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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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Membership Dues:

Active \$ 25.00

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Associate \$100.00

Active **Retired** **Associate** **Home** **Work** **E-mail**

Please mail completed Application with check or money order payable to:

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MAY MEETING:

The May meeting of MIFDI will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 hosted by the Merrimac Fire Department courtesy of Chief Ralph Spencer. The meeting will be held in the training room of the Merrimac Fire/Rescue Headquarters, 16 East Main St. (Rt.110), Merrimac, MA.

The program will be provided by MIFDI Treasurer, Webmaster, and Past President Michael McLeieer with a presentation from the 2011 FDIC Training Conference in Indianapolis. This has been an annual tradition for MIFDI as Michael brings back some of the highlights of the many topics covered during the conference. For those attending this meeting, copies of CD's with many of the training topics covered will be provided.

DIRECTIONS:

Merrimac is located in Essex County and easy to get to from Interstate 495.

Take Exit 53 off Rt. 495 which is the Broad St Exit. Follow Broad St. NORTH a short distance to the end and the fire station will be directly in front of you. Parking is on the left and rear of the building. Try to leave the front parking spots open for those conducting fire and police business as well as those members with mobility issues.

SCHEDULE:

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



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Economy Bank Cking. \$326.62
 Economy Bnk. Savings \$147.94
 Consumers Checking \$572.50
 Consumers Savings \$147.70
 ING Savings \$1,207.91
Total \$2,402.64

50/50 Raffle = \$ 0.00

Winner = - N/A

Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 113

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2015 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2012 = 10
 Dues paid thru 2011 = 89
 Dues paid thru 2010 = 12

Balances as of 05/09/2011

Bank Statement Checking: \$ 162.36
 Less uncleared checks: (\$.00)
 Economy Cking. Balance: \$ 162.36
 Economy Savings Balance: \$ 748.07
 ING Savings Balance: \$ 1,211.45
 CD/None
 Consumers Stmt. Cking.: \$ 192.10
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 57.10)
 Consumers C.U. Checking \$ 135.00
 Consumers C.U. Savings: \$ 130.46
Total \$ 2,387.34

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS TO MIFDI:

- David Toomey - Lieutenant - Belmont Fire Department
- David Melanson - Captain - Watertown 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 2011 dues will be due in January, 2011.**
- (b) You should now be able to use the 2011 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

05/09/2011

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

978-346-4731

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

Bills Paid April, 2011 (Checking):

May Newsletter - Michael \$120.00 - 04/28
 Refreshments - M. Roche - April \$ 57.10 - 04/28
 FDIC Hotel Reibursmnt. -Michael \$498.83 - 04/28
TOTAL: \$675.93

Account Transfers:

CCU Checking to Savings - \$250.93 - 04/28/2011
 Economy Checking to Sav. - \$600.00 - 04/28/2011

Mailings

E-Mail - 70 Home - 37
Work - 6
 113

Membership Totals: 113

73 Active - 33 Retired - 7 Associate

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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).

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RECALL OF MEETING #545

The 545th meeting of MIFDI was held on April 27, 2011 hosted by the Saugus Fire Department courtesy of Chief James Blanchard

Our presenter was Lt. James O'Brien of the Boston Fire Department. Lt. O'Brien was instrumental with the creation of a driver training program which has been instituted within the Boston Fire Department. His presentation to MIFDI focused on the importance of the creation of a driver training program for fire departments and the tools and resources available to adapt a comprehensive driver training program molded to each department. The following are some of the resources available for establishing a driver training program: NFPA 1002 & 1451, the Smith System, the Vigil System, the Montgomery County driver training procedure, the FDNY driver training guideline, Massachusetts DFS mobile Driver Training Simulator, or the M.M.A. Driver Training Simulator trailer.

A brief business meeting was conducted by President Roche. Members approved the additional funding for the MIFDI representative to the 2011 FDIC. New member Captain David Melanson from Watertown was introduced.

