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**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors - Tax ID: 04-2307216
 2018 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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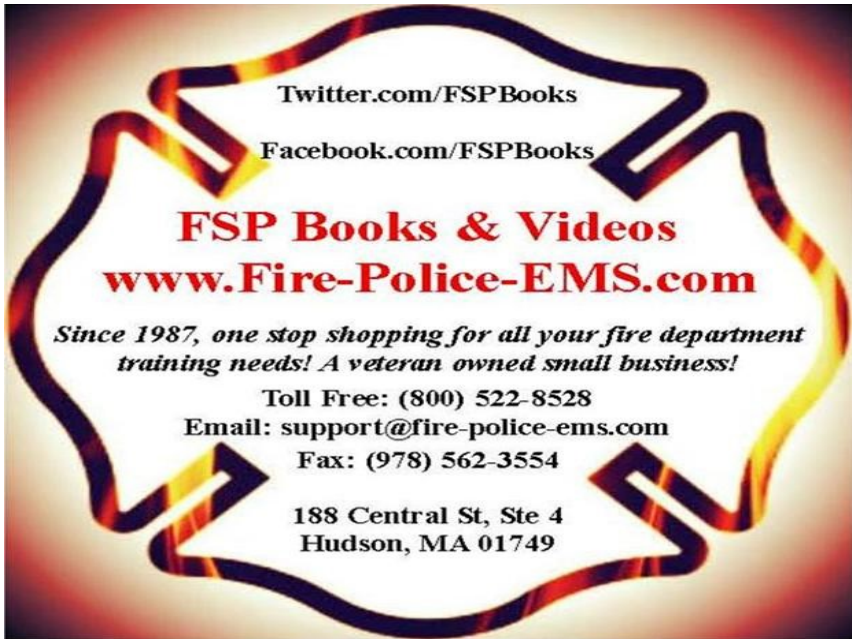
<u>Membership Type:</u>	<u>Send Bulletin To:</u>	<u>Membership Dues:</u>
<u>circle one</u>	<u>circle one</u>	<u>Active</u> \$ 30.00
<u>Active</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Retired</u> \$ 15.00
<u>Retired</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Associate</u> \$100.00
<u>Associate</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	

Dues will increase to \$35 after April 1st for Active Members only.

There is a \$10 late fee if dues are paid after April 1st

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

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MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, March 28, 2018** which is our annual visit to the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services and the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy courtesy of State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey. We will meet in the "Link Classroom" next to the cafeteria (Check the welcome screen in the lobby in the event of a room location change).

Our presentation will be offered by David DiGregorio, Director of the DFS Haz-Mat Division. Dave will provide an overview and update on the Statewide Haz-Mat Operations which offers support, technical advice and mitigation of hazardous material incidents throughout the Commonwealth.

SCHEDULE:

0900: Coffee (Available in the cafeteria), **1000:** Presentation, **1130:** Business meeting, **1200:** Lunch (On our own in the facility cafeteria on site).

DIRECTIONS:

FROM RT.128/I 95: Take Rt. 20 West to Rt. 27 in Wayland. Turn right on Rt. 27 and continue until Rt. 27 makes a right towards Maynard, **DO NOT TURN RIGHT**, continue straight for approx 3-miles and the Academy will be on the right.

FROM RT. 495 North: Take Rt. 85 (Exit 25) towards Hudson. At the traffic light turn left onto Rt.85. Turn right on Broad St. (First traffic light), and at the second traffic light turn right on Rt.62. Continue straight until Rt. 62 takes a left towards Stow, **DO NOT TURN LEFT**, continue straight for approx 4-miles and the Academy will be on your left.

FROM RT. 495 South: Take Rt.62 (Exit 26) into Hudson Center. Continue halfway around the rotary and continue on Rt.62 East. Continue straight until Rt.62 turns left towards Stow, **DO NOT TURN LEFT**, continue straight for approx 4-miles and the Academy will be on your left.

Ample parking is available in the upper-lot on the "D-Side" of the MFA campus.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2018
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$212.07
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$195.58
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance \$1,771.35
 Total: \$2,179.00

Bills Paid February 2018 (Checking):
 March 2018 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 02/28
 U.S. Postmaster - Stamps - Roche \$ 10.00 - 02/23
 TOTAL: \$130.00

50/50 Raffle = \$0.00
 Winner = N/A
 Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Account Transfers:
 None

Total active members = 102

Dues paid thru 2020 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 5
 Dues paid thru 2018 = 36
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 56
 Dues paid thru 2016 = 3
 Dues paid thru 2015 = 1

Mailings
 E-Mail - 63 Home - 29
 Work - 10
 102

Balances as of 03/10/2018
 Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 204.81
 Less uncles checks: (\$ 0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 204.81
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 223.58
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,772.49
 Total \$ 2,200.88

Membership Totals: 102
 58 Active - 40 Retired - 4 Associate

There are no new members who have joined MIFDI .

