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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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 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2010**

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MARCH MEETING:

The March meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, March 24, 2010** hosted by the Belmont Fire Department courtesy of Chief David L. Frizzell. We will meet in the 2nd floor training room of Belmont Fire Headquarters, 299 Trapelo Rd. We last met in Belmont in December 2006.

The training will be provided by a Safety Specialist from the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad (MBCR). The presentation will focus on safety operations for first responders during railroad emergencies. MBCR operates the commuter rail system for the MBTA through many communities within the Commonwealth.

SCHEDULE:

0900: Coffee, **1000:** Presentation, **1130:** Business Meeting, **1200:** Lunch (Off site)

DIRECTIONS:

The Town of Belmont is located in Middlesex County 7-miles north-west of Boston.

FROM Rt.128 (I 95), take Exit 28A (Trapelo Rd.). Follow Trapelo Rd. east approx 4.3-miles and Belmont Fire HQ will be on the left. There is plenty of free on-street parking around the firehouse. Try to leave the parking spots at the station available for those with mobility issues or for citizens conducting fire prevention business.

**HOPEFULLY THIS WILL BE THE FINAL REMINDER FOR THIS
WINTER TO BE SURE TO CHECK THE MIFDI WEBSITE @
www.mifdi.org FOR MEETING CANCELLATIONS DUE TO
INCLEMENT WEATHER**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/01/2010

Economy Bank Cking. \$100.02
 Economy Bnk. Savings \$168.63
 Consumers Checking \$158.00
 Consumers Savings \$145.36
 ING Savings \$685.01
 Total \$1,257.02

Bills Paid February 2010 (Checking):

March 09 Newsletter - Michael \$120.00 - 02/28
 Feb. Coffee, Rolls, Copies-M. Roche \$ 71.92 - 02/28
 TOTAL:\$ 191.92

Account Transfers:

Economy Checking to Savings - \$1,100.00 - 2/16/2010

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = N/A

Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 108

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2013 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2012 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2011 = 6
 Dues paid thru 2010 = 76
 Dues paid thru 2009 = 22

Mailings

E-Mail - 52 Home - 44
Work - 12
 108

Balances as of 03/10/2010

Bank Statement Checking: \$ 142.61
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 Economy Cking. Balance: \$ 142.61
 Economy Savings Balance: \$ 1,268.90
 ING Savings Balance: \$ 686.19
 CD/None
 Consumers Stmtnt. Cking.: \$ 0.00
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 Consumers C.U. Checking \$ 0.00
 Consumers C.U. Savings: \$ 450.64
 Total \$ 2,548.34

Membership Totals: 108

69 Active - 31 Retired - 8 Associate

We welcome this new member:

- Michael McCadden - Captain - Beverly 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 2010 dues were due in January, 2010.**
- (b) You should now be able to use the 2010 membership application as your invoice. It has MIFDI's tax ID number listed, for your accounts payable department to process the dues payment.

Respectfully submitted

03/10/2010

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer
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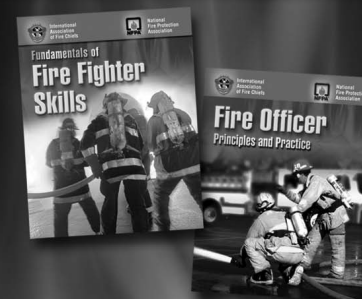
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***Dues are \$25.00 per year for Active members**

\$12.50 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).
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RECALL OF MEETING #532

The 533rd meeting of MIFDI was held on February 24, 2010 hosted by the Wilmington Fire Department courtesy of MIFDI member Chief Edward Bradbury and MIFDI member Lt. Rick McClellan. The meeting was held in the training room of the Wilmington Public Safety Building.

The training portion was provided by our own resident elevator expert, retired Chief of Operations John O'Donoghue of the Cambridge Fire Department. John provided us with a look at some of the proposed elevator changes and updates expected in the future. John has been a member of the A17.1 Emergency Operations Committee since 1994 and a member of the Massachusetts Board of Elevator Regulations since 2000. John welcomes questions, comments, suggestions, etc regarding elevator operations during firefighting or other emergencies.

You can always reach John at jod3502@aol.com

A business meeting conducted by President Roche followed the training presentation. Our host Rick McClellan provided a positive overview of happenings with the Wilmington Fire Department. New members were introduced from the Beverly and Brockton Fire Departments.

Member Steve Persson did not have a report from the MFTC due to illness on the day of the February meeting.

