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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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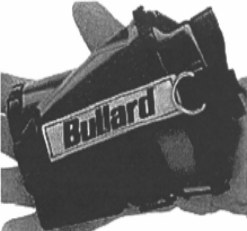
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MAY MEETING SCHEDULE:

The 486th MIFDI Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 25, 2005 hosted by the Hudson Fire Department courtesy of Chief Frederick R. Dusseault. The meeting will be held in the state-of-the-art training room at Hudson's impressive new fire headquarters located at 296 Cox Street which opened in January of this year.

Our program will be provided by Director and Past President Michael McLeeier. Michael selected a few of the more popular subjects covered during the 2005 FDIC in Indianapolis. The presentation will also include a copy of the CD featuring the selected topics. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chief Dusseault promises our members a tour of Hudson's new \$6.1 million facility which also includes a training tower. As an added bonus, the new DFS Incident Rehab Unit will be on display for our members to view. This should be a real good meeting and as always, guests are welcome to attend.

SCHEDULE:

0900 Coffee, **1000** Presentation, **1115** Brief Business Meeting, **1130** Facility Tour, **1200** Lunch (Off site)

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 Mass Fire Academy will be on the right. Continue past the academy for another 3 miles to the 2nd traffic light, that is Cox St. Turn right onto Cox St. and the H.F.D. will be on the right.

From Rt.495: Take Rt.62 (Exit 26) into Hudson Center. Continue halfway around the rotary and continue on Rt.62 East. Continue straight until the traffic lights just before Rt.62 turns left towards Stow (2 traffic lights within sight of each other). That traffic light is Cox St., turn left and the H.F.D. in on the right.

LUNCH: We will meet at the Piccadilly Pub on Rt.85 which is a short drive from the station. We met here after the March meeting and enjoyed a delicious reasonably priced lunch.

JUNE MEETING:

JUNE 22: Natick Fire Department

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Beginning Balances for 1/2005		Bills Paid March 2005	
Checking	172.36	May 05 Newsletter	\$105.00 Mike
Savings	1327.88	May 05 Web	\$ 99.00 Mike
Total	\$1500.24	April 05 FDIC	\$450.00 Mike

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

Owed to treasurer for Mailings	\$ 30.00- thru May 5, 2005
Labels	\$ 10.00
	\$ 40.00

Total members = 109
Dues paid thru 2006 = 3
Dues paid thru 2005 = 64
Dues paid thru 2004 = 42

Mailings	
E-Mail - 24	Home - 74
	<u>Work - 11</u>
	85

Balances as of 4/2/05	
Checking	100.86
Savings	1330.56
Total	\$1431.42

Membership Totals	
76 Active - 29 Retired - 4 Associate	

Respectfully submitted 5/5/2005
 David M. Jardin
 MIFDI Treasurer
 Fire Chief – Stoughton

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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).**

RECALL OF MEETING #485

Nothing Submitted

NEW BUSINESS: nothing submitted

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;

NATIONAL L.O.D.D.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cause</u>
<u>Age</u> F.F. William Poage 51	Hope Hull, AL	(V)	04-02-05	Heart
FFOP Justin Wisneiwski From Ladder 18	Southington, CT	(V)	04-03-05	Fall
F.F. Richard A. Fast 49	Alum Bridge, WV	(V)	04-11-05	Heart
F.F. Dale A. Monica 54	Burke, NY	(V)	04-16-05	Heart
F.F. Alfred Wohrman M.V.A. 60	Poughquag, NY	(V)	04-17-05	
F.F. Sally Renee Clark 49	Laurel, MS	(V)	04-18-05	Heart
F.F. Jacob Cook 23	Evanston, WY	(V)	04-18-05	Burns
Lt. Robert Henderson 38	Evanston, WY	(V)	04-18-05	Burns
F.F. David O'Conner den 38	Memphis, TN	(C)	04-20-05	Sud-
Capt. Brian Burns Tanker Crash 47	Chico, CA	(P)	04-20-05	Air
Capt. Paul Cockrell Tanker Crash 52	Chico, CA	(P)	04-20-05	Air
Capt. Thomas Lynch Tanker Crash 41	Chico, CA	(P)	04-20-05	Air
F.F. Christopher Hunton From Rig 27	Amarillo, TX	(C)	04-25-05	Fall

MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE

CONGRATULATIONS:

GOOD & WELFARE:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 13 or 14, 2005: "Fireground Decision Making" Seminar
North Attleboro, MA Contact: 508-699-0140

May 15, 2005: Lowell Firefighters 5K Road Race
Lowell, MA Contact: www.coolrunning.com

May 15, 2005: Annual Tri-State Muster & Flea Market
Webster Lake Memorial Beach, Webster MA

May 19, 2005: "Firefighter Close Calls" Seminar
Dover, NH Contact: perry.plummer@ci.dover.nh.us

