

### *The Massachusetts Police Association*

*Founded in 1900, the Massachusetts Police Association has been the largest and most influential police fraternal and lobbying group in the Commonwealth with its singular mission to protect Massachusetts police officers' interests.*

#### **HOW TO CONTACT US:**

For additional information, including successes in the varying type of cases, visit Reardon, Joyce & Akerson, PC on-line at [www.rja-law.com](http://www.rja-law.com).

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# **MASSACHUSETTS POLICE ASSOCIATION LEGAL DEFENSE FUND**

*Established 1974*



**QUESTIONS**

**ANSWERS**

**LEGAL HELP**

## THE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND:

Given police officers' significant exposure to legal threats from citizens, arrestees, employers, and governmental agencies, the MPA offers its members the MPA Legal Defense Fund. For nearly 40 years the MPA Legal Defense Fund has been the gold standard in police defense representation for one \$250 annual payment. Any MPA member can join the Legal Defense Fund which provides an attorney for defense of charges whether civil, criminal or administrative as long as those charges arise out of an incident that occurred during membership and is related to a member's official duty.

### THE LAW FIRM:

#### Reardon, Joyce & Akerson, PC

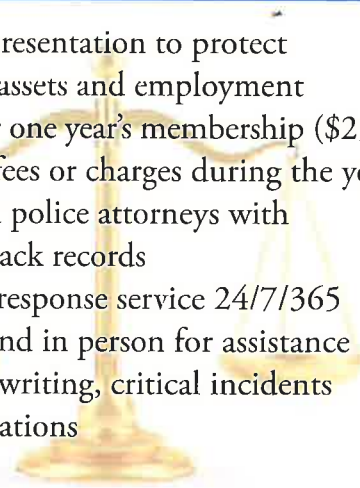
has been associated with the MPA Legal Defense Fund since its inception in 1974, having been a part of Reardon & Reardon. With a long and successful history representing police officers in most every community, in every court and governmental agency in Massachusetts, there is no finer collection of experienced police attorneys who understand that an officer's personal interests should never play second fiddle to a municipality, union or insurance company's interests.

Experience matters and...

**Reardon, Joyce & Akerson** has been the leader in Massachusetts police defense for decades.

## WHY JOIN THE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND?

- Personal representation to protect reputation, assets and employment
- Low cost for one year's membership (\$250)
- No further fees or charges during the year
- Experienced police attorneys with successful track records
- Emergency response service 24/7/365
- Telephone and in person for assistance with report writing, critical incidents and investigations



### WHERE WE HAVE BEEN:

- Federal Courts, including the US Supreme Court
- All state courts, including Appeals and Supreme Judicial, Superior, District, Small Claims, Housing
- The MCAD
- The Ethics Commission
- The Civil Service Commission
- Arbitrations and administrative hearings
- Municipal and private internal affairs
- Retirement boards when municipalities attempt to retire officers involuntarily
- Boards, councils, administrators and other municipal officials of every type
- All levels of governmental investigations

## WHAT YOU GET:

For one annual payment of \$250 you get your own private police counsel to aid with report writing, emergency services for critical incidents or shootings, consultations, investigations, appearances at court, hearings and depositions. Attorneys are available 24 hours, every day of the year. This annual fee is significantly less than what attorneys would charge for a one hour meeting. LDF members get direct access to the attorneys for the entire time they are members - - just one phone call directly to the attorneys.

For additional information, please see the MPA Legal Defense Fund application, and terms and conditions.

### POLICE OFFICERS HAVE SAID:

*"One of the best firms you can get in the state"*

*"Answered my calls and I get calls back"*

*"Well prepared, knowledgeable and highly intelligent"*

*"Very experienced in police matters"*

*"Maintains close contact to make timely, informed, effective decisions"*

*"Just one call and you get through to a lawyer"*