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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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 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2016**

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Membership Type:

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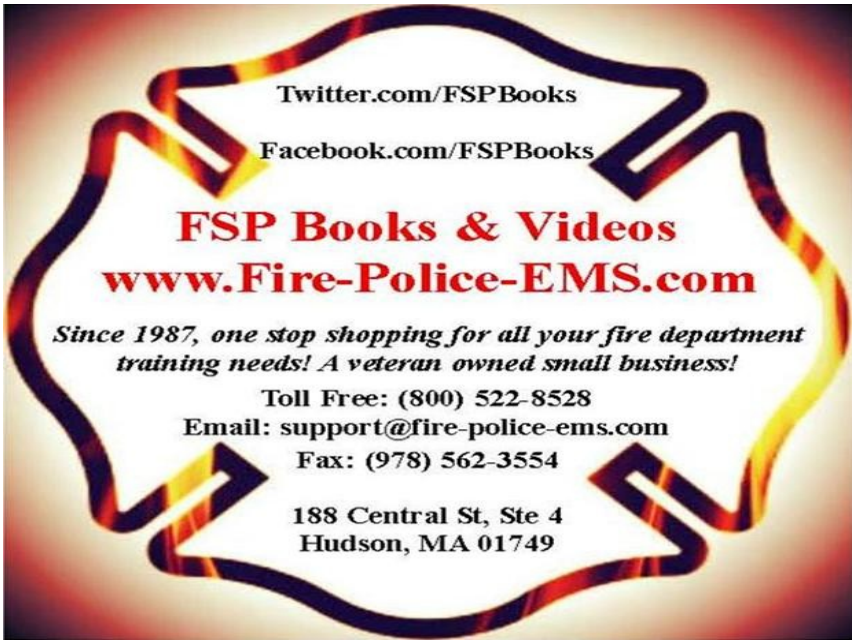
Retired \$ 15.00

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APRIL MEETING:

The April meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, April 27, 2016** hosted by the Brookline Fire Department courtesy of Chief Paul Ford and Deputy Chief James Corbett of the Brookline Fire Department Training Division. We will meet in the Training Division classroom in the basement level of Fire Station 6, 962 Hammond St. We last met in Brookline in June 2011.

Our training will be provided by Dave Gallagher with an interesting presentation on FireIce Solutions followed by a live fire demonstration in the drill yard. FireIce is a new generation fire suppression agent that acts as a force multiplier by enhancing the capability of water. When mixed with water, FireIce helps break the fire triangle by creating a dense oxygen barrier and supercharges the cooling effect.

SCHEDULE:

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

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt.128, take Exit 20A (Rt.9 EAST). Follow Rt.9 approx 6-traffic lights (3.4 miles). Turn right at the 6th light onto Hammond St. (former gas station on corner). Follow Hammond St .08 miles and the firehouse will be on the left. Turn into the driveway on the D-Side of the station to the rear drill yard where there is plenty of parking.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/04/2016

Preferred C.U. Checking \$556.47

Preferred C.U. Savings \$428.23

Total: \$2,741.93

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = None

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 128

Dues paid thru 2020 = 1

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1

Dues paid thru 2017 = 7

Dues paid thru 2016 = 49

Dues paid thru 2015 = 51

Dues paid thru 2014 = 19

Balances as of 04/18/2016

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 285.04

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 285.04

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 514.69

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,758.97

Total \$ 2,558.70

Bills Paid March 2016 (Checking):

April 2016 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 03/31

Dunkin Donuts - M. Roche - Meeting \$ 29.98 - 03/24

Shaw's - M. Roche - Meeting Supplies \$ 7.98 - 03/24

TOTAL: \$157.96

Account Transfers:

None

Mailings

E-Mail - 85 Home - 35

Work - 8

128

Membership Totals: 128

80 Active - 44 Retired - 4 Associate

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 2016 dues are due in January, 2016.**

Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2016 for your 2016 dues.

