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MIFDI's mission is "to promote fire department training and education by the mutual sharing of knowledge".

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JANUARY MEETING:

The January meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, January 26, 2011** hosted by the Wilmington Fire Department courtesy of MIFDI member Chief Edward Bradbury and MIFDI member Lt. Rick McClellan. We will meet in the Training Room of Wilmington's Public Safety Building, #1 Adelaide St @ Church St. (Rt.62). There is ample parking behind the station. We last met in Wilmington in February 2010.

The training presentation will be provided by Deputy Chief Steve Benotti of the Hampton, NH Fire/Rescue. Deputy Benotti was the Incident Commander during the massive beachfront fire last February 26. His presentation will focus on the major challenges of this fire as well as some good lessons learned.

Following the training portion, Wilmington will have their new HP100' Ladder-Tower on display for viewing.

SCHEDULE:

0900 Coffee, **1000** Presentation, **1130** Business Meeting, **1215** Lunch (Off Site)

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt. 495; Take Rt. 93 South to Exit 40 (Rt.62), turn left at the top of the ramp, follow Rt. 62 approx 2-miles and the station will be on the right.

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TREASURER'S REPORT**Beginning Balances for 01/03/2011**

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 Economy Bnk. Savings \$147.94
 Consumers Checking \$572.50
 Consumers Savings \$147.70
 ING Savings \$1,207.91
Total \$2,402.64

Bills Paid December, 2010 / Jan. 2011 (Checking):

Jan. Newsletter - Michael \$120.00 - 12/31
 Clarence Leonard Mem. Donation \$ 50.00 - 01/14
TOTAL: \$170.00

Account Transfers:
None

50/50 Raffle = \$ 0.00

Winner = - N/A

Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 109

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2013 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2012 = 6
 Dues paid thru 2011 = 46
 Dues paid thru 2010 = 55

Mailings

E-Mail - 63 Home - 37
Work - 9
109

Balances as of 01/14/2011

Bank Statement Checking: \$ 326.62
 Less uncleared checks: (\$.00)
 Economy Cking. Balance: \$ 326.62
 Economy Savings Balance: \$ 147.94
 ING Savings Balance: \$ 1,207.91
 CD/None
 Consumers Stmt. Cking.: \$ 572.50
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 50.00)
 Consumers C.U. Checking \$ 522.50
 Consumers C.U. Savings: \$ 147.70
Total \$ 2,352.67

Membership Totals: 109

69 Active - 33 Retired - 7 Associate

WE WELCOME THIS MEMBER BACK TO MIFDI:

- Michael Feinberg - Captain - Lynnfield Fire Department

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 2011 dues will be due in January, 2011.**
- (b) You should now be able to use the 2011 membership application as your invoice. It has MIFDI's tax ID number listed, for your accounts payable department to process the dues payment.

Respectfully submitted**01/14/2011**

by Michael McLeicer, Treasurer
 978-346-4731

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

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***Dues are \$25.00 per year for Active members**

\$12.50 for Retired members

***100.00 per year for Associate members**

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RECALL OF MEETING #541

The 541st meeting of MIFDI was held on December 15, 2010 hosted by the Fire Tech & Safety of New England www.fts-ne.com courtesy of Mr. Larry Guerette.

The training portion was provided by Mr. Greg Neff, Northeast Regional Manager of Honeywell First Responder Products www.honeywellfirstresponder.com Honeywell is the parent company of Morning Pride PPE and other popular fire service products. Greg's informative presentation covered many of the changes and innovations regarding PPE and NFPA 1851.

Members were also shown the new single-coupling connector from Amkus Rescue Systems www.amkus.com courtesy of the professional staff at Fire Tech. The new connector can be retro-fitted to the existing units to simplify operations.

A brief business meeting was conducted by President Roche following the presentation. Three new members were introduced. Member Glen Rogers gave a brief report from the MFTC.

Members adjourned for lunch on site courtesy of Fire Tech.



EMS RUN:

(Clip and laminate for your ambulance as a visor-card)

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Poison Control: **800-222-1222**

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Michael G. Urban**, **ACTIVE** member of the Framingham Fire Department, Engine Co. 2. Firefighter Urban, a 24-year veteran of the F.F.D., died on January 7, 2011 at age 57 of job-related cancer. May he Rest in Peace.