Members voted to approve submitting to Governor Patrick the name of Deputy Chief Glen Rogers of the Falmouth Fire Department as the MIFDI representative to the Massachusetts Fire Training Council when Steve retires at the end of June.

Members adjourned for lunch at Rocco's Restaurant in Wilmington.

EMS RUN:

Diabetic drug “Avandia”, helping or hurting?

FDA safety reviewers urged the removal of the diabetic drug AVANDIA off the market claiming it caused an additional 500 heart attacks per month. A 2007 study in the New England Journal of Medicine linked Avandia to a 43% increase in heart attack.

A 2008 report by two FDA officials concluded that Avandia was exposing users to higher risks for heart attacks without being any more effective than a competing drug, ACTOS. A trial is underway involving 16,000 patients comparing the two diabetic drugs.

It is important that we as First Responders and EMS providers record an accurate “med-list” for the Emergency Department and that we become familiar with medications which are red-flagged due to the possible risk of serious side effects for our patients at all “EMS Runs”.



LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to MIFDI member Chief David Jardin and his wife Maureen on the passing of Maureen’s mother **Ann Flynn** on February 6, 2010. May she Rest in Peace.

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to MIFDI member Robert Bartlett of Hopkinton on the passing of his mother **Catherine Bartlett** on February 26, 2010. May she Rest in Peace.



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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to MIFDI member **Chief Richard Francis**. As expected, Chief Francis was selected as Chief of Department for the Brockton Fire Department by Mayor Linda Balzotti on February 8, 2010.

We wish Chief Francis great success in his new position.

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our best wishes to MIFDI member **Acting Chief James Carritte** of the Lynn Fire Department upon his decision to retire. We wish Jim well as he journeys to a new chapter in his life.

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to MIFDI member **Michael Acciavatti** of the Beverly Fire Department upon his promotion to Deputy Chief on February 1, 2010. Good job Mike!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 14, 2010: Daylight Saving Time begins

"Change your clocks, Change your batteries" - Spring Forward with your clocks.

March 20, 2010: Statewide Exam – District/Deputy Fire Chief
GOOD LUCK!

March 24, 2010: **MIFDI** - Belmont

April 10, 2019: Retirement Dinner for Deputy Marshal Tom Leonard
Doubletree Milford Contact: Kerry Duffy @ 978-758-0488 by 4/1

April 12, 2010: PFFM 2010 Legislators Night
Florian Hall, Boston Contact: pffm.org

April 17, 2010: Retirement Dinner for Brockton Chief Ken Galligan
Shaw's Convention Center, Brockton Contact: BFD @ 508-583-2323

April 19-24, 2010: FDIC 2010
Indianapolis, IN Contact: fdic.org

April 24, 2010: Statewide Exam – Municipal Firefighter
(Application Deadline is March 16) Contact: mass.gov/civilservice

April 28, 2010: **MIFDI** – Billerica

May 26, 2010: **MIFDI** – Merrimack - Annual F.D.I.C. Recap.

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our February meeting was very educational and informative. I again thank member A.C. John O'Donoghue for his willingness to always step up and accept our request to download some of his vast knowledge on elevator operations for the fire service. I also thank our members, Chief Ed Bradbury and Lieutenant Rick McClellan for again hosting MIFDI at Wilmington's facility.

A final reminder that Annual Dues for 2010 are overdue. MIFDI remains a great investment for the information, educational material, and resources provided each month to help us be the best that we can be for our profession. Don't let your membership lapse. If you are unsure of your current status, check with Treasurer McLeieer at michael.mcLeieer@merrimacfire.com

See you on the 24th, until then stay safe!

Mark

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

DFS Advisory "*Compact Fluorescent Lights*"

As the use of Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL's) become more common in homes as an energy saving measure, a number of issues have been reported locally to the DFS office and nationally to the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission.

CFL's contain a ballast at the base of the unit between the spiral tube and the base. This ballast, encased in a plastic shell, may or may not have visible vent holes or slots.

The ballast contains a Voltage Dependant Resistor that, when failure occurs, opens like a fuse to protect the device and associated electrical equipment. The resultant smoke and heat should escape through the vent holes in the housing, light smoke may be visible and the distinctive "burned ballast" odor will be present. Often soot or an oily residue may be detected at the vent holes. The vents may not always be visible unless the bulb is removed from the socket.

Since more of these CFL's are finding their way into homes, they should not be overlooked when investigating smoke odors.

For questions or further assistance, contact the DFS Code Compliance & Enforcement Unit @ 978-567-3375

