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The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors is a non-profit organization and was established on September 30, 1959.

MIFDI's mission is "to promote fire department training and education by the mutual sharing of knowledge".

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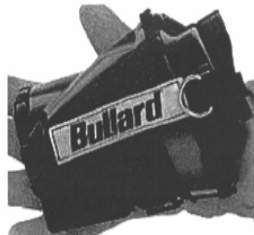
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**MARCH MEETING SCHEDULE:**

The 484th MIFDI Meeting will be held **Wednesday, March 23, 2005** hosted by the Department of Fire Services / Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow. Please be sure to sign in at the front reception desk.

Our program will be on "**Oil Burners**" provided by a member of the Department of Fire Services. The new Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, John Nadeau, will also be on hand to greet and briefly address our group prior to the training presentation.

**SCHEDULE:**

**0900** Coffee, **1000** Presentation,  
**1130** Business meeting, **1200** Lunch (Off site due to loss of the cafeteria).

**DIRECTIONS:**

**From Rt.128/I 95:** Take Rt. 20 west to Rt.27 in Wayland. Turn right onto Rt.27 and continue until Rt. 27 makes a right towards Maynard. **DO NOT TURN RIGHT**, continue straight for aprox 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 onto Broad St. (First traffic light), and at the second traffic light, turn right onto Rt.62. Continue straight until Rt.62 takes a left toward Stow. **DO NOT TURN LEFT**, continue straight for aprox 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 aprox 4 miles and the Academy will be on your left.

**NOTE:** There will be Green signs with gold MFA symbols to help point the way.

**CANCELLATIONS:**

During the winter months, check the MIFDI website for cancellations @:  
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**MIFDI DRILL SCHEDULE:**

#	DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
485	April 27, 2005	Billerica	TBA
486	May		TBA
487	June		TBA

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>Beginning Balances for 1/2005</b>		<u>Bills paid February 2005</u>	
Checking	172.36	Mar 05 Newsletter	\$105.00 Mike
<u>Savings</u>	<u>1327.88</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1500.24</b>		

50/50 Raffle = Collected  
 Winner =  
 Deposit from 50/50 Raffle =

Owed to treasurer for Mailings	\$ 28.00- thru Mar 3, 2005
Labels	\$ 10.00
	\$ 38.00

<u>Total members = 106</u>
Dues paid thru 2006 = 3
Dues paid thru 2005 = 61
Dues paid thru 2004 = 42

<u>Mailings</u>	
E-Mail - 24	Home - 71
	<u>Work - 11</u>
	82

<u>Balances as of 3/4/05</u>	
Checking	799.86
<u>Savings</u>	<u>1328.44</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2128.30</b>

Membership Totals  
 73 Active - 29 Retired - 4 Associate

Respectfully submitted 3/3/2005  
 David M. Jardin  
 MIFDI Treasurer  
 Fire Chief - Stoughton

WELCOME NEW MIFDI MEMBERS:

Michael Greeley - Retired - Newton Fire Department  
 Capt. Jim Carritte - Lynn Fire Department  
 Lieutenant Jeff Davis - Leominster Fire Department - Training

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**\*Dues are 25.00 per year for Active 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).

**\*Retired members dues are 12.50 for one calendar year (January 1 through December 31).**

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**RECALL OF MEETING #483**

The 483<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors was held in Lynn on February 23, 2005. Lynn Fire Lieutenant Joseph Zukas was our speaker. Lt. Zukas, of the Massachusetts Coalition of Juvenile Firesetters, spoke to our members about the training program he coordinates in the Lynn area. Known as "fire school," the program is designed to provide training to juveniles who get involved in lighting fires.

"Eighty percent of children seen in our school had discernable psychological diagnosis's," said Zukas. "Incidents of family trauma for these kids is five times higher than normal families," he said. "More than 50% of these families are actively involved with Massachusetts social service and mental health agencies," Zukas explained.

The Massachusetts Coalition of Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Program is the "number 1" program in the country, according to Zukas. He is the coordinator for all of Essex County and has been involved in the program for over ten years. The area covers anywhere from "Gloucester to Boston and everywhere in between." The ten week school is based at Lynn Union Hospital. The class meets on Sundays at the hospital.

Zukas applauded Lynn Fire Chief Edward Higgins for his continued support for the program. "Chief Higgins is very aware of the seriousness of this problem and is committed to our school," said Zukas. "The public schools are very involved with us as well. Ever since Columbine, schools are cooperative with us," he said.

