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 2015 Membership Application & Invoice  
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**Membership Information**

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**Membership Dues:**

**Active** \$ 25.00

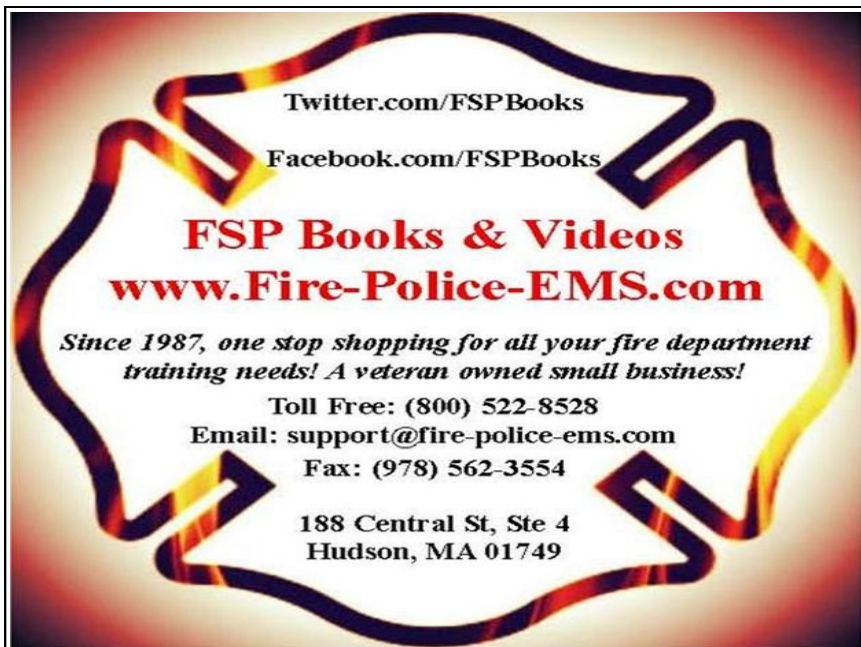
**Retired** \$ 12.50

**Associate** \$100.00

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**JANUARY MEETING:**

The January meeting MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, January 28, 2015.** We will be hosted by the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office, Billerica House of Correction located at 269 Treble Cove Rd, Billerica courtesy of Sheriff Peter Koutoujian. Our presenter will be Captain Bill Buckley with a presentation on "Responding to emergencies in correctional facilities".

Although many of our communities do not house prisons, we may be called to communities on mutual aid and respond to fires or EMS runs in a correctional facility, communities such as Boston, Billerica, Concord, Dedham, Framingham, Norfolk, Walpole, Salem, just to name a few. This will be a rare opportunity for many of us to see firsthand what these facilities are about and to think about how difficult a serious fire in a prison would challenge our firefighters.

*There are a few logistic issues for those planning to attend. If you have a fire department I.D., be sure to bring it along with your driver's license. ALSO, tobacco products of any kind are considered contraband as well as matches, lighters, work knives, medications, etc. The less you carry the better. Leave all unnecessary items in your vehicles and lock your car.*

**SCHEDULE:** 0930-1000 arrival, 1000 Presentation & facility tour, 1200 lunch will be provided.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Rt.128 or 495, take Rt. 3 to Exit 28. Turn on Treble Cove Rd towards West Billerica a short distance and the House of Corrections will be on your right. Park in the visitor's lot on the left after entering the main entrance. From the parking lot, walk up to the visitors center/checkpoint building at the top of the driveway (Red brick building with white trim). From there we will be shuttled up to the Podular Building for our meeting in the conference room for the presentation followed by a tour of the facility.

**TREASURER'S REPORT****Beginning Balances for 01/02/2015**

Preferred C.U. Checking \$267.67

Preferred C.U. Savings \$427.51

CapitalOne360 Savings \$2,747.29**Total:** \$3,442.47

50/50 Raffle = \$0.00

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

**Total active members = 129**

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1

Dues paid thru 2017 = 2

Dues paid thru 2016 = 0

Dues paid thru 2015 = 38

Dues paid thru 2014 = 76

Dues paid thru 2013 = 12

**Balances as of 01/17/2015**

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 417.00

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 417.00

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 427.51

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 2,747.29**Total** \$ 3,591.80**Bills Paid December 2014 (Checking):**

