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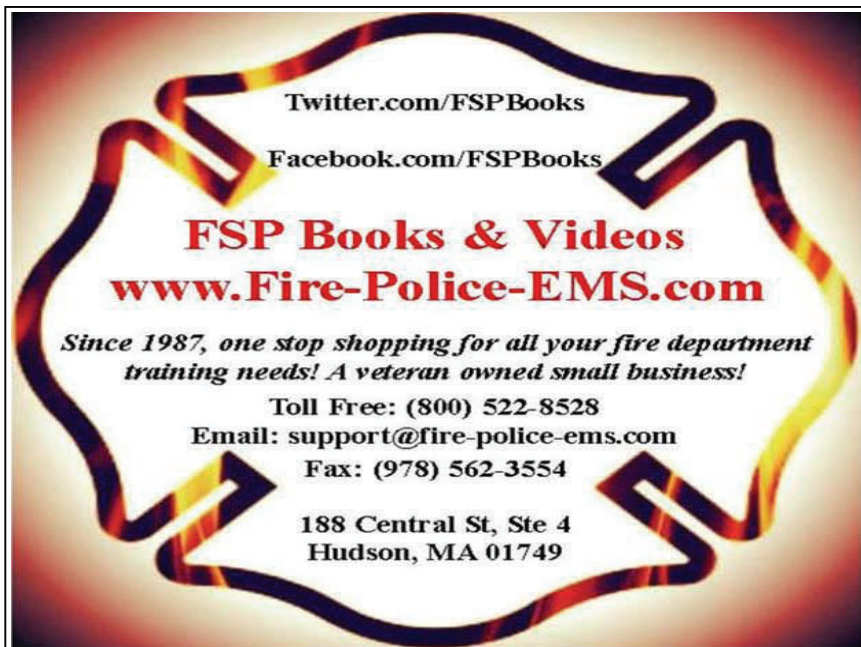
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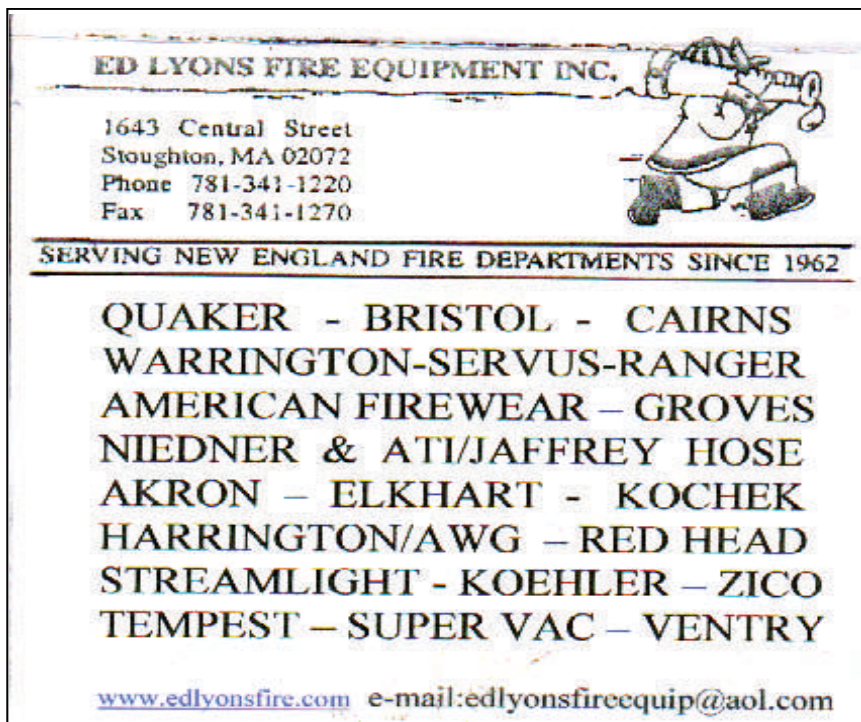


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JANUARY MEETING:

The first MIFDI meeting for 2013 will be held on **Wednesday, January 23, 2013**. We will be hosted once again by the Natick Fire Department, 22 East Central St. (Rt.135) courtesy of Chief James Sheridan. We last met at Natick's facility in October 2010.

The training will be provided by Mr. Eric Lohse of Tempest Fans courtesy of Pat O'Connor of Northeast Rescue Systems. Eric will provide a presentation on PPV. As we all should know, when Positive Pressure Ventilation is used properly, it can be a great asset on the fireground. When used wrong, it can turn a bad situation worse.

