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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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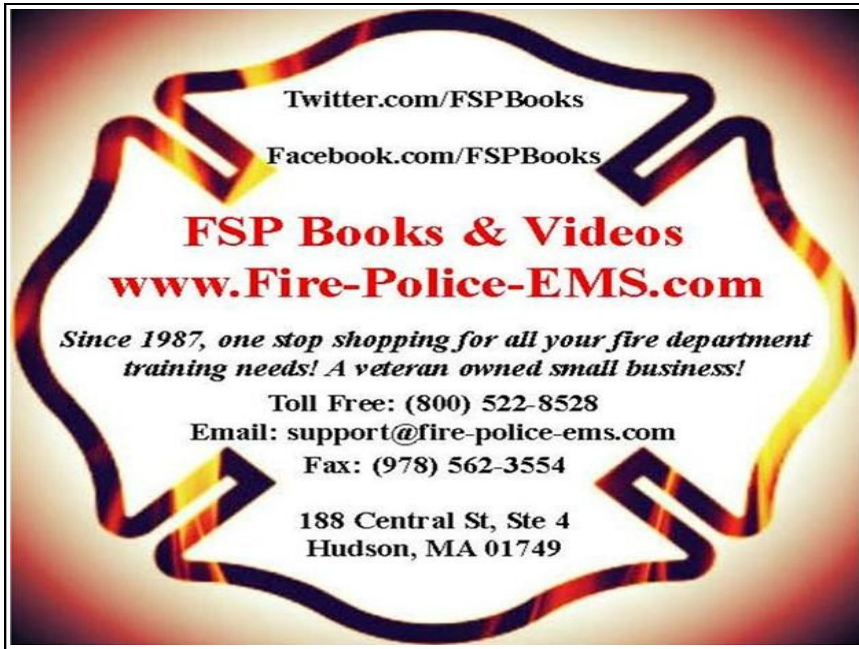
Retired \$ 15.00

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FEBRUARY MEETING:

The next meeting of MIFDI will be held **Wednesday, February 22, 2017.** We will be hosted by the Shrewsbury Fire Department, 11 Church Rd. courtesy of MIFDI member Chief of Dept. James Vuona. We last met in Shrewsbury for our meeting in January 2016.

Our training program will be provided by a representative from National Grid with a presentation on Gas Emergencies. It's been a few years since we reviewed gas emergency procedures and the winter months are usually when we see an increase in gas incidents.

SCHEDULE:

0930 Coffee, **1000** Presentation, **1130** Business Meeting, **1200** Lunch (off site).

DIRECTIONS: From Rt. 495, take Exit 23B to Rt. 9 West. Continue Rt. 9 West approx 7-miles to Rt. 140 North toward Shrewsbury (Staples on corner). Continue North on Rt. 140, which is Grafton St., for approx 1-mile. When you cross the lights at Main St., take the very first left on Church Rd. at the white wooden church and you will see the station in front of you. There is plenty of parking to the right of the station. We will meet in the first floor training room.



The result of a catastrophic gas explosion in New York City

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/03/2017

Preferred C.U. Checking \$194.14

Preferred C.U. Savings \$315.22

CapitalOneSav. Balance \$1,764.29

Total: \$2,273.65

Bills Paid January 2017 (Checking):

February 2017 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 01/31

Dunkin Donuts - Coffee - Roche - Mtg. \$ 31.98 - 01/26

TOTAL: \$151.98

50/50 Raffle = \$120.00

Winner = Captain Marc Pare - Chelmsford Fire \$60

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = \$60.00 deposited

Account Transfers:

None

Mailings

E-Mail - 77 Home - 29

Work - 11

117

Total active members = 117

Dues paid thru 2020 = 1

Dues paid thru 2019 = 3

Dues paid thru 2018 = 2

Dues paid thru 2017 = 53

Dues paid thru 2016 = 31

Dues paid thru 2015 = 27

Balances as of 02/11/2017

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 1,012.16

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 100.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 912.16

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 315.22

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,764.89

Total \$ 2,992.27

Membership Totals: 117

74 Active - 38 Retired - 5 Associate

Please welcome these new members who joined MIFDI this month.