Members adjourned for lunch at Spud's Restaurant in Saugus.



Boston Fire Lt. James O'Brien & Saugus Chief James Blanchard



YOU ARE INVITED
to the Dedication of the **Department of Fire Services Headquarters**

*Governor Deval Patrick,
Secretary of Public Safety and Security Mary Elizabeth Heffernan,
and State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan invite you to attend
the Dedication of DFS Stow Headquarters*

WHEN:

Saturday, June 11, 2011
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Open House: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Kids Activities: junior fire gear, target squirt
Sparky the Fire Dog, Smokey Bear
Demonstrations: Hazmat, Bomb Squad,
Fire Safety, Mass. Firefighting Academy

Parade: 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Featuring antique fire apparatus

Dedication with Governor Patrick: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Department of Fire Services
1 State Road Stow, MA

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to Events.DFS-CR@state.ma.us

Limited space available, please include the number of people in your party.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

(including parking)

Visit www.mass.gov/dfs

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of former MIFDI member **Captain David W. Fuller** of the Woburn Fire Department. Captain Fuller died April 8, 2011 at age 64 after a battle with cancer. Dave was appointed to the Woburn Fire Department in 1982, promoted to Lieutenant in 1987, promoted Captain 1997, and retired 2002. May he Rest in Peace.



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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and best wishes to **Judy O'Brien**, Administrative Assistant to the Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Judy has retired from her position as of April 21, 2011. Judy has been a great asset to MIFDI throughout the years and we will miss her kindness and wit. We wish her good health and happiness in her retirement.

GOOD & WELFARE:

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers get well wishes to member **George Churchill** from Brockton who has undergone hip replacement surgery on April 13. We are hopeful your "new parts" work well George and we expect to see you back in-service for the May meeting.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 12-13, 2011: Northeast Juvenile Firesetting Conference
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May 24, 2011: Massachusetts C.I.S.M. 2011 Conference
DFS, Stow www.mass.gov/dfs

May 25, 2011: **MIFDI** – Merrimack - Annual F.D.I.C. Highlights

June 11, 2011: DFS/MFA Facility Dedication

June 11, 2011: Fire Apparatus Parade & Flea Market
Edgewater office Park, Wakefield www.lffra.org

June 12, 2011: Firefighters Memorial Sunday

June 12-15, 2011: NFPA Conference & Expo
Boston Convention Center www.nfpa.org

June 22, 2011: **MIFDI** –

June 24-26, 2011: Fire/Rescue/EMS 2011
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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our April meeting provided us with important informational resources regarding the formulation of a driver training program for the fire service. I thank our presenter, Lt. James O'Brien, for sharing his experience with the creation of the driver training program instituted within the Boston Fire Department. I also thank our host, Chief James Blanchard and the members of the Saugus Fire Department for again hosting MIFDI at their facility.

As we focused on driver training for our April meeting, the Department of Fire Services announced the arrival of their new Driver Training Simulator. This mobile simulator is an important tool to be included as part of your comprehensive driver training program. Some of our members got hands-on experience with the new simulator during our visit to the DFS/MFA facility in March.

For those members who were unable to attend our March meeting and have not toured the new DFS/MFA facility, you should plan to attend the *Dedication & Open House* scheduled for June 11 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (See invitation flyer included in this bulletin). As I stated before, the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy is now a National model for fire service training.

Stay Safe and see you in Merrimac on the 25th.

Mark



The new DFS Driver Training Simulator can be brought directly to your fire house.

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Situational Awareness

The Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) received information on April 11, 2011 that American Express was mailing an advertisement package that contained wiring and electrical components that could be interpreted as suspicious. A recipient in Maryland recently received one of these packages via USPS and alerted the authorities after partially opening the package. Members of the Baltimore County Hazardous Devices Team responded and confirmed that the package was an advertisement from American Express.

It is unknown how many of these advertisements were sent nationwide, however, officers and UASI partners are being provided with this information for situational awareness purposes in the event that inquiries are received.