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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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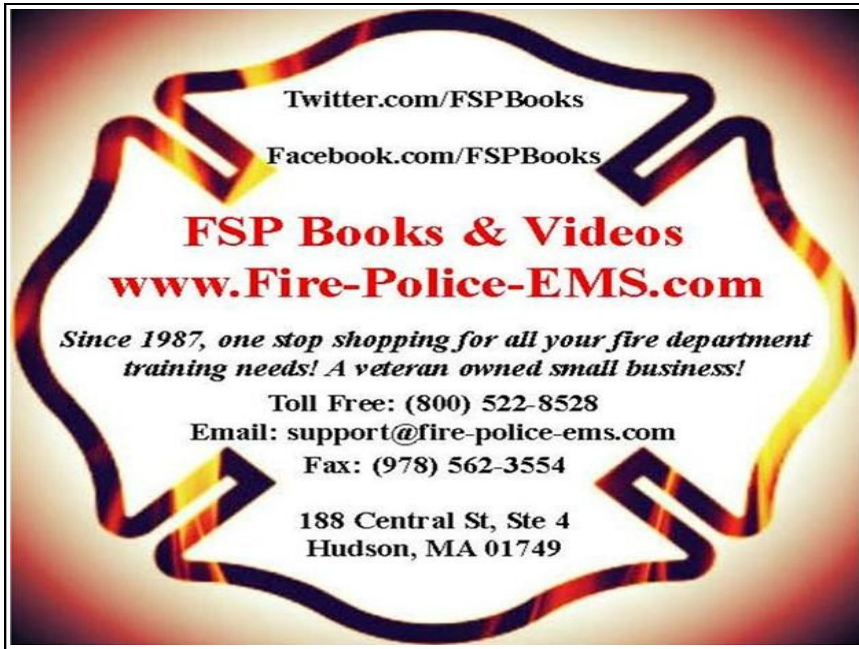
Retired \$ 15.00

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APRIL MEETING:

The next meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, April 22, 2015** hosted by the Chelmsford Fire Department courtesy of Chief Michael Curran. The meeting will be held in the Deputy McGlinchey Memorial Training room at the new Chelmsford Fire Department HQ located at 50 Billerica Rd (Rt.129). *(Deputy Chief Raymond McGlinchey died in the line-of-duty on November 8, 1964).*

The program will be provided by Mr. Bill Kinch with a presentation on the exposures to products of firefighting and the long-term health effects to firefighters.

The second part of the program will offer a tour of Chelmsford's new station provided by Chief Curran while explaining some of the lessons learned and addressing the many challenges when tasked with building a new headquarters station.

SCHEDULE:

0900: Coffee, **1000:** Presentation, **1100:** Tour, **1130:** Business Meeting, **1200:** Lunch (Off site)

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt. 128 or I-495, take Rt.3 to Exit 29 (Rt.129). Follow Rt.129 towards Chelmsford and the station will be on your right. There is plenty of parking in the rear of the building accessed by taking a right after the fire station and town office building and following the road to the rear.



TREASURER'S REPORT**Beginning Balances for 01/02/2015**

Preferred C.U. Checking \$267.67
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$427.51
CapitalOne360 Savings \$2,747.29
Total: \$3,442.47

50/50 Raffle = \$86.00

Winner = Deputy Chief Brock Rolland \$50

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = \$36.00

Total active members = 123

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 3
 Dues paid thru 2016 = 4
 Dues paid thru 2015 = 83
 Dues paid thru 2014 = 32

Balances as of 04/13/2015

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 1,007.55
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 1,007.55
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 427.69
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 2,749.99
Total \$ 4,185.23

Bills Paid March 2015 (Checking):

April 2015 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 03/31
 FDIC 2015 w/10% ISFSI Disc-Michael \$517.00 - 03/04
TOTAL \$637.00

Account Transfers:

