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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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**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors - Tax ID: 04-2307216
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Membership Type:

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Membership Dues:

Active \$ 30.00

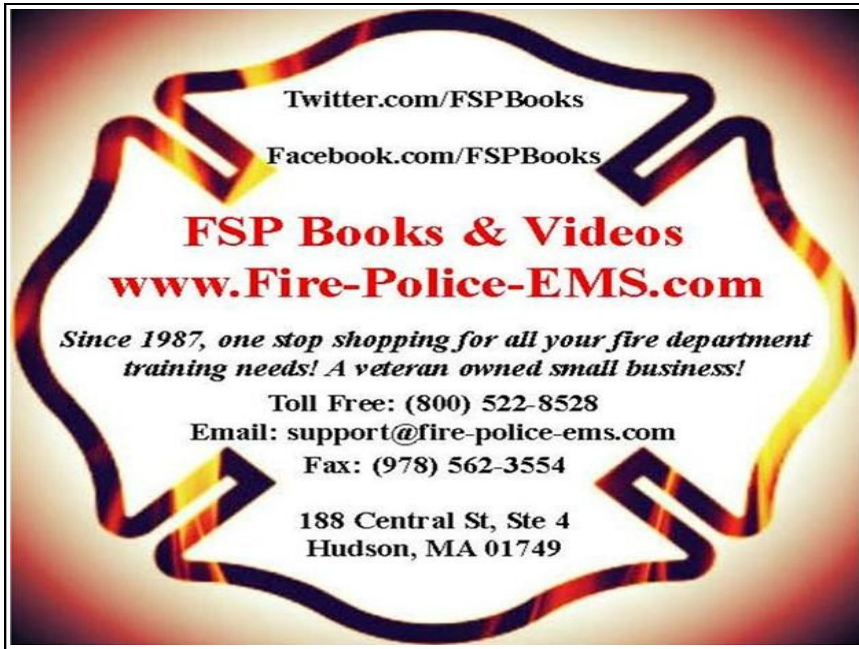
Retired \$ 15.00

Associate \$100.00

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

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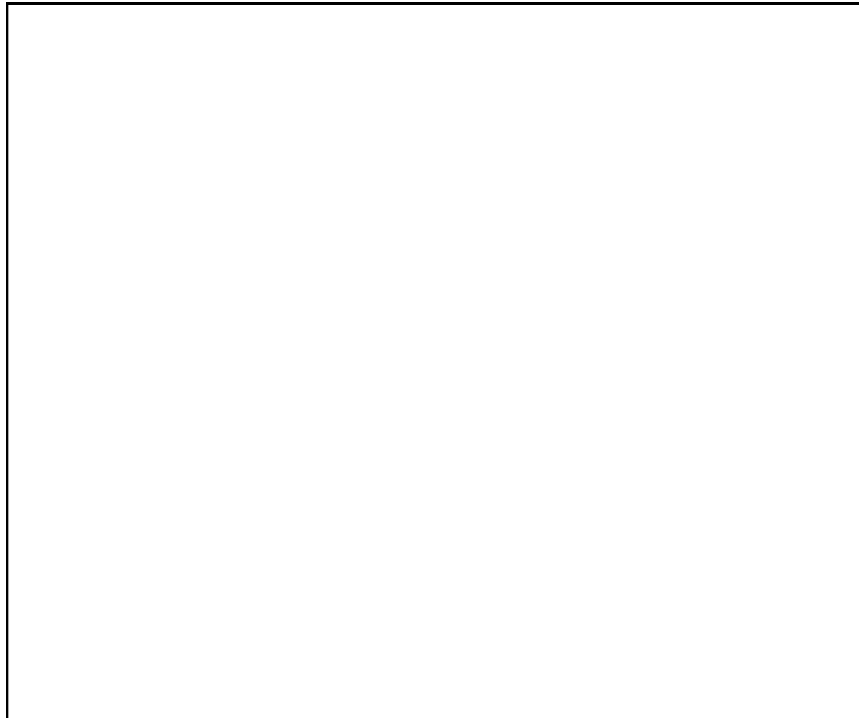
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FEBRUARY MEETING:

The February meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, February 24, 2016** which is our annual visit to the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services and the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy courtesy of Acting State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey and MFA Director George Kramlinger. We will meet in Classroom 127 (Check the welcome screen in the lobby in the event of a room location change).