We will also have a representative from Physio-Control attend the meeting to provide an update on AED products and answer any questions related to the AED's used by your department.

SCHEDULE: 0915 Coffee, 1000 Presentation, 1130 Business Meeting, 1200 Lunch (off site).

DIRECTIONS: From Rt. 128/I 95 take Rt.9 WEST in Wellesley to Rt.27 SOUTH in Natick. Continue SOUTH on Rt.27 for 3-traffic lights, that will be Rt.135. Turn left on Rt.135 to the second left, that is Clarendon St which brings you to the parking lot in the rear of the Public Safety Bldg.

From the Mass Pike (I 90), Take EXIT 13 to Rt. 30 EAST. Follow Rt.30 to Rt. 27 (3-lights). Turn right on Rt.27 SOUTH to Rt. 135. Turn left on Rt.135 EAST to the second left which is Clarendon St. which brings you to the parking lot in the rear of the Public Safety Bldg.



TREASURER'S REPORT**Beginning Balances for 01/04/2013**

GVCCU Checking	\$ 9.99
GVCCU Savings	\$563.28
<u>ING Savings</u>	<u>\$1,686.50</u>
Total:	\$2,259.77

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 136

Dues paid thru 2019 =	1
Dues paid thru 2017 =	1
Dues paid thru 2015 =	1
Dues paid thru 2013 =	36
Dues paid thru 2012 =	86
Dues paid thru 2011 =	11

<u>Mailings</u>	
E-Mail - 90	Home - 34
	<u>Work - 12</u>
	136

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Less uncleared checks:	<u>(\$ 0.00)</u>
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GVCCU Savings Balance:	\$ 563.28
ING Savings Balance:	\$ <u>1,686.50</u>
Total	\$ 2,259.77

Membership Totals: 136

98 Active - 33 Retired - 5 Associate

THERE ARE NO NEW MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY JOINED MIFDI:

- None

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 2013 dues are due in January, 2013. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2013 for your 2013 dues.**
- (b) You may now use the 2013 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**01/03/2013****by Michael McLeieer , Treasurer****978-346-4731****Thank you for your continued support and for your prompt payment of your dues!****Remember to add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2013.**

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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**

(which includes a 1/4 page of advertising in the MIFDI Bulletin and on the MIFDI website).

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RECALL OF MEETING #561

The 561st meeting of MIFDI was held on December 19, 2012 hosted by the Fire Tech & Safety at their new facility in Tyngsborough courtesy of Larry Guerette.

The training was provided by "TJ" Chacos of Fire Tech & Safety. TJ, who specializes in Amkus Extrication Equipment, gave a very informative presentation on some of the challenges we face when dealing with newer vehicles during extrications. Following the presentation, a business meeting was conducted by President Roche.

We began with a moment of silence for the victims of the tragedy in Newtown CT.

Member Andy Connerty reviewed the notes of the Mass Fire Training Council meeting. Members adjourned for lunch on site courtesy of Fire Tech & Safety followed by a tour of Fire Tech & Safety's new facility.



TJ Chacos of Fire Tech & Safety presenting to MIFDI

EMS RUN

EMT Recertification

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health/Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) reminds all EMT's with certifications expiring 04/01/2013 that you need to have completed your continuing education and refresher training requirements by December 31, 2012, and submit your application and recertification fee by January 31, 2013.

Note that OEMS has NOT mailed out reminders as in the past so you must take the following steps to recertify:

Go to the OEMS website at www.mass.gov/dph/oems and download and print the recertification application (Basic or Advanced).

Complete the application, enclose the recertification fee (\$150), and mail it to OEMS at 99 Chauncy St., Boston, MA 02111

You can check your continuing education credits on line at the above OEMS website, scroll to "Quick Links", click on "OEMS Search Engines", then click on "Lookup EMT Continuing Education Credit Hours", then enter your EMT certification number.

Again, it is your responsibility to ensure that you have your refresher and required continuing education hours before the end of December (NOT APRIL), and mail your recertification to OEMS, they are no longer sending you a reminder.

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **JACK PELTIER**, retired Assistant Chief of the Marlborough Fire Department. Jack passed on December 9, 2012. He served for many years as an instructor at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Jack was well known nationally as well as locally for his skills and leadership in training and safety. May he Rest in Peace.