- Kyle Riendeau - Lieutenant - Easton Fire Department
- Michael Green - Captain - Easton Fire Department
- Graham Rowe - Deputy Chief - North Andover Fire Department
- Michael Roy - Battalion Chief - Plymouth 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 2017 dues were due in January, 2017.**

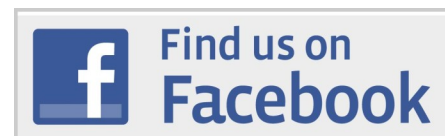
Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2017 for your 2017 dues.

(b) You may now use the 2017 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**02/11/2017****by Michael McLeieer, 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, 2017. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renew before April 1, 2017.

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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President Roche opened the meeting and thanked Brookline Fire for hosting. The meeting was temporarily suspended and our host passed around an SCBA face-piece with a built-in TIC called “sight.” Brookline Fire Department will be testing the face-piece for its practicability. The “sight” fits on the Scott AV3000 (the cost is approximately \$1100 alone, or \$1600 with mask).

President Roche then introduced Shawn Donovan, a Lieutenant on Boston Fire, assigned to L-4 at Dudley Street. Lt. Donovan is a presenter at FDIC and has written articles in various fire trade magazines. He presented *Laddering with a Purpose: Laddery Goodness*. Some of the take-away from the presentation was getting back to basics and safety, as well as knowing your equipment (and its limitations). Training on ladder is paramount, as is having consistency. He emphasized “throwing” ladders with some thought about what is actually needed, and went through the different advantages of using ladder not only for ladder work, but also for the engine company. He went over some drill that can be performed. But most importantly, know your equipment (ladders)...and reach! He further discussed ladder choices, raises, placement, jacking, etc. Lt. Donovan gave his email if anyone was interested in further discussion at Donn_ee@yahoo.com. He also mentioned checking out the website “Support the Primary Search.” In summary, be proactive, train, and be consistent.

The meeting was re-opened and Lt. Donovan was again thanked for his presentation.

There was no Treasurers’ report, as there were no expenditures. On a side note (Good & Welfare), Treasurer McLeieer’s mom is ill and our thought and prayers are with her and her family.

Eddie Lyons, from 24FIRE emergency services (and 24 TRAUMA) had some information about his business and left some cards. Check out his website at 24TRAUMA.com.

In MFTC Representative Andrew Connerty report he stated that Physical Agility Tests (PAT) may not be available in the near future, as Civil Service is not funded for the increase that is being discussed and they have to revalidate the process (so if no PATs, there could be no hiring). Andrew also stated that they DFS is writing grants for equipment and training, and they are trying to rollout and new “sign-up” feature at the DFS and MFA website. In addition, there are 128 firefighters on the waiting list, and they were filling June 2nd class at the beginning in January. The MFA is looking into maybe adding another class in Springfield. Y have ordered a new ladder that is slated to come in November. Lastly, the Director and Recruit Coordinator positions replacements are nearing completion. The new Deputy Fire Marshal Maribelle Fournier will begin next month.

There was some talk about the fire in Concord (at the fire station) that is under investigation. It was a small, but costly fire.

There was also talk about one of the Fitchburg fire stations that is being torn down. Also, it is not confirmed yet, but there may be another outing in June in Fitchburg,

Last Friday night, at Box 52, there were pictures regarding the situation in Detroit (i.e. stealing stuff, and letting vacant building burn). There are currently approximately 100,000 abandoned houses in Detroit.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 general discussion and camaraderie was enjoyed at the Bertucci’s in Brookline. Next month’s meeting will be held on February 22, 2107, in Shrewsbury and National Grid will be the presenter.

