardous materials team responded to an industrial building at 144 Elm St. late Tuesday morning after a flash fire in a room threatened to spread chemicals to the surrounding area.



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**Fire caused by careless disposal of rags put out by fire sprinklers; No injuries reported.**

Easthampton, MA: [The Easthampton Fire Department was called to a fire at the American Legion Post Monday night.](#)

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**Overhead sprinkler contains fire in apartment unit to chair it originated in.**

Chelmsford, MA: A fire last Friday at an apartment complex in which a woman suffered burns remains under investigation, Fire Chief Gary Ryan said.

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## Meetings and Events

**The 3rd Annual Boston Chapter NFSA Golf Tournament**

"Our intentions are to still move forward in hosting The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Boston Chapter NFSA Golf Tournament at the Plymouth Country Club on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Obviously there is a lot that could happen between now and then that might influence the ability to hold the event. Admittedly, the pandemic will likely reduce the chances of maintaining the same levels of sponsorship, donations and participation. As much as we strive to maximize the donation amount we are able to provide to the Boston Shriners



Hospital for Children, for this year's event if we are able to break even would we consider it a success."  
Boston Chapter President, Steve Cook

## National Fire Sprinkler Magazine

The Flagship Publication of The National Fire Sprinkler Association

### Seeking Submissions for our NFSM Member Takeover Issue

The September/October issue of National Fire Sprinkler Magazine is our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Member Takeover issue. Take this opportunity to share and let's get to know each other better. Together we can accomplish great things. Getting up close and personal with fellow members helps to allow us to grow together and remain strong and increases our ability to move the fire sprinkler industry forward.

Did you have an interesting project you've worked on this past year? Do you have an exceptionally great sprinkler save you want to share? Is there an employee in your organization that's gone above and beyond that should be recognized? The possibilities are endless and the chance to showcase your news only comes around once a year. Submissions for the issue are due on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Writing guidelines are available on the last page of each issue of *NFSM*. Any photos must be sent as separate files. Please do not embed them in the document. Submissions can be as long as a feature article, or as easy as a photo and a caption.

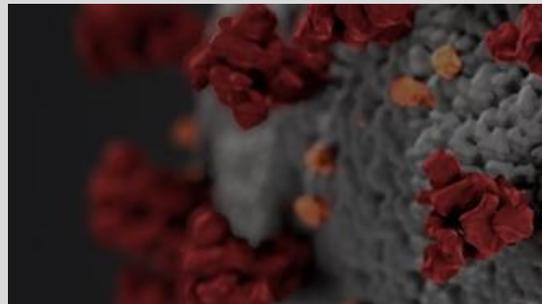
Send questions and submissions to NFSM Editor, Joanne Genadio, at [genadio@nfsa.org](mailto:genadio@nfsa.org), and let's get this thing rolling! Last year's Member Takeover issue won the prestigious MarCom Gold Award for Excellence. Let's do it again in 2020!

## National News

### NFSA and COVID-19

As COVID-19 is disrupting the world and dramatically altering how people live, interact, and do business, please know that NFSA is working harder than ever for our members and our mission.

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## Tax Reform Information

NFSA is very happy to report that hard work, dedication and commitment have paved the way for the inclusion of fire sprinkler incentives in recent tax reform and the official Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passage.

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## Home Fire Sprinkler Week

NFPA and the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) co-hosted Home Fire Sprinkler Week, a North America-wide virtual effort to show the value of home fire sprinklers, from May 17-23. On Wednesday, May 20th, Firehouse Magazine hosted a Facebook Live event focusing on the life- and property-saving benefits of home fire sprinklers. If you missed it...



**HOME FIRE  
SPRINKLER WEEK™**

A project of the NFPA® Fire Sprinkler Initiative®  
and the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition®

[Watch it Here](#)



## NFPA 25 training is coming to the Virtual Classroom

NFSA is offering Understanding, Applying and Enforcing NFPA 25 virtually! You won't want to miss this opportunity to participate in a live, interactive seminar, all from the comfort of your home or office.

[Register Here](#)

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