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The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors is a non-profit organization and was established on September 30, 1959. MIFDI's mission is "to promote fire department training and education by the mutual sharing of knowledge".

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

**Your MIFDI Dues
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**or Join MIFDI for
 the first time.**

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<u>circle one</u>	<u>circle one</u>	<u>Active</u> \$ 35.00
<u>Active</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Retired</u> \$ 15.00
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<u>Associate</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	

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

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

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

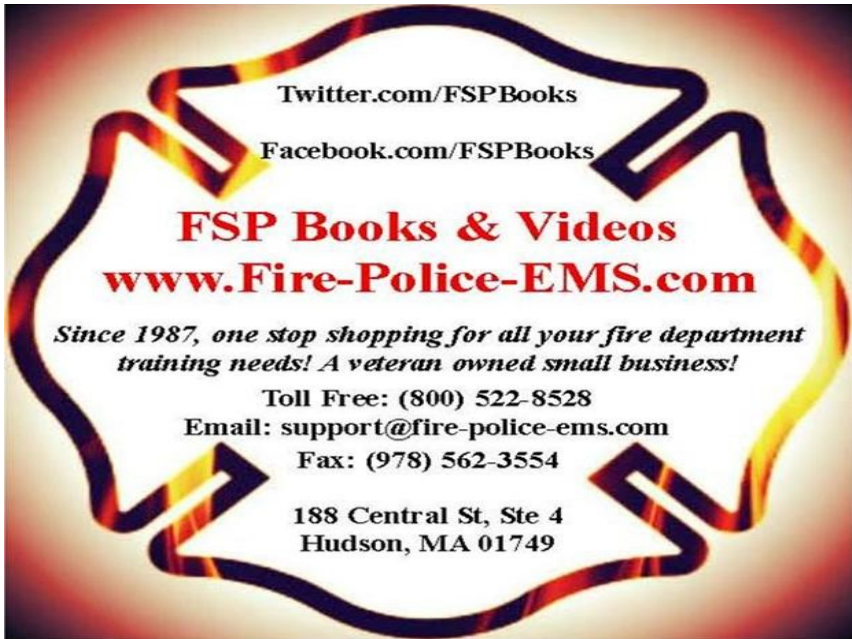
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APRIL MEETING

The April meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, April 25, 2018** hosted by the Medfield Fire Department courtesy of Interim Chief Robert Hollingshead. We will meet in the training room at the new Public Safety Building located at 112 North St.

Our training program will be provided by Central Equipment Co. They will offer us a look at the variety of “Active Shooter Kits” for firefighters and EMS personnel. The presentation will include; ballistic protection equipment demonstration, videos, and a hands-on look of equipment focused on use by firefighters. Ballistic protection is uncharted territory for fire departments so we all must learn about what is available to best protect our members in these situations. Unfortunately in today’s society, ballistic protection has become a must for every riding position on fire apparatus.

SCHEDULE:

0930: Coffee, 1000: Presentation, 1130: Business Meeting, 1200: Lunch (Noon Hill Grill).

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt.128/I-95, take Rt.109 west (Exit 16-B) in Westwood. Follow Rt.109 approx 7-miles to North St. Medfield (Starbucks is on the right corner). Turn right at the traffic light onto North St and the Public Safety Building is a short distance on the left (corner of Dale St). There is parking in the rear of the complex, (try to leave the front parking spots available for fire/police business and for members with mobility issues).



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 March 2018 (Checking):
 April 2018 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 03/31
 FDIC Conference Fee - McLeieer \$575.00 - 03/31
TOTAL: \$695.00

50/50 Raffle = \$0.00

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Account Transfers:

4/14 - PCU Savings to Checking - \$150.00 (to cover FDIC)

Total active members = 106

Dues paid thru 2021 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 5
 Dues paid thru 2018 = 48
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 48
 Dues paid thru 2016 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2015 = 1

Mailings

E-Mail - 64 Home - 30
 Work - 12
Total: 106

Balances as of 04/14/2018

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 79.81
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 79.81
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 73.67
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,773.09
 Total \$ 1,926.57

Membership Totals: 106

61 Active - 41 Retired - 4 Associate

We welcome these new members who joined MIFDI .

- Anthony O'Brien - Captain - Everett Fire (Welcome back)
- William Powers - Deputy Chief - Hingham Fire
- Paul Finn - Lieutenant - Boston Fire

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 were due in January, 2018. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2018 for your 2018 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

04/14/2018

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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Email: michael.mcLeieer@merrimacfire.com

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

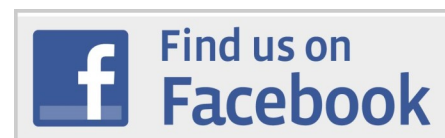
The Membership voted to INCREASE Active Member dues to \$35 effective April 1st, 2018. MIFDI will also accept credit card payments effective April 1, 2018.