None

Mailings

E-Mail - 76 Home - 37
Work - 10
123

Membership Totals: 123

78 Active - 39 Retired - 6 Associate

We Welcome This New Member Who Recently Joined MIFDI:

- Anthony Thompson - Battalion Chief - Plymouth

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 2015 dues were due in January, 2015.** Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2015 for your 2015 dues.
- (b) You may now use the 2015 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

04/13/2015

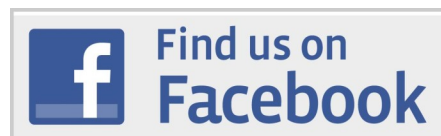
by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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

Please remember to add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2015. This fee does not apply to new members.

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***Dues are \$30.00 per year for Active members**

\$15.00 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).

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RECALL OF MEETING #583

President Roche opened the meeting at 10:15 and offered a Moment of Silence for Lieutenant Ed Walsh and FF Michael Kennedy's one year anniversary of their tragic loss.

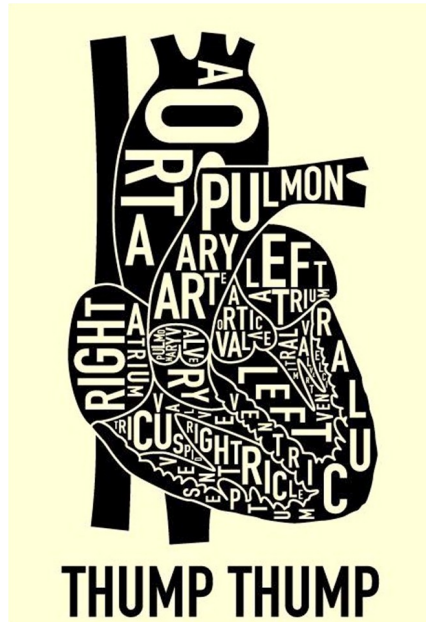
President Roche then introduced Massachusetts Fire Academy (MFA) Director George Kramlinger about his *Vision and Future for Massachusetts Fire Academy*. Director Kramlinger welcomed us to the MFA-Stow Campus, and informed us that in the fall of 2015 the MFA-Springfield Campus will be opening. Director Kramlinger comes to the MFA with an impressive background in both as a career officer in the United States Air Force and the fire service (and Engineer with the Dover, NH Fire Department). Director Kramlinger informed the group that there are three-hundred courses a year that the MFA conduct and that he has a four-point plan for the MFA, starting with putting the *house* in order with new concepts such as computerized course management program for a faster, streamlined, application process. He will be looking at, and reviewing, the MFA and all of its programs from top to bottom. In addition, he would like to get more of the curriculum online, with attention to the Training Officer of the fire departments with more Train the Trainer courses, more material and content as well as videos online. Finally he updated the group on the progress of the Springfield campus with its two-bay firehouse, and its three engines, a ladder, and a special operations unit. Springfield with house the SIM Trailer, classrooms, some administration positions and a burn building. The MFA is in the process of receiving new equipment in the form of apparatus: Three new E-One (presently at Greenwood), three new KME engines on order, and they just finished the specifications of a rear-mount aerial ladder. The Director then offered a Q & A session with many questions coming from the group such as the Impact programs, call/volunteer classes, apparatus, online classes, the MFA website, contact list of program coordinators, and discussion on a possible bridge program for FFI/II for *seasoned* firefighters that may not have the FFI/II certification that is needed for some classes at the MFA.

A short business meeting was held with the treasurer's report with a reminder about the dues and if there are any new members, please have your department fill out the applications that can be found online at our website. There was a motion that Treasurer McLeieer look into revamping our website, with a price tag of around \$1000, a vote was taking and the motion passed.

Ira Hoffman from FSP Books talked a little about some upcoming events and books that are now on sale such as the 527CMR1.00 and that the Chief's show will be in Springfield, MA.