We will be greeted by MFA Director George Kramlinger who will provide us with an update since our last visit to the academy. We also expect to have newly appointed State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey stop in and offer his vision for the future of the Department of Fire Services. Finally, the new Coordinator of the Impact Program, John Spillane, will provide us with an update on what training programs are currently being offered as well as some of the new programs being developed. This will be a good opportunity for training officers to plan on scheduling some Impact Programs for 2016.

SCHEDULE:

0900: Coffee (Available in the cafeteria), **1000:** Introduction, **1130:** Business meeting, **1200:** Lunch (On our own in the facility cafeteria on site).

DIRECTIONS:

FROM RT.128/I 95: Take Rt. 20 West to Rt. 27 in Wayland. Turn right on Rt. 27 and continue until Rt. 27 makes a right towards Maynard, *DO NOT TURN RIGHT*, continue straight for approx 3-miles and the Academy will be on the right.

FROM RT. 495 North: Take Rt. 85 (Exit 25) towards Hudson. At the traffic light turn left onto Rt.85. Turn right on Broad St. (First traffic light), and at the second traffic light turn right on Rt.62. Continue straight until Rt. 62 takes a left towards Stow, *DO NOT TURN LEFT*, continue straight for approx 4-miles and the Academy will be on your left.

FROM RT. 495 South: Take Rt.62 (Exit 26) into Hudson Center. Continue halfway around the rotary and continue on Rt.62 East. Continue straight until Rt.62 turns left towards Stow, *DO NOT TURN LEFT*, continue straight for approx 4-miles and the Academy will be on your left.

Ample parking is available in the upper-lot on the “D-Side” of the MFA campus.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/04/2016

Preferred C.U. Checking \$556.47

Preferred C.U. Savings \$428.23

Total: \$2,741.93

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 126

Dues paid thru 2020 = 1

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1

Dues paid thru 2017 = 6

Dues paid thru 2016 = 38

Dues paid thru 2015 = 61

Dues paid thru 2014 = 19

Balances as of 02/08/2016

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 428.25

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 428.25

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 702.23

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,757.82

Total \$ 2,888.30

Bills Paid January 2016 (Checking):

Feb 2016 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 01/31

Dunkin Donuts - Shrewsbury Meeting \$ 34.22 - 01/28

TOTAL: \$154.22

Account Transfers:

Preferred CU Savings to Cking - \$126.00 - 01/25/2016

Mailings

E-Mail - 85 Home - 34

Work - 7

126

Membership Totals: 126

79 Active - 43 Retired - 4 Associate

There were no new members who joined MIFDI this month:

- 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 2016 dues are due in January, 2016.**

Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2016 for your 2016 dues.

(b) You may now use the 2016 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

02/08/2016

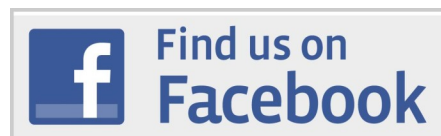
by Michael McLeicer, Treasurer

978-346-4731

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

Please remember to add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2016. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renew before April 1st, 2016.

MIFDI is now on Facebook. Login to your Facebook account and search for **Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors** or visit **www.facebook.com/mifdi**. Become a Facebook friend to MIFDI and receive up to date announcements right to your PDA, Blackberry or computer. You may also select the MIFDI Facebook link on the MIFDI website home page at www.mifdi.org





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Phone: (978) 346-4731

***Dues are \$30.00 per year for Active members *(\$40 after April 1st)**

\$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).

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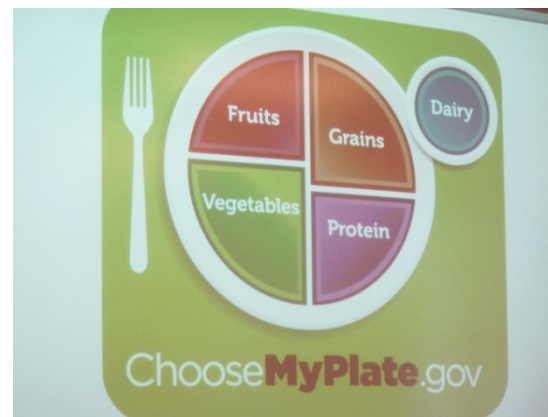


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RECALL OF MEETING #2016-01

The January meeting of MIFDI was held on January 27, 2016 hosted the by the Shrewsbury Fire Department courtesy of MIFDI member and Chief of Dept. James Vuona.