May 25, 2005: FDNY 9/11 Memorial Golf Outing
Myrtle Beach, SC Contact: www.fdnycgolf.com

June 4-8, 2005: FDIC WEST
Los Angeles, CA Contact: www.fdicwest.com

June 9-11, 2005: NYS AFC Convention
Syracuse, NY Contact: www.nysafc.org

June 11, 2005: MAFAA Fire Apparatus Parade, Show & Flea Market
Edgewater Office Park, Wakefield, MA

June 12, 2005: FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL SUNDAY

June 12, 2005: Worcester Firefighters Memorial 6K Race
Industrial Park, Worcester, MA Contact: www.wfd6k.org

June 24-26, 2005: N.E. FIRE/RESCUE/EMS 2005
West Springfield, MA Contact: www.newenglandfirechiefs.org

June 26-29, 2005: IAFF EMS Conference
Las Vegas, NV Contact: www.IAFF.org

June 26 - July 5, 2005: World Police & Fire Games
Quebec, Canada Contact: www.2005wpfg.com

**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:
Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department**

I again want to thank Chief Anthony Capaldo of the Billerica Fire Department for hosting the April meeting of MIFDI. Our organization has met many times over the years in the training room at Billerica Fire Headquarters and each time our host goes above and beyond with his generosity to our members. Thank you Chief!

I also want to thank Deputy Chief Mike Curran of the Chelmsford Fire Department for stepping up to the plate and helping with organizing the meeting due to a "schedule conflict" with Deputy Chief John Sullivan. Apparently John's wife scheduled a romantic cruise on the same week and John being the good husband that he is made the sacrifice and was compelled to keep hydrated with pina colada's on the deck of a beautiful cruise ship over warm tropical waters, a difficult choice I'm sure! In all seriousness though, thank you John for arranging our speaker, Mike Savage of the ICMA Corporation with an informative presentation on the retirement system.

As most of you may have heard by now, the new director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, John Nadeau, resigned from the position and again Richard Farrar is serving as Interim Director. A measure is in motion to change the retirement classification of the Directors position at the Academy to retirement Group 4, a move that is strongly supported by this organization.

On another note, I am hopeful that the Massachusetts Legislature will this year pass the bill filed by Representative Rachel Kaprielian and Senator Stephen Brewer requiring all cigarettes sold in Massachusetts be self-extinguishing. According to the State Fire Marshal's office, cigarette-ignited fires in 2003 were responsible for 18 fire deaths, injuries to 59 civilians and 48 firefighters, and destroyed \$12.6 million in property. A "fire-safe cigarette" will provide us with one more defense in our crusade against fire.

Finally, I ask each of our members to help in any way possible with sponsoring our Treasurer, Chief David Jardin who will again be participating in the Pan-Mass Challenge bike-a-thon on August 6th & 7th. The P.M.C. is a 192-mile bike ride from Sturbridge to Provincetown to raise funds for cancer research and treatment at the Jimmy Fund of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. You can mail a donation for this important event directly to Dave or go online to the PMC website @ www.pmc.org and enter Dave's ID# DJ0027.

I hope to see you all in Hudson on the 25th. Until then, stay safe.

Mark

INSTRUCTORS CORNER
DFS Incident Rehab Unit Memorandum

The Department of Fire Services is pleased to announce the delivery of an Incident Rehab Unit that will operate within the Special Operations Division. The Incident Rehab Unit was built on a 2005 GMC cab and chassis. The design allows for the vehicle to be moved and set up in a short amount of time. Being built on a commercial cab and chassis with on-spot chains allows for greater mobility in movement in all types of New England weather. As the vehicle can travel at highway speeds, the unit should be of assistance to all fire departments across the Commonwealth, depending on the duration of the incident.

The Unit has 18 seats that can be accessed through doors on either side in the front or a single rear entrance. Each seat has an individual diffuser to allow the person to select how much air they wish to have blown on them. The unit is stocked with refreshments, EMS equipment, and all needed components to set up a proper rehab. Appliances in the unit include 4 small ice machines, 2 refrigerators, and 4 video monitors. The unit also provides a space where firefighters can be debriefed when operating at a major or long-term incident.

The unit is self sufficient with a 20 KW diesel generator, 50 gallons of potable water for misting units and ice machines, under-frame stabilizers, 3000 watt Night Scan, 2 misting rings interior and 2 misting units pre-plumbed on the exterior.

The overall dimensions of the unit are:

Length- 40'2"
Wheel Base 280"
Width 102"
Height 12' 3"
Weight CVW 23,000

To request the Rehab Unit to respond to an incident (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) please call the MEMA Bunker at 508-820-2000.

The rehab function is extremely important to the safety of firefighters, and the Department of Fire Services encourages you to utilize this valuable resource.