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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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**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors - Tax ID: 04-2307216
 2013 Membership Application & Invoice
 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2013**

**Your MIFDI Dues
 are due Jan. 1st**



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 the first time.**

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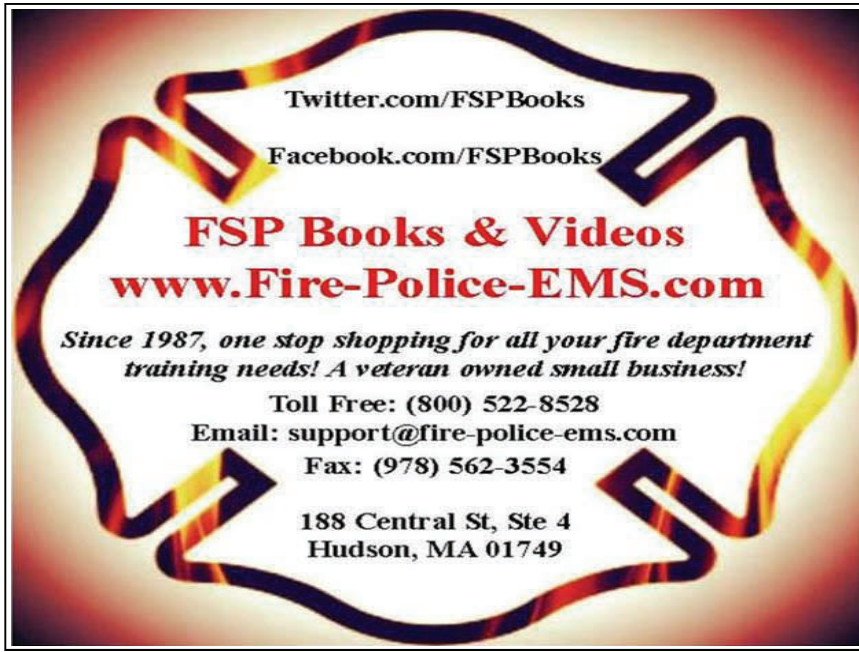
Retired \$ 12.50

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APRIL MEETING:

The April meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, April 24, 2013** hosted by the Cambridge Fire Department courtesy of Chief Gerald Reardon and MIFDI member, retired Assistant Chief John O'Donaghue.

The meeting will be held at the Cambridge VFW Post 8818, 680 Huron Ave. (below the Mayor Russell Community Center). The training will focus on the very successful EMS system operated by the City of Cambridge utilizing Cambridge Fire Paramedics and Professional EMS as transport providers. Cambridge Fire has always been on the cutting edge of Emergency Medical Services and we look forward to having them share their experiences on what works and what areas can be improved upon when providing EMS for your community.

SCHEDULE:

0900 Coffee, 1000 Presentation, 1115 Display of CFD Medic Squad, 1130 Business meeting, 1200 Lunch (Off site)

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt.128/I 95, take Rt.2 EAST to Rt.16 WEST. Follow Rt.16 WEST for 1.5-miles. When Rt.16 turns left on Aberdeen Ave., continue straight instead onto Huron Ave. The VFW Post will be on the left just before the 20-story Parkside Place Apartments. There is on-street parking along both sides of Huron Ave.



Cambridge Fire Department Medic Squad

TREASURER'S REPORT**Beginning Balances for 01/04/2013**

GVCCU Checking \$ 9.99
 GVCCU Savings \$563.28
ING Savings \$1,686.50
Total: \$2,259.77

50/50 Raffle = \$0.00

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 135

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2015 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2014 = 5
 Dues paid thru 2013 = 96
 Dues paid thru 2012 = 29
 Dues paid thru 2011 = 1

Mailings
 E-Mail - 88 Home - 34
Work - 13
 135

Balances as of 04/15/2013

GVCCU Checking: \$ 125.14
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 GVCCU Cking. Balance: \$ 125.14
 GVCCU Savings Balance: \$ 2,138.84
 ING Savings Balance: \$ 1,688.16
Total \$ 3,952.14

Membership Totals: 135

95 Active - 34 Retired - 6 Associate

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY JOINED MIFDI:

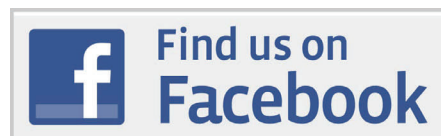
- Kenneth Tremblay - Assistant Chief - Lexington Fire Department
- Robert Croke - Lieutenant - Lexington Fire Department
- E. Ned Bolle - Lieutenant - Lexington Fire Department
- John Nogler - Lieutenant - Lexington Fire Department
- Chris Ford - Lieutenant - Lexington Fire Department

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 2013 dues were due in January, 2013.** Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2013 for your 2013 dues.
- (b) You may now use the 2013 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**04/15/2013****by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer****978-346-4731****Thank you for your continued support and for your prompt payment of your dues!****Remember to add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2013.**

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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).

Dues are due by January 1st. Add a \$10.00 Late Fee after April 1, 2013.

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RECALL OF MEETING #564

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors

March's Meeting-MFA (Stow)

March 27, 2013

President Roche opened the meeting at 10:05 and introduced MFA Director Edmund Walker. Director Walker spoke on the new addition of the Academy, the new facility in Springfield and introduced the new Assistant Director Joseph Klucznik. He explained the MFA's new Training Resource Guide, the Props that are available from the MFA and the new Policy and Procedures regarding the Recruit Training. The new Policy should allow for just over 100 more recruits graduating each year. This will be done on a new three (3) week cycle, bring the recruit Training down from twelve (12) weeks to (nine) 9 weeks. Director Walker also spoke on the Company Officer Advanced Leadership Program, Chief Fire Officer and gave an informative presentation on FESHE and Professional Development. He stated that if you have any questions regarding this to contact the Professional Development Coordinator, Joseph Guarnerra. Director Walker spoke about the Search and Rescue prop (a 24x 50 ranch house, with flat and peaked roof) that was built by the Assabet Regional High School and in closing he thanked us for coming and re-iterated that if you need any resources the contact the Academy.