The first portion of our training was provided by Ms. Dana Harrison with an informative presentation titled "Examining the Potential Benefits of Nutrition Education within the Fire Service."



The second portion of our training was provided by MIFDI member Jim Bertrand courtesy of Northeast Rescue. Jim demonstrated the new Paratech Multi-Force Air Lifting Bag showing the "ease of use and the speed of deployment" with this innovative new rescue air bag.



Members adjourned for lunch at Bauhinia Restaurant in Shrewsbury (*Feeling a bit guilty at the buffet table after our nutrition presentation!*)

EMS Run

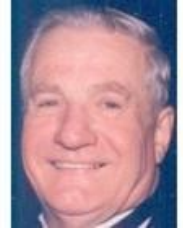
"Heart Health Month"



February is National Heart Health Month. Heart disease is the number one cause of death for both men and women in the United States. It is an equal opportunity killer which claims approximately 1-million lives annually. Treat your heart well and it will be well for you.

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our condolences to the family and friends of MIFDI member **Lt. Robert J. Yanosick**, retired 27-year member of the Bedford Fire Department. We regrettably missed the passing of Bob last February 5, 2015 at age 85. Bob has not been to a meeting in a few years but he remained a loyal and faithful member of the organization. *May He Rest In Peace.*



The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Deputy Chief Richard A. Farrar**, retired 30-year member of the Sterling Fire Department. Dick passed on January 30, 2016 at age 69. He formerly served as Director of Facilities & Operations at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. *May He Rest In Peace.*





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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and best wishes to **State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan** upon his retirement effective on January 29, 2016. Marshal Coan has served as State Fire Marshal for 20-years and his list of accomplishments are too extensive to list them here. All we can say is thank you Steve for your friendship and support of MIFDI throughout the years and thank you for your service to all firefighters and to the citizens of the Commonwealth.



And on that note, the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and support to **Deputy Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey** who has been selected by the Massachusetts Fire Service Commission as the new State Fire Marshal for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Peter has served in the position as Deputy State Fire Marshal since 2012 and has proven worthy of his appointment to this important position. We wish him great success and look forward to working closely with Fire Marshal Ostroskey for many years.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 9-10, 2016: FCAM Professional Development Seminar
DCU Center, Worcester www.fcam.org

February 16, 2016: Principles of Modern Fire Attack: SLICE-RS
Andover, MA www.isfsi.org

February 24, 2016: **MIFDI** – DFS/MFA

March 13, 2016: Daylight Saving Time Begins
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March 23, 2016: **MIFDI**

April 18-23, 2016: FDIC 2016 Conference & Expo
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Firefighter/Merrimac Fire Department, with any questions you may
have.**

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our first meeting of 2016 held at Shrewsbury Fire Headquarters provided members with an important presentation to start the year off with hopes of a healthier lifestyle. I thank Dana Harrison for her important program on Nutrition Education for the Fire Service. I also thank Pat O'Connor of Northeast Rescue for offering a demonstration on the new Paratech Multi-Force Air Rescue Bag provided by Jim Bertrand. And finally, thanks to Chief Jim Vuona and the members of the Shrewsbury Fire Department for their hospitality and assistance with the air bag demo.

A reminder for members to contribute to this great fire service organization by promptly paying the 2016 annual dues. Active Members: \$30, Retired Members: \$15, and Associate Members: \$100. Make check payable to MIFDI and mail to MIFDI, P.O. Box 507, Merrimac MA 01860-0510. Or you may bring a check to the next meeting and I will forward it to the treasurer.

Another reminder for the winter months is to be sure to check the MIFDI website for snow cancellations at www.mifdi.org

Stay Safe and I hope to see you at the Academy on the 24th.



We are moving soon. Our NEW location will be:
280 Milton St. #R1
Dedham MA 02026
617-325-3993 *(will forward for the time being)*

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

From 50-Years Ago!



MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR John A. Volpe is shown swearing in Chief Engineer Walter J. Spellman as a member of the Special Committee for Investigating the Feasibility of Establishing a "State Fire Academy" in 1966. Chief Spellman was appointed as a representative of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instruction. (Photo courtesy of the Lexington Minute-Man)