Of his typical students, Zukas said, "over 90% of the boys are Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Many come from broken homes," he said. Some students have significant mental health conditions, such as bi-polar depression. Some are sexually abused or neglected. "Sixty percent of students are court-ordered. Fewer than 30% of the families without court involvement complete the program," he said. Zukas cited the "team approach" or a "systems approach" to the program. This involves the police, schools, social service agencies, courts, probation departments, etc. Lynn Fire is the "lead agency" on the North Shore.

Ordinarily, a "screening interview" is done in the home. Conditions in the home can be observed to an extent at this time. He has found that most kids are more aggressive, have difficult temperaments, are more hostile, etc. If a child lights a fire on the bed, it could mean that there has been sexual abuse taking place. If a fire is lit under the bed, it could mean curiosity or a cry for help. "Sixty percent of offenders were recidivates (re-offenders)," Zukas said. He also said, "sixty percent of all fires in Lynn were set by juveniles," Juvenile firesetting behaviors are classified as either: Curiosity related, crises related, psychological related, or delinquency related. The intervention triangle involves assessment, education, and a family component. Any area department in need of this program can contact Lt. Zukas at Lynn Fire Chief's office at 781-593-1234.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- President Roach called the meeting to order at 1130 hours.
- No Treasurers or Secretary’s report
- New Business: New members, Lynn Capt. Jim Carritte and Newton Firefighter Mike Greely (Retired)
- No MFTC report
- President Roach reported that he met with Marshal Coan and new MFA Director Nadeau about issues that concern MIFDI including:
  - Mandatory training issue
  - Relationship between MFA and fire dept. training officers
  - Fire Instructor parity with Criminal Justice training officers
  - Limiting effectiveness of MFA
  - Marshal will file a Bill at State House soon and wants MIFDI support

**OLD BUSINESS:-** nothing to report

**MFTC UPDATE:** – nothing to report

**LAST ALARM:**

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors regrets to report the death of the following;

**Captain William R. Hudson**, an active 25 year member of the Salem, MA Fire Department, died on February 3, 2005 died after a long battle with Hepatitis C contracted several years ago in the performance of his duties.

**Radio Repair Supervisor Gregory C. Richardson**, an active member of the Boston Fire Department Emergency Management Division, died on February 14, 2005 from leukemia.

**NATIONAL L.O.D.D.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Age</u>
Capt. William Hudson	Salem, MA	(C)	2-3-05	Hepatitis	50
Chief William Goodin	Mt.Victory, KY	(V)	2-5-05	Heart	56
F.F. Todd Smith	New Paltz, NY	(V)	2-6-05	Heart	31
F.F. William Pierce	Odgensburg, NJ	(V)	2-10-05	Heart	53
F.F. Angelo Petta	Garfield, NJ	(V)	2-12-05	Heart	46
Capt. Mark McCormack	Santa Clara, CA	(C)	2-13-05	Electrocution	36
Lt. Michael Crawford	Carrollton, GA	(C)	2-15-05	Heart	51
F.F. Michael Mercurio	Urbandale, IA	(V)	2-18-05	Heart	52
Capt. Grady Burke	Houston, TX	(C)	2-19-05	Roof Collapse	39
Ranger Henry Hobbs	Florida Forestry	(C)	2-21-05	Heart	37
F.F. Michael Aunkst	Benedict, NE	(V)	2-27-05	Heart	45

**DEATH IN FAMILY**

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our deepest condolences to MIFDI Secretary Lt. Thomas Bogart on the loss of his mother **Mrs. Priscilla Bogart**.

***MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE***

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to longtime MIFDI member **Jimmy Smith** upon his recent retirement from the Leominster Fire Department. Jimmy was appointed to the L.F.D. on October 11, 1976, and retired January 19, 2005. Best of luck to you Jimmy and we look forward to seeing you attend more meetings now that you have some extra time.

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

We are happy to report that longtime member **Arthur Hallowell** is on the road to recovery after suffering from a recent stroke. Arthur is home now and if anyone would like to send him a card or a note, his address is;

Arthur Hallowell  
c/o Amber Wood Assisted Living Center  
11919 Nature Trail  
Port Richey, FL 34668

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

March 18-22, 2005: EMS TODAY Conference & Exposition  
Philadelphia, PA Contact: [www.jems.com/emstoday](http://www.jems.com/emstoday)

March 19, 2005: Statewide Exam for Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, District Chief  
**GOOD LUCK!**

March 29-April 3, 2005: International Conference of Fire Service Women  
Bethesda, MD Contact: [www.wfsi.org](http://www.wfsi.org)

April 2-3, 2005: Line-Of-Duty-Death Pre-Planning Workshop  
NYS Fire Academy Contact: [www.dos.state.ny.us/fire/academy.html](http://www.dos.state.ny.us/fire/academy.html)

April 3, 2005: Daylight Saving Time "Change your clock, change your battery"

April 3, 2005: Connecticut Fire Photographers Association Show  
Windsor, CT Contact: [www.cfpa.freesavers.com](http://www.cfpa.freesavers.com)

April 10, 2005: Spring Melt Fire Memorabilia Marketplace  
Allentown, PA Agricultural Hall Fairgrounds @ 17th St. & Chew St.