Jan.2015 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 12/31

Holiday Flowers - DFS \$140.95 - 12/23

**TOTAL: \$260.95****Account Transfers:**

None

**Mailings**

E-Mail - 82 Home - 38

Work - 9

129

**Membership Totals: 129**

84 Active - 39 Retired - 6 Associate

**We Welcome These 5 New Members Who Recently Joined MIFDI:**

- Brian Long - Lieutenant - Princeton
- Michael Meehan - Battalion Chief - Plymouth
- Robert Wollner - Lieutenant - Belmont
- George Bent - Lieutenant - Norwood
- Scott Albanese - Deputy Chief - Brockton

***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 2015 dues will be due in January, 2015.**

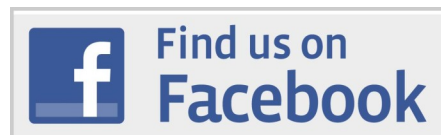
**Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2015 for your 2015 dues.**

(b) You may now use the 2015 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****01/17/2015****by Michael McLeieer , Treasurer****978-346-4731****Thank you for your continued support and for your prompt payment of your dues!**

**Please remember to add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2015. This fee does not apply to new members.**

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may be addressed to:

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**\*Dues are \$30.00 per year for Active members**

**\$15.00 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).

**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, 2015.**

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## RECALL OF MEETING #580

The final meeting of 2014 for MIFDI was held on December 17, 2014 hosted by Fire Tech & Safety courtesy of Larry Guerette and Matt Wicks. Fire Tech once again went above and beyond with their superb hospitality. Our training program was provided by Bill Sukerman from Fire Tech with an indebt review on the proper and safe operation of rescue air bags.

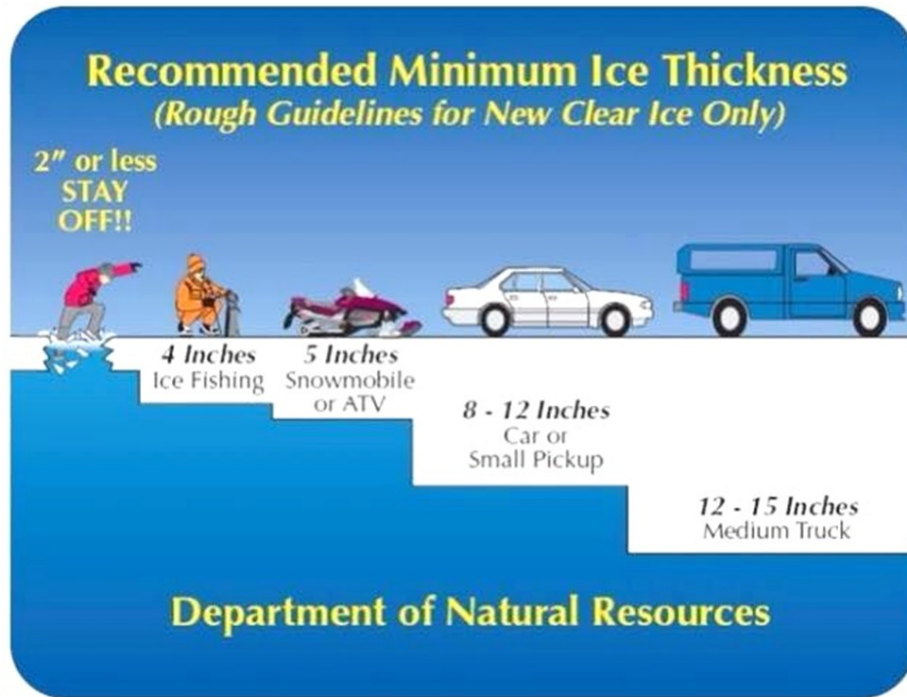


Following the presentation, President Roche conducted a brief business meeting. Members voted in favor of a request by the treasurer for a slight increase in membership dues for 2015. This is the first dues increase in many years and was requested to keep up with operating cost increases such as printing, postage, website updates, coffee at meetings, etc. The dues for ACTIVE : \$30, RETIRED: \$15, and ASSOCIATE remains at \$100. For those who have paid prior to January 1, the old rate will be honored. Captain Connerty provided some highlights from the MFTC. Chief Curren spoke on the opening of Chelmsford's new HQ/Station 1 and offered to host the April 22 meeting of MIFDI at this impressive new facility. Bob MacKendrick briefed MIFDI on NFPA-1. John O'Donoghue spoke on an effort spearheaded by Boston DFC Shea about equipping construction elevators at high-rise building projects with a 3502 key and training members for use during fire department operations.

Members adjourned for lunch on site courtesy of Fire Tech & Safety.