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

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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 #2018-03

MIFDI - March 28, 2018 - Massachusetts Fire Academy, Stow, MA

President Roche opened the meeting at 10:04, suspended business, and introduced Director of the Hazardous Material Emergency Response Team, David DiGregorio. Director DiGregorio comes from a military and civilian background. He is retired from the military with 32 years and was the Deputy Commander of the Civil Support Team. Director DiGregorio gave an extremely informative presentation on the Response Team, its organizational makeup (all active duty firefighters only), the amount of training that goes into a team member, the different regions (and how they are broken up), protocols, ways to help the response time for incidents, and various equipment that they have, and have access to. He stated that the increase in the opiate epidemic (and other drugs, legal and illegal) has cause the responses to increase and are around thirty percent. He explained the tier levels and the need for OICs to be informed and to not hesitate to start the “ball rolling” when it comes to Hazardous Material incidents. Director DiGregorio also mention the use of drones and the marine unit that they have. Director DiGregorio took several questions. This was by far one of the best “awareness” presentation that we have seen. President Roche thanked Director DiGregorio and introduced Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey, who talked about the Drone program that the Academy offers (i.e. Active Shooter, FPO, etc.), and answered any questions that the membership had. The Fire Marshal introduced the new Director of the Fire Academy, Dave Evans, who also answered questions related to the Academy and that the wait list for recruit training is now into August. President Roche then opened the meeting up with a Moment of Silence for our fallen brothers (York, PA and FDNY), as well as Bruce Teele from NFPA, a long-friend of MIDFI. Brother Pearson is acquiring about a Celebration of Life for Bruce and will let the membership know a soon as he finds out. President Roche mentioned that our Treasurer, Lt. Michael McLeieer has received another award and could not make it to today’s meeting. While we have one Chief retiring, Chief Ciconne of Waltham, we have the promotion of Chris Ford to Assistant Chief. There were no reports from the MFTC, NFPA committee, or the Elevator committee. There was a motion to adjourned, that was seconded, and the meeting ended and lunch was had at the world-renowned Café Teria of the MFA. The next meeting will be held on April 25th at the Medfield Public Safety Building in Medfield, MA.



April is

NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

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LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Captain Francis E. Sullivan**, retired member of the Quincy Fire Department. Capt. Sullivan died on March 5, 2018. He served as training officer of the Quincy Fire Dept. and was a former Instructor at the Mass Fire Academy. He also taught Fire Science at Anna Maria College, Empire State College, and founded the Fire Science program at Quincy College.



We also offer our condolences to **Fighter Michael G. Amore** of the Revere Fire Department. Firefighter Amore died suddenly on March 19, 2018 at age 41. He was a 7-year member of the department.



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CONGRATULATIONS:

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our congratulations to MIFDI member **Acting Chief Robert Cole** who was appointed Chief of Department in Billerica effective February 28, 2018. Chief Cole replaces MIFDI member Chief Tom Conway who retired on January 5. Congratulations on your achievement Bob!



Chief Robert Cole



Assistant Chief Chris Ford

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our congratulations to MIFDI member **Lt. Chris Ford** who was appointed Assistant Chief of the Lexington Fire Department in March. A.C. Ford will now oversee Training and EMS for the department. Congratulations Chris!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

April 25, 2018: **MIFDI** – Medfield

May 19, 2018: Statewide Exam for Chief, Deputy & District
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May 23, 2018: **MIFDI** – Merrimac - FDIC Annual Summary

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

Our March meeting was our annual visit to the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services – State Firefighting Academy, Stow Campus. I thank Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey for allowing the MFA to again host MIFDI and for his address to members on an update of happenings throughout the DFS and the MFA. Special thanks to Haz-Mat Director David DiGregorio for his presentation with an overview of the State Haz-Mat operations. And thanks to Academy Director David Evans for stopping in to introduce himself and for answering many questions regarding the academy programs. Members in attendance found our visit to be very informative.

A final reminder for members to pay their 2018 dues to avoid a lapse in membership. You can pay at the April meeting or mail your dues check to: **MIFDI, P.O. Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

Stay safe, I hope to see you in Medfield on April 25.



Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey
DFS Haz-Mat Division Director David DiGregorio

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:
SPECIAL TRIBUTE



*It is with regret to announce the passing of **Bruce W. Teele** on March 23, 2018, 9-days after his 72nd birthday following a long illness associated with Alzheimer's.*

Bruce spent his early years as a member of the Cambridge Auxiliary Fire Department due to his passion for the fire service. He later served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War era.

He began his career with the National Fire Protection Association in 1969 and spent his entire 41-year career working on standards that directly affected the safety and welfare of firefighters including; Standard on Fire Department Safety, Health and Wellness (NFPA 1500) as well as numerous documents on protective clothing and equipment for firefighters. During his NFPA tenure, Bruce authored and co-authored several NFPA books.

Bruce Teele served our country, served his community, and has made great contributions to the fire service regarding safety standards for firefighters. After learning about Bruce's passing, the website FirefighterCloseCalls.com summed up his life best by calling him "A True Warrior On Behalf of Firefighters".

May He Now Be At Peace.