The Burlington Fire Chief reviewed a fire that took place in an attached garage of a Fire Dept. mechanic's house last week. There were original reports that the mechanic was in the garage, but he was not. The Chief talked about the issues that they had to deal with such as hydrant problems and water main break. There were no injuries, but significant damage to house. *Cont.inued, page 5* —→

EMS Run



'Recall', continued from page 4

Additionally, the Chief said that there was an outstanding Mutual Aid response. The Billerica Chief spoke about a member that was killed in a snowmobile accident and mentioned that our brothers stepped up considerably and helped out a lot with coverage and other matters to assist his department.

Treasurer McLeieer mentioned that Amesbury Fire Chief John Brickett will be retiring and is taking a job as the new Executive Director Region III OEMS.

Bob McKendrick, Asst. Chief (ret.) spoke about the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations and that there are many new faces to the board with more to come.

There was a motion to adjourned, and having passed, a tour was given by Assistant Director Joe Klucznik who answered many questions during that period.

Next month's meeting at Chelmsford, with Fire Chief Curran hosting. In May, the recap of FDIC and June's meeting will be held in Fitchburg.

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Adam C. Franco**, ACTIVE member of the Fall River Fire Department, Engine Co. 2. Adam died from occupational cancer on March 16, 2015 at age 32. *May He rest In Peace.*



The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Eric J. Bernat** of the Stoneham Fire Department. Eric died unexpectedly on March 17, 2015 at age 42. *May He Rest In Peace.*





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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to member Chief Jonathan R. Brickett upon his retirement from the Amesbury Fire Department. We wish Jon good health and happiness in his retirement.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 15-16, 2015: National Fire & Emergency Service Symposium
Washington DC www.cfsi.org

April 20, 2015: BAA Boston Marathon

April 20-25, 2015: FDIC 2015 Conference & Expo
Indianapolis, IN www.fdic.org

April 22, 2015: MIFDI – Chelmsford

May 3-9, 2015: National Arson Awareness Week
“Accelerant Detection Canines: Sniffing Out Arson”

May 27, 2015: MIFDI – Merrimac - Annual FDIC Summary



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have.

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our March meeting provided our members an opportunity to meet the new Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and hear about his vision for firefighter training. I thank Director Kramlinger for his presentation and answering questions and concerns from members regarding programs, certifications, recruit training, etc. Thanks go out also to Deputy Director Joseph Klucznik for taking time to show members one of the new multi-use training props constructed since our last visit in 2013.

A final reminder to MIFDI members still owing dues for 2015, the dues rate is now: \$30 for ACTIVE, \$15 for RETIRED, and Associate Membership will remain at \$100. Avoid a lapse in your membership, make check payable to MIFDI and mail to Treasurer McLeieer at P.O. Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860-0510.

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



MFA Director George Kramlinger & MIFDI President Mark Roche
(Photo by Michael McLeieer)

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Cincinnati LODD

A 29-year veteran of the Cincinnati Fire Department died on March 26, 2015 during a fire in a 5-story apartment complex. Firefighter Daryl Gordon, age 54, was assigned to Engine Co.14 in the downtown section of Cincinnati.

According to initial reports, Firefighter Gordon was conducting a search on the 4th-floor crawling down a smoke filled hallway and encountered an open door. Upon entering the open door, he fell to down an elevator shaft and was wedged between the wall and the elevator car on the second floor level. Firefighter Gordon died at a local hospital a short time later from injuries sustained from the fall.

There are three investigations being conducted including;

What caused the fire

An internal review of how the fire was handled

A federal investigation by NIOSH

The question on everyone's mind is: *Why was the elevator door open on the fourth floor when the car was on the second floor?*

Final reports could take up to a year and we hope to follow-up on this tragedy. Don't let Daryl's death be in vain, learn from this event.

If time permits, get a quick glimpse of the floor below to understand the layout of the apartments, exits, and elevators.

When conducting a search, always have a tool in hand to push in front of you when visibility is poor.