- N/A

Treasurer Notes:

- 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 were due in January, 2018. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2018 for your 2018 dues.**
- 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
 03/10/2018
 by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer
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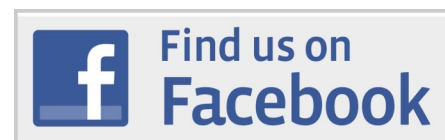
Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

The Membership voted to INCREASE Active Member dues to \$35 effective April 1st, 2018. MIFDI will also accept credit card payments effective April 1, 2018.

Retired Member dues will remain \$15
Associate Member dues will remain \$100

Please remember to still 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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***Dues are \$30.00 per year for Active members *(\$45 after April 1st)**

Active member dues will increase to \$35 effective April 1st (\$45 w/late fee)

\$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, 2018.

RECALL OF MEETING #2018-02

MIFDI Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2018

United Plastic Fabricating

165 Flagship Drive, North Andover, MA

President Roche opened the meeting at 10:00 and introduced Chief Joe Lingel (ret.). Chief Lingel is a retired Lynnfield Fire Chief and one of the founding officers of United Plastic Fabricating (UPF). Chief Lingel gave a little history of the company, and himself (working at GE and being a call-firefighter for over forty years), and how he started the company with Al Burnham in 1986, in the manufacturing of poly-plastic tank for fire engines. Today, they also fabricate tow bodies and incorporate shelving for ladders and other tools into the tank designs. UPF has three factories (Florida, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts). They fabricate tanks (80,000 to date) for apparatus in eighty-five countries, used in nearly all of the major apparatus manufacturers, and have lifetime warranties. Chief Lingel introduced Mike, who is the V.P. and Chief Engineer, and we split into two groups for tours of the facilities. The tour was extremely interesting, being able to see what is underneath our engines. Both Chief Lingel and Mike answered all of questions and we thank them both. After the tour and hearing no other business before the group, we adjourned and libations were had at Bertucci's in North Andover. The next meeting will be held on March 28, 2018 at the Massachusetts Fire Academy.

EMS Run

Gender Differences in Signs of Heart Attacks

According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the No.1 killer of men and women. But when women have a heart attack, they tend to be about 10-years older than men. Women are more likely to have other conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and congestive heart failure, making it more vital that they get proper treatment fast.

Unfortunately, women are *less* likely than men to believe they're having a heart attack and more likely to delay seeking emergency treatment. As with men, the most common heart attack symptom for women is chest pain or discomfort. Women however are more likely than men to experience some of the other symptoms such as shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting, or back or jaw pain. Women must not ignore these symptoms and immediately seek EMS.



LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **LT. DAVID W. HALL**, ACTIVE member of the Winchester Fire Department. Lt. Hall died unexpectedly on February 12, 2018 at age 64. He was a 38-year member of the W.F.D.

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CONGRATULATIONS:

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our congratulations to **Chief Peter Lamb** who was sworn in as Chief of the Johnston RI Fire Department on February 10, 2018. Peter has been a long time supporter of MIFDI and formerly served as Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and was former chief of the North Attleborough Fire Department.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 24, 2018: Statewide Exam: Municipal Firefighter
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 7, 2018

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

April 16, 2018: BAA 2018 Boston Marathon

April 23-28, 2018: F.D.I.C. 2018 Conference & Expo
Indianapolis, IN www.fdic.com

April 25, 2018: **MIFDI** – Medfield

May 23, 2018: **MIFDI** - Merrimac - Annual FDIC Overview

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:
Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our February meeting was hosted by United Plastic Fabrication at their Northeast facility in North Andover. I thank Chairman & CEO Joseph Lingel of UPF for hosting MIFDI as well as Vice President of Engineering Michael Ashley for assisting with the overview and tour. Thanks are also extended to member Bob MacKendrick for helping to arrange this visit.

I was shocked and saddened, as many of you, over the recent school shooting in Parkland FL where a single gunman killed 17 innocent victims and injured 14 others. I do not have an answer to stopping these school massacres and I fear that these shootings will get worse before they get better. What I find troubling about this incident is that the first notification of this tragedy was from a fire alarm activation. I'm sure that follow-up calls reported an active shooter before the arrival of firefighters but it reinforces the need to further protect our members by issuing ballistic vests to all fire companies. If it's a bargaining issue, it's time to bring it to the table. If it is a financial issue, I doubt any elected official would vote against this in today's world. We must ensure that our members are properly protected by providing vests to allow us to help victims and enter areas surrounded with armed police officers. The average shooter incident is 12-minutes, that's enough time for a person to bleed out. We as firefighters can no longer wait behind apparatus while police search the entire building as viable children are inside bleeding to death.

Stay safe, I hope to see you at the Academy on March 28.



UPF FACTORY TOUR

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:
Roof Operations