EMS Run

Detergent Pods

According to a new report, liquid detergent pods, already recognized as a hazard due to children mistaking them as candy due to their colorful packets, are now responsible for an increased number of eye injuries. The chemicals found in detergent pods can cause potentially long-term permanent vision damage. Children injured by these pods were presumably squeezing and popping the packets causing the contents to squirt into their eyes.

The detergent pods used for laundry as well as dishwashers contain concentrated liquid detergent inside a membrane that dissolves when it hits water. The colorful bit-sized packets are an attraction to small children to play with or bite into them. There are over 11,000 reports of exposures of children ingesting the contents last year. Eye injuries involving these liquid detergent pods represented more than ¼ of all eye burns to children ages 3-4.

According to the laundry detergent industry, manufacturers of detergent pods are committed to making these products safer by making the pods opaque, producing the pods outer membrane to have a bitter taste, and ensuring the packets can withstand the pressure of a child squeezing them.

The treatment is to rinse the eye/eyes under cool water for 20-minutes and transport to the hospital. The longer the content remains in the eye the more likely it is to cause permanent damage.



LAST ALARM:

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Lieutenant Scott Hebert**, ACTIVE of the Salem Fire Department. Scott died unexpectedly on January 30, 2017 while on vacation. He was appointed to the SFD in 1998 and promoted to lieutenant in 2008. May He Rest In Peace.





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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and support to **Maribel Fournier** who has been selected to serve as the new Deputy State Fire Marshal for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Ms Fournier has an extensive history in public safety having worked at the Department of Corrections, Department of Fire Services, and most recently in her current position at the Department of State Police where she oversees the Division of Administrative Services. We look forward to working with Deputy Marshal Fournier as we strive to improve the training and safety of firefighters throughout the Commonwealth.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 22, 2017: **MIFDI** - Shrewsbury

February 28-March 2: FCAM Professional Development Conference
Worcester DCU Center www.fcam.org

March 12, 1017: Begin Daylight Saving Time

March 15-16, 2017: Managing Disciplinary Challenges in the Fire Service
Billerica Fire HQ www.firelawblog.com/courses

March 22, 2017: **MIFDI** – Massachusetts Firefighting Academy

April 15, 2017: Statewide Exam for Fire Alarm Operator

April 17, 2017: BAA Boston Marathon

April 24-29, 2017: F.D.I.C. 2017
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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

The January meeting of MIFDI was a very informative presentation on the basic fireground topic of choosing the right ladder for the task, proper ladder placement, and operating safely on ladders. I thank Lt. Shawn Donovan of the Boston Fire Department for sharing this important program with MIFDI. I also thank Deputy Chief Kyle McEachern of the Brookline Fire Department Training Division and Acting Chief of Operations Keith Flaherty for hosting MIFDI once again at their facility.

It is that time again when we ask for members to continue their membership with MIFDI for 2017 by paying their dues. Dues checks made out to MIFDI may be brought to the meeting or mailed to: MIFDI, P.O. Box 507, Merrimac MA 01860. Dues remain at \$30 for Active, \$15 for Retired, and \$100 for Associate.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Shrewsbury on the 22nd.

A REMINDER DURING THE WINTER MONTHS TO CHECK THE MIFDI WEBSITE @ www.mifdi.org FOR MEETING CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLIMATE WEATHER.



Lt. Donovan presenting ladder basics

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Smoke Alarm Recall

The Kidde NightHawk talking combination Smoke/CO Alarm has a recall involving Model KN-COSM-IB manufactured between June 1, 2004 - December 31, 2010. The recall affects 3.6-million units sold in the U.S. The alarms are hard-wired with a compartment in the back for a 9V backup battery. "Kidde" is engraved on the front and the model number and manufacturer date is printed on a label on the back of the alarm.

The hazard of the device is that it will fail to continue to "chirp" when it reaches its lifespan of seven years if the batteries are replaced leading consumers to believe it is still working.

Residents are advised to replace these units and contact Kidde's toll-free number @ 855-239-0490 or go on-line at www.kidde.com and click on "Product safety Notice" for more info.

