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 2015 Membership Application & Invoice  
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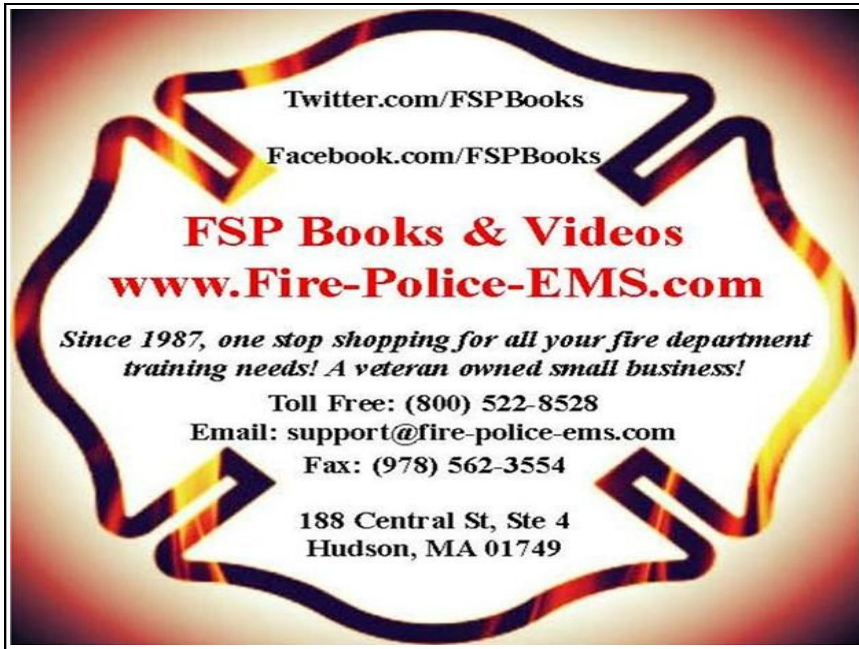
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**FEBRUARY MEETING:**

The February meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, February 25, 2015** hosted by the Wakefield Fire Department courtesy of Chief Michael Sullivan. We will meet in the Wakefield Public Safety Building training room located at One Union St. (Union Street is the short street that connects Centre St and Princess St one block east of Main St, Wakefield Center). MIFDI last met in Wakefield over 10-years ago for our June 2004 meeting.

The training will be provided by Regional Fire Program Specialist David Parr of FEMA Region 1. Dave will speak about the AFG & SAFER Grant program which provides funding grants for the fire service. There are some do's & don'ts with regards to applying for a grant for your department. For those who write grants for your department, this will be an important presentation to attend. There were a total of 62 AFG awards nationwide in 2013 with a total federal share of over \$10-million.

**SCHEDULE:**

0930-Arrival/coffee, 1000-Presentation, 1100-Station & equipment tour,  
1130-Business meeting, 1200-Lunch (off site).

**DIRECTIONS:**

From Rt.128/I-95, take Exit 40 (Rt.129). When you exit off the highway, you will enter the Rt.129 rotary. Follow the signs for Rt.129 to Wakefield, you will be on Main St with Lake Quannapowitt on your right. Follow Main St to the set of lights at Main & Salem Sts, Wakefield Common will be on your right. Continue straight on Main St into the Wakefield Sq business district. Once in Wakefield Center, take your first left onto Centre St and your first right is Union St. You can park in the municipal parking lot or use the on-street parking spots.

***A REMINDER TO CHECK YOUR E-MAIL OR THE MIFDI WEBSITE FOR MEETING CANCELLATIONS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS ([www.mifdi.org](http://www.mifdi.org))***

**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 = 130

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1

Dues paid thru 2017 = 2

Dues paid thru 2016 = 0

Dues paid thru 2015 = 62

Dues paid thru 2014 = 54

Dues paid thru 2013 = 11

Balances as of 02/13/2015

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 916.00

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 916.00

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 427.51

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 2,748.22

Total \$ 4,091.73

**Bills Paid January 2015 (Checking):**

Feb.2015 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 01/31

Constant Contact email listserve renew \$126.00 - 01/31

TOTAL \$246.00

**Account Transfers:**

None

**Mailings**

E-Mail - 83 Home - 37

Work - 10

130

**Membership Totals: 130**

85 Active - 39 Retired - 6 Associate

**We Welcome These 4 New Members Who Recently Joined MIFDI:**

- Brock Rowland - Deputy Chief - Waltham
- R. Scott Morency - Lieutenant - Lexington
- Guy Monaco - Lieutenant - Lexington
- Richard Liberatore - Lieutenant - Fitchburg

*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 were 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

02/13/2015

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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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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**\*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).

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Dues are due by January 1st. Add a \$10.00 Late Fee after April 1, 2015.