April 11-16, 2005: FDIC 2005, Fire Department Instructors Conference  
Indianapolis, IN Contact: [www.fdic.com](http://www.fdic.com)

April 16, 2005: Honor Guard Competition  
Indianapolis, IN. Contact: 508-881-3543

April 20-22, 2005: Fire-Rescue Med 2005  
Las Vegas, NV Contact: [www.iafc.org](http://www.iafc.org)



**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:**

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

I would like to start by again thanking Lieutenant Joseph Zukas of the Lynn Fire Department for his excellent presentation on the Lynn Fire Department's Juvenile Firesetters Intervention program. I also want to thank our hosts, Lynn Chief Edward Higgins and MIFDI Secretary Lieutenant Thomas Bogart as well as the staff at the Porthole Pub in Lynn for graciously accommodating our group.

Last month, I was honored to represent MIFDI during a meeting with State Fire Marshal Stephen Coan and the new Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, John Nadeau. During the meeting we touched on some of the problems that many communities are facing with reductions and even elimination of local training divisions due to budget constraints. We also talked about issues of mandatory training for firefighters and also the expansion of the Fire Academy and how MIFDI can help with support of the expansion project as well as support with providing additional benefits for academy instructors and academy personnel. We had a great conversation and all agreed on maintaining the close working relationship with the local training officers through MIFDI and the State Fire Academy. Director Nadeau plans to meet and address our members at our meeting this month at the Academy.

Finally, I know that many of our members are taking the Civil Service exam this month for Chief, Deputy Chief, and District Chief. I wish you all well and hope that your hard work proves to be successful as leaders in the future of the fire service.

I hope to see you all at the Academy on the 23rd. Until then, stay safe.

Mark



Left to right, Marshal Stephen Coan, MIFDI President Mark Roche and newly appointed Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, John Nadeau.

**INSTRUCTORS CORNER**

**"Q's & A's for Emergency Vehicle Rules of the Road"**

*"When is it OK for an emergency vehicle to pass a school bus with its lights flashing?"*

According to MGL Chapter 90, Sect.14: When approaching a vehicle which displays a sign bearing the words "SCHOOL BUS" and which is equipped with front and rear alternating flashing red signal lamps which are flashing, and which has been stopped to discharge or load passengers, a person operating a motor vehicle, except when approaching from the opposite direction on a divided highway, **SHALL BRING HIS VEHICLE TO A FULL STOP NOT LESS THAN FIFTEEN FEET** from said school bus and shall **NOT** thereafter proceed until the warning signals are deactivated, unless directed to the contrary by a police officer duly authorized to control the movement of traffic.

(NOTE: Emergency vehicles are subject to Chapter 90, Section 14 provisions even if they are responding to a life threatening emergency).

*"Why is it that cars just don't get out of the way of emergency vehicles anymore?"*

According to MGL Chapter 89, Section 7: Any fire, police, ambulance, or disaster vehicle which is responding to a call, alarm, or emergency situation shall have the right of way through any street, way, lane, or alley. Whoever willfully obstructs or retards the passage of any of the foregoing in the exercise of such right shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars or imprisonment for not more than three months.

*"How fast can we go in an emergency vehicle, and can we go through a red light?"*

According to MGL Chapter 89, Section 7B: The driver of any Fire, Police, Ambulance, or Disaster vehicle shall be subject to the provisions of any statute, rule, regulation, ordinance or by-law relating to the operation or parking of vehicles, except that in an emergency and while in performance of a public duty or while transporting a sick or injured person to a hospital or medical facility, may drive such vehicle at a speed in excess of the applicable speed limit if he exercises caution and due regard under the circumstances for the safety of persons and property, and may drive such vehicle through an intersection of ways contrary to any traffic signs or signals regulating traffic at such intersections if he first brings said vehicle to a **FULL STOP** and then proceeds with caution and due regard, unless otherwise directed by a police officer regulating traffic at such intersection.