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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to all who received awards and recognition for heroic acts and achievements during the 2010 Massachusetts Firefighter of the Year Award Ceremony held on December 21, 2010 at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

Medal of Honor:

Captain Joseph R. Hawthorne, Jr. _____ Shirley Fire Department

Medal of Valor:

Firefighter Kevin P. O'Brien _____ Chelmsford Fire Department
Lieutenant Roberto A. Alicea _____ Fitchburg Fire Department
Firefighter Todd M. Reese _____ Fitchburg Fire Department
Lieutenant Roger J. Alley, Jr. _____ Lynn Fire Department
Firefighter Andrew Kreamer _____ Lynn Fire Department
Firefighter Mark W. Lacaille _____ Lynn Fire Department

Meritorious Group with Individual:

Lieutenant Stephen J. Frolo _____ Malden Fire Department
Firefighter James T. Dockery _____ Malden Fire Department
Firefighter Matthew Jewers _____ Malden Fire Department
Firefighter Brian D. Parow _____ Malden Fire Department

Group Citations:

Lieutenant Michael Noon _____ Lynn Fire Department
Lieutenant Paul Whitten _____ Lynn Fire Department
Firefighter Joel Abreu _____ Lynn Fire Department
Captain Daniel K. Funaro _____ Chelmsford Fire Department
Firefighter Daniel W. Corey _____ Chelmsford Fire Department
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Firefighter Daniel A. Manley, Jr. _____ Chelmsford Fire Department
Firefighter Kevin P. O'Brien _____ Chelmsford Fire Department

State Fire Marshal's Awards:

Chief Kevin A. Gallagher _____ Acushnet Fire Department
John K. Golembeski, President _____ Mass Property Insurance Underwriting

Norman Knight Excellence in community Service:

Captain Frederick L. Tustin _____ Winchester Fire Department

Meritorious Individual:

Captain Timothy R. Collier _____ Lynn Fire Department
Firefighter Stephen J. Pellegrini _____ Peabody Fire Department
Firefighter Patrick D. Dorant _____ Somerville Fire Department
Lieutenant Jason Cantara _____ Southbridge Fire Department

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 23-26, 2011: FDSOA 2011 Apparatus Symposium
Orlando, FL fdsoa.org

January 31-February 3: Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist
Massachusetts Firefighting Academy

February 5, 2011: The Race Up Boston Place
American Lung Association benefit lungusa.org

February 6-12, 2011: BURN AWARENESS WEEK
The 2011 theme: "Preventing Scald Burns"

February 23, 2011: **MIFDI** - Newton

February 26 – March 2: Firehouse World
San Diego, CA Firehouseworld.com

March 23, 2011: **MIFDI** – DFS/MFA

March 19, 2011: Statewide Exam – Chief, Deputy, District
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March 21-March 26: F.D.I.C. 2011
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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our December meeting hosted by Fire Tech & Safety was again another enjoyable meeting. I thank Larry Guerette and his staff for their great hospitality as always. Thanks also to Greg Neff for his informative presentation on PPE upgrades.

Three days before Christmas, two Chicago firefighters died tragically in the line-of-duty from a collapse due to another truss failure. The question most asked by non-fire service people is *“Why do you firemen go inside those vacant buildings?”* The actual answer came six days later when a fire in vacant New Orleans building claimed the lives of eight people who were squatting inside. These fire victims were not homeless people, they were all young aspiring musicians drawn to New Orleans for the chance to perform in this historic City of Jazz. The bottom line is that NO building is a considered unoccupied until the primary search by firefighters is completed. The other lesson that we all know too well is that the truss kills firefighters. Once the search is completed and the report from Inside Operations to the Incident Commander confirms the presence of truss construction, the building must be evacuated and operations switched to the defensive mode. This must be the firefighter’s rule of survival.

On December 21, 2010, I was again honored to represent MIFDI at the Massachusetts Firefighter of the Year Award Ceremony at Faneuil Hall in Boston. This one day each year is set aside for us all to honor the bravest of the brave. Congratulations to all of the 2010 recipients. A reminder that the dues for 2011 are due. Check the mailing label on your MIFDI Bulletin for your dues expiration date. Send your check to the P.O. Box or bring it to a meeting.

Another reminder as we approach the winter months, be sure to check the MIFDI website at www.mifdi.org for last minute storm cancellations of meetings.

Stay Safe and see you on the 26th

Mark

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

“Sense of a Goose” (Author Unknown)

****An inspirational message as we start a new year****

When you see geese flying along in a “V” formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way:

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in “V” formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those people who are heading the same way we are.

When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point.

It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs, weather it is with people or with geese flying south.

Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

What messages do we give when we honk from behind?

Finally..... and this is important, when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot, and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly or until it dies, and only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group.

If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that.