President Roche opened the meeting back up and introduced two (2) new members of MIFDI: Captain Healy (Foxboro, MA) and Joe Tierney (Tisbury, MA).

MFTC Representative Captain Andrew Connerty spoke on the issues concerning the Training Council such as smoke detectors, seniors and fire safety, the Springfield kick-off, FPO-II class and pre-employment training.

John O'Donohue spoke about elevators and issues and then the meeting was adjourned and members took advantage of the MFA's Café for lunch. The next MIFDI meeting will be held on April 24, 2013 in Cambridge, MA

EMS Run

OEMS Advisory: MOLST & CC/DNR

It has come to the Department's attention that there may be confusion within the EMS community regarding whether EMT's can accept only Massachusetts Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST), the Comfort Care/Do Not Resuscitate Verification Form (CC/DNR), or both.

EMT's are to accept both the MOLST and the CC/DNR form (a patient may have either one) and both continue to be valid for Massachusetts EMS at this time.

Among health care sectors, EMS was one of the first statewide adopters of the MOLST program and the MOLST program is still slowly rolling out among hospitals, long-term care facilities, hospices and other health care sectors. Because of that, EMT's may not yet be seeing many patients with MOLST forms.

As it states in Appendix B of the Statewide Treatment Protocols, and was announced in communications from the Department leading to its update last year for MOLST:

While the Massachusetts health care system transitions to statewide use of MOLST forms, EMS personnel will honor BOTH the MOLST form and the CC/DNR Order Verification form during encounters in the field. For now, a patient may have either form, and if the form is current and valid, EMS personnel are to honor either form.

If you have any questions about the MOLST program, contact Patricia Reilly, RN DPH/OEMS Clinical Coordinator at patricia.reilly@state.ma.us or Christine McCluskey, RN MOLST Expansion Director at christine.mccluskey@umassmed.edu

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Edward A. Seman, Jr.**, ACTIVE member the Worcester Fire Department, Rescue Company. Ed died from occupational cancer on March 27, 2013 at age 57. May He Rest in Peace.



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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and best wishes to MIFDI member **Captain Robert Mills** of the Woburn Fire Department upon his retirement on February 28, 2013. We wish Bob good health and happiness.





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April 18, 2013: “Emergency Services of the Future”
Anna Maria College www.annamaria.edu/firesciencesymposium

April 22-27, 2013: FDIC 2013 Conference & Expo
Indianapolis, IN www.fdic.com

April 24, 2013: MIFDI – Cambridge

May 22, 2013: MIFDI – Merrimac - Annual FDIC Highlights

June 8, 2013: Fire Parade, Show, Flea Market
Edgewater Park, Wakefield www.lffra.org

June 9, 2013: FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL SUNDAY

June 10-13, 2013: NFPA Annual Conference & Expo
Chicago, IL www.nfpa.org

June 21-23, 2013: New England FIRE/RESCUE/EMS 2013
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June 26, 2013: MIFDI - Stoughton

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have.

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our March meeting was our annual visit to the Department of Fire Services/ Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow. This is always a great opportunity for us to catch up on the many training programs offered by the Academy as well as view the newest props and equipment at the MFA. I thank Director Ed Walker for his program on FESHE (Fire & Emergency Services Higher Education) and for bringing us up to date on happenings at the Academy.

We also had the opportunity to meet the new Deputy Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Joseph Klucznik. We look forward to working with Joe and seeing him in attendance at future MIFDI meetings.

A final reminder for members to forward your 2013 MIFDI dues to Treasurer Michael McLeier at P.O. Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860. Dues remain at the bargain price of \$25.00-Active, \$12.50-Retired.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Cambridge on the 24th.



MFA Deputy Director Klucznik, MIFDI President Roche, MFA Director Walker
(No, I am NOT standing in a hole!)
Photo by MIFDI Secretary Ted Quinn

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

MFIRS 2011 Annual Report

From the Office of the State Fire Marshal

The Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS) 2011 Annual Report is now available for review courtesy of the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services. The report is based upon thousands of reports submitted by local fire departments throughout Massachusetts in 2011. This effort makes it possible to look at the total fire experience, to identify our fire problems, to develop strategies to address these issues and to measure their effectiveness.

The total number of fires fell to 29,110 in 2011, an 11% decrease from the previous year. Unfortunately 54 civilians died in 51 Massachusetts fires during 2011. Civilian deaths increased by 18, or 50%, from the record low 36 fire deaths in 2010. However, for the first time known, no one under the age of 18 died in a structure fire. A disturbing statistic is that 32% of all residential fire victims were not alerted by smoke detectors. These people mistakenly thought fire wouldn't happen to them.

Cooking caused 67% of all residential fires and electrical fires were the leading cause of fire deaths in 2011, accounting for 14, or 34%, of the total residential fire deaths. Smoking has historically been the leading cause of fatal fires as far back as the 1940's and was the second leading cause of fire deaths on 2011 accounting for 4, or 10%, of fire deaths.

It is the hope of the Marshal that you will use this report to map out and measure fire prevention strategies in the coming year. We must sustain our efforts to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth through fire prevention and public education.

To view the full report, go to: www.mass.gov/dfs and go to "quick links" then "MFIRS Annual Reports, County Profiles & Fact Sheets" to download a copy in pdf format or contact Derryl Dion of the Fire Data Unit in the Office of the State Fire Marshal at 978-567-3382.