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## RECALL OF MEETING #581

*The January 28, 2015 meeting of MIFDI was cancelled due to a major snow storm. We will reschedule this meeting at the Middlesex House of Correction in the future.*



## EMS Run

### ***Increase In Heroin Overdoses***

The number of heroin overdoses and deaths have sharply increased in Massachusetts during recent months after a period of decline during the summer. The wave of opioid addiction is discouraging and overwhelming efforts to reduce the crisis. State Police reported 114 suspected overdose fatalities in December alone.

Authorities believe that one of the reasons for the increase is the return of heroin mixed with potentially deadly additives to produce an explosive high. Heroin tainted with fentanyl is blamed for an increase in fatal overdoses in Massachusetts. The medication naloxone (Narcan) was used to reverse 138 overdoses in Boston alone during this past December. Without Narcan, many of those survivors might have died.

Another frightening change is the speed of death. Many are dying within minutes after using heroin due to the potency of the drug. It could be due to a mixture fentanyl or pure fentanyl that is causing these fatal overdoses (Fentanyl is a pain killer used in end of life care that is up to 100-times stronger than morphine).

Communities and society continue efforts to increase awareness and education for heroin users. We as first-responders are the ones who must face the problem of people overdosing in bathrooms, bedrooms and automobiles throughout our communities.

We must continue training firefighters with the administration of Narcan and equipping EVERY fire company in the Commonwealth with this life-saving medication to reverse the effects this drug attributed to the death of too many young lives.



## LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Acting Lieutenant A. Philip Bouchie Jr.**, ACTIVE member of the Gloucester Fire Department. Phil died unexpectedly on January 13, 2015 at age 55. He was a 32-year veteran of the department. *May he Rest in Peace.*





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## CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to MIFDI member John O'Donoghue, retired Assistant Chief of the Cambridge Fire Department, who was recently recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services for 35-years of service with the DFS/MFA.



Contract employee, John O'Donoghue (center) marked 35 years of service with Deputy State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey (left) and State Fire Marshal Stephen Coan (right).

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 25, 2015: MIFDI – Wakefield

March 8, 2015: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS  
“Change Your Clock – Change Your Batteries”

March 21, 2015: Statewide Exam- Chief, Deputy, District  
*Good Luck!*

March 25, 2015: MIFDI – DFS/MFA Stow

April 20-25, 2015: FDIC 2015 Conference & Expo  
Indianapolis, IN [www.fdic.org](http://www.fdic.org)

April 22, 2015: MIFDI - Chelmsford

May 27, 2015: MIFDI - Merrimac (Annual F.D.I.C. summary)



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have.

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## REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

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

Regretfully, the January meeting had to be cancelled due to the snow storm on January 27. The decisions on canceling our meetings are based on travel safety for our members and the presenters. We will reschedule our meeting on "Responding to emergencies in correctional facilities".

As of January, we decided to re-number our meetings to better track the meetings. Rather than continuing the current system of running the meeting numbers continuously, we will use the year followed by the number, IE: January 2015-01, February 2015-02, etc. And because we have no summer meetings, September will be 2015-07, etc. It is difficult to estimate how many actual meetings have been officially counted since 1959 so this will maintain a better tracking system for meetings.

A reminder once again when MIFDI asks members to pay their dues for 2015 to keep the organization operating. The dues rate is now: \$30 for ACTIVE, \$15 for RETIRED, and Associate Membership will remain at \$100. Make check payable to MIFDI and mail to Treasurer McLeier at P.O. Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860-0510.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Wakefield on the 25<sup>th</sup>.



Vintage 1958 Chevrolet Chief's car from Wakefield (Courtesy of Dave Parr)

## INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

### ***Fuel Hording***

Drivers in the United States are currently enjoying some of the lowest prices of gasoline in decades. Future changes in the price of a barrel of oil may be of concern to those of us in fire protection because historically, when fuel prices begin to rise, consumers will hoard fuel to avoid higher costs.

Consumers will use any available container to collect and store fuel including; paint cans, glass bottles, and non-approved large plastic barrels. This is a very dangerous practice, not only for the consumer, but for firefighters as well.

Flammable fuels should only be stored in UL approved containers and stored in quantities limited by code.

A Reminder: According to Massachusetts General Laws: **Chapter 148, Section 23**,

*"No volatile inflammable fluid except an amount not exceeding one-quart contained in an approved safety can, and no non-volatile inflammable fluid except an amount not exceeding ten-gallons for domestic use shall be kept, used or stored in any part of any building used for habitation, and no volatile inflammable fluid in quantity exceeding one-gallon contained in an approved safety can, and no non-volatile inflammable fluid in quantity exceeding thirty-gallons, shall be kept, used or stored, except in the tank of an automobile, motor boat or stationary engine, within fifty-feet of any building used for habitation, unless a permit has first been obtained from the head of the fire department under such terms and conditions as he may prescribe".*

Remain vigilant and stay safe!