(b) You may now use the 2016 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

04/18/2016

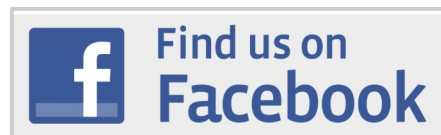
by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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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, 2016. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renew before April 1st, 2016.

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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Dues are due by January 1st. Add a \$10.00 Late Fee after April 1, 2016.

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RECALL OF MEETING #2016-03

The March meeting of MIFDI was held on March 23, 2016 hosted the by the Norwood Fire Department courtesy of Chief Anthony Greeley Our training was provided by Stephen Pugsley, Regional Emergency Manager for AMTRAK. Steve provided a fascinating and informative presentation on safety and awareness during incidents involving Amtrak trains and operating safely along the Amtrak railway.



Following the presentations, President Roche conducted a brief business meeting. A moment of silence was offered for State Police Trooper Thomas Clardy and also for Beverly O'Donoghue wife of member John O'Donoghue. Two new members were introduced, Deputy Chief Lou Lachance from Hingham and Deputy Chief Chris Major from Somerville. Member Andy Connerty offered an update from the Mass Fire Training Council. President Roche spoke about some of the challenges faced by arriving firefighters during a tragic accident at Sweet Tomatoes Pizzeria in Newton. Member Eddie Lyons spoke about a new company he is working at called 24FIRE which handles post-fire clean-ups, board-ups, biohazard clean-up, etc

Members adjourned for lunch at the Chateau Restaurant in Norwood.



April is Autism Awareness **Month**

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LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our condolences to the family and friends of the following recently departed;

Assistant Chief Paul Chagnon, ACTIVE 30-year member of the Newton Fire Department. Paul died on March 25, 2016 from occupational cancer at age 60.



Call-Firefighter Christopher E. Dalton, 8-year member of the Milbury Fire Department. Chris died March 9, 2016 at age 51.



Mrs. Beverly O'Donoghue, wife of longtime MIFDI member John O'Donoghue. Bev died on March 17, 2016 after a long illness.



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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and best wishes to MIFDI member **Captain Steve Doe** of the Waltham Fire Department upon his retirement in March after 32-years of service. Congratulations Steve!



The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our “belated” congratulations and best wishes to MIFDI member **Deputy Chief Robert Zalewski** of the Chelsea Fire Department upon his retirement this past fall after over 40-years of service. Congratulations Bob!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 18, 2016: Boston Marathon

April 18-23, 2016: FDIC 2016 Conference & Expo
Indianapolis, IN www.fdic.org

April 27, 2016: MIFDI – Brookline

May 1-7, 2016: National Arson Awareness Week

May 4-5, 2016: National Fire & Emergency Service Symposium
Washington DC www.cfsi.org

May 19-20, 2016: 2016 Health & Safety Symposium
Florian Hall, Boston www.iaff.org

May 21, 2016: Statewide Exam, Fire Chief, Deputy, District
Good Luck!