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CONGRATULATIONS:

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to MIFDI member **CAPTAIN JAMES WALSH** of the Easton Fire Department for being one of the recipients of the “Meritorious Individual Award” during the 2012 Massachusetts Firefighter of The Year Award Ceremony. Good job Jim!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 20-23, 2013: FDSOA 25th Apparatus Symposium
Buena Vista, FL www.fdsoa.org

January 23, 2013: MIFDI – Natick

February 17-21, 2013: FireHouse World 2013
San Diego, CA www.firehouseworld.com

February 27, 2013: MIFDI – Wilmington

March 10, 2013: Daylight Saving Time
“Change Your Clocks/Change Your Batteries”

March 20, 2013: Fire Training 2013 Symposium
Auburn, MA www.taskforce1.net

March 23, 2013: Statewide Exam – Chief, Deputy, District
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March 27, 2013: MIFDI – DFS/MFA

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our December meeting provided MIFDI members with another very informative presentation with a look at some of the challenges we face when dealing with extrications in newer vehicles. I thank TJ Chacos of Fire Tech & Safety for his excellent presentation. I also thank Larry Guerette and the staff at Fire Tech & Safety for hosting MIFDI and again displaying their great hospitality towards MIFDI members.

On December 18, I was honored to represent MIFDI at the Massachusetts Firefighter of the Year Award Ceremony held at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. This one day set aside each year honors the bravest of the brave. Congratulations to all of the 2012 recipients on their well deserved recognition.

We once again remind members to forward your 2013 MIFDI dues to Treasurer Michael McLeier at P.O. Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860. Dues remain at the bargain price of \$25.00-Active, \$12.50-Retired.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Natick on the 23rd.

Mark

A REMINDER TO ALL: NOW THAT WE ARE IN THE WINTER SEASON TO BE SURE AND CHECK THE MIFDI WEBSITE@ WWW.MIFDI.ORG FOR MEETING CANCELLATIONS DURING PERIODS OF INCLEMENT WEATHER.

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Will Our Schools Ever Be Safe Again?

Captain Mark Roche

A.L.I.C.E. is an acronym meaning; Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. It is used in many school districts nationwide to deal with the increase in school shootings. It authorizes students and staff to make decisions and take actions to save lives when an incident unfolds. It recommends locking down in a secure room, barricade classroom doors with furniture; evacuate the building when feasible including the use of windows. When all else fails, it includes students to “counter” by throwing objects and even physically attacking the intruder.

LOCKDOWN is used in most school districts nationwide when an intruder enters school buildings or grounds and directs staff and students to; sound a lockdown alert, lock the classroom doors, turn out the lights, hide in a corner of the room, remain calm and quiet, wait for help, and not make any decisions independently.

So what does this have to do with us? Each year shootings in public places, including schools, are happening more frequently. Although firefighters are unarmed, fire departments are automatically involved in these mass-causality incidents and sometimes the first to arrive. It's not just for EMS, when you unload a semi-automatic firearm in a school or any public assembly building, it will trigger a smoke detector and activate the fire alarm system. Hopefully a few 9-1-1 calls will provide us with notification of what is taking place prior to our arrival so that we don't send unarmed firefighters into a volatile situation. That will at least give firefighters a chance to stage at a safe location until the building is deemed safe and then be able enter the “Hot-Zone” to start TRIAGE for the victims. If we become victims then we can't help others.

Police departments often work closely with schools to train for these types of incidents. Fire departments must also be an active part of that process. We should establish a safe staging area for every school in our community. As we were made aware of during our visit to MedFlight in November, review and update your landing zones. During an MCI at night such as a theatre shooting, we may need to provide scene lighting. Roof access may also be provided by fire department ladders for SWAT teams. Use apparatus to block off streets to prevent unauthorized access, police will be too occupied searching for the perp. Have a pre-determined safe-shelter close by for evacuated students and parents to meet. Assign a member to account for all students evacuated including names and who went home with parents because again, the police will be using all resources conducting a search of the entire building. Again, members need to take cover until the all clear is given and avoid the use of reflective vests until the scene is safe so you don't become a target.

Hopefully, none of us will ever have to witness the horrific event that unfolded at Sandy Hook Elementary School this past December. Unfortunately there are many sick people walking our streets so we must be prepared and remain vigilant at all times so that we can avoid having firefighters becoming victims like our two brothers in Webster NY who were gunned down during the performance of their profession by an unstable person with access to weapons and a desire to kill.