## EMS Run

### *Ice Thickness Guide*



## LAST ALARM:



The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter John R. Guide Jr.**, ACTIVE member of the Winthrop Fire Department, Engine Co. 2. Firefighter Guide died unexpectedly on December 17, 2014 at age 51. He was a 21-year veteran of the department. *May he Rest in Peace.*



The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Lt. Kenneth J. Fields**, ACTIVE member of the Brookline Fire Department, Engine Co. 4. Lt. Fields died on December 26, 2014 at age 54 from occupational cancer. He was a 24-year veteran of the department. *May He Rest in Peace.*



The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Kevin Regan**, ACTIVE member of the Westfield Fire Department. Firefighter Regan died December 27, 2014 at age 62 after being struck by a vehicle in Yarmouth while off duty. He was a 43-year veteran of the department. *May He Rest in Peace.*



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## CONGRATULATIONS:



The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our welcome and full support to the new Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy **George Kramlinger**.

*Director Kramlinger served in the United States Air Force for 26-years as an officer attaining the rank of Colonel with assignments a Group Commander, Operations Center Director, Stealth Fighter Squadron Commander, and Strike Task force Commander. While still on active duty he completed the Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Training Class. Upon his retirement from the USAF in 2008, he became a full-time firefighter/EMT in Dover, NH. Additionally, he is currently a New Hampshire State Fire Academy Instructor and regularly instructs in a multitude of programs including; fire suppression, Rapid Intervention Team Operations, and Haz-Mat. He actively serves on the Federal Emergency Management Agency USAR Mass Task Force-1 as a HAZMAT Specialist. He has a BS degree in Astronautical Engineering, a Masters in Airpower Art and Science, and a Masters in National Security and Strategic Studies.*

Director Kramlinger began his new position as MFA Director on January 12, 2015. We hope to meet the new director during the annual MIFDI visitation meeting at DFS/MFA on March 25.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 18-20, 2015: FDSOA Apparatus & Safety Symposium  
Orlando, FL [www.fdsoa.org](http://www.fdsoa.org)

January 25-29, 2015: FirehouseWorld 2015  
San Diego, CA [www.firehouseworld.com](http://www.firehouseworld.com)

January 28, 2015: MIFDI – MCI- Billerica

February 3,4,5, 2015: FCAM Professional Development Seminar  
Holiday Inn, Boxborough MA [www.fcam.org](http://www.fcam.org)

February 25, 2015: MIFDI – Wakefield

March 25, 2015: MIFDI – DFS/MFA Stow  
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April 20-25, 2015: FDIC 2015 Conference & Expo  
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## **REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

### **Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department**

The December meeting of MIFDI was once again hosted by Fire Tech & Safety courtesy of Larry Guerette, Matt Wicks and the great sales & service staff at Fire Tech & Safety. The presentation on Rescue Air Bags by Bull Sukerman was very informative and a great refresher on Air Bag Operations.

It is that time when MIFDI asks members to pay their dues for 2015 to keep the organization operating.

During the December meeting, a motion was made and approved to allow a slight increase in the annual dues to keep up with operational costs. The dues rate is now: \$30 for ACTIVE, \$15 for RETIRED, and Associate Membership will remain at \$100. The increase is effective January 1, however, if you already paid before January 1, the old rate will be honored. Make check payable to MIFDI and mail to Treasurer McLeier at P.O. Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860-0510.

It is also that time of the year that we need to be safe and ask members to check for meeting cancellations due to winter storms on meeting days. We will try to make decisions about cancellations on the night before meetings to provide time for members to plan their schedules.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in jail for January!



## **INSTRUCTORS CORNER:**

### ***New Fire Safety Code: NFPA 1***

The new comprehensive Fire Safety Code (527 CMR 1.00) went into effect in Massachusetts on January 1, 2015. The new code in large part adopts the National Fire Prevention Association Model Fire Code (NFPA-1 2012 Edition) with amendments for Massachusetts.

Massachusetts joins 20 other states by replacing local regulations with the NFPA-1 standard which includes stronger chemical safety regulations as well as allowing hold-open clips at self-service gas stations.

According to Fire Marshal Stephen Coan, the new code brings tougher chemical safety regulations than those adopted by the State Board of Fire Prevention Regulations in the wake of incidents including the 2006 ink plant explosion in Danvers. The new code also contains Massachusetts specific regulations, including a testing requirement for appropriate levels of odorant in propane arriving by rail in Massachusetts.

According to the DFS, the new code should result in an improved, more comprehensive fire safety code using consensus standards recognized throughout the nation.

The NFPA will be offering training on the new code for departments at no cost.