May 25, 2016: MIFDI – Merrimac - Annual F.D.I.C. overview

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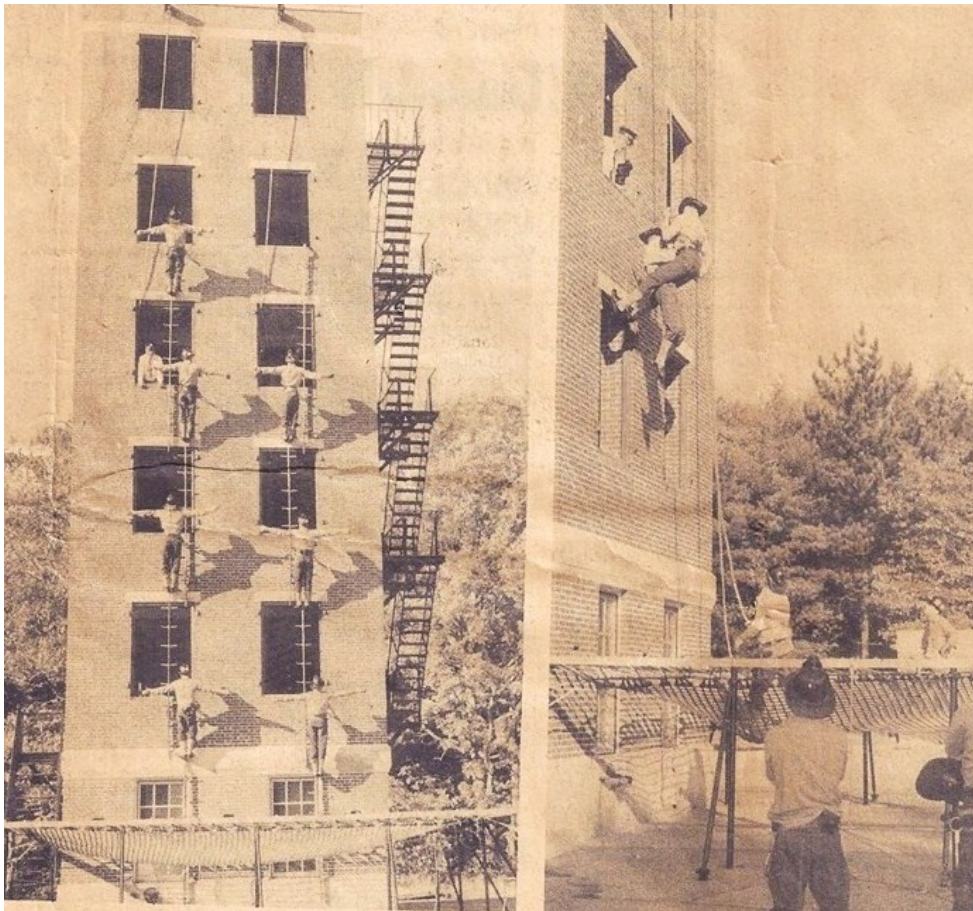
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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our March meeting offered us a very informative presentation on Amtrak safety and awareness. I thank Steve Pugsley for providing the important training to MIFDI. I also thank Chief Anthony Greeley and the members of the Norwood Fire Department for again hosting MIFDI at their Public Safety Training Room.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Brookline on the 27th



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INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Fire Prevention & Education Award Winner

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) has announced the recipient of the 2016 Fire Prevention & Education Award is Lieutenant Michael McLeieer. The presentation will be awarded at the NVFC banquet on May 6, 2016 in Alexandria VA. Michael McLeieer was selected through a nationwide nomination process for his exemplary dedication to fire prevention in his community and beyond.

This award annually honors an individual who has made a major contribution in the field of fire prevention. As part of the award, Michael will receive a trip to Alexandria to attend the ceremony, a complimentary one-year membership to NVFC, and a personalized award.

Michael has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to public education in his community and nationally. More than two decades ago, he founded the nonprofit organization E.S.C.A.P.E. (Education Showing Children and Adults Procedures for Evacuations) whose mission is to reach children and adults about fire prevention, CPR, and first aid. Students who participated in his fire safety education program achieved a 98% success rate when tested on how to respond correctly to a fire. The importance of this course was demonstrated when a 4-year old led his parents from their smoke-filled home the night after the child participated in the course.

Michael has also played a role in education on a state and national level. For seven years, he served as the Training & Scheduling Coordinator at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy for the statewide Youth Fire Intervention Program. Michael has presented at the National Fire Academy, Vision 20/20 Models in Fire Prevention Symposium, the FDIC (Fire Department Instructors Conference), and the NFPA International conference.

Michael McLeieer joined the Merrimac MA Fire Department in 2000, and the Olivet MI Fire Department in 2013. "He exemplifies the philosophy of fire prevention, educating over one-million people in the last two decades"

CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL ON THIS WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION!

