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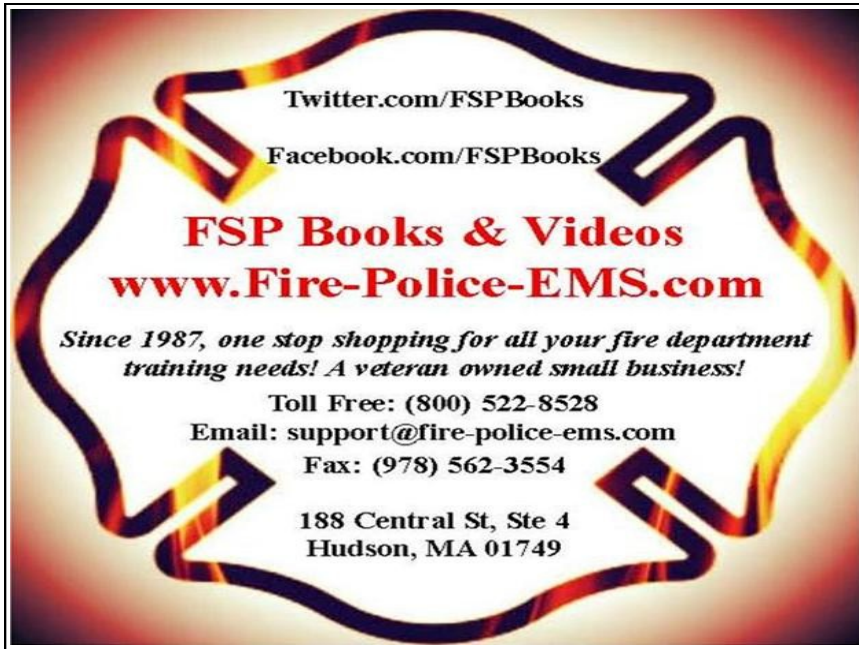
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MAY MEETING:

The May meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, May 28, 2014** 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 2014 FDIC Training Conference in Indianapolis. This has been an annual tradition for MIFDI as Michael brings back some of the high-lights of the many topics covered during the conference. For those attending this meeting, copies of CD's with some 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)



F.D.I.C. Exhibit Hall, Downtown Indianapolis.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2014

Preferred C.U. Checking \$295.61

Preferred C.U. Savings \$161.40

CapitalOne360 Savings \$2,736.34

Total: \$3,193.35

Bills Paid April 2014 (Checking):

May 2014 Newsletter - Michael \$120.00 - 04/30

Cambridge VFW Ck #1026 - Rent \$100.00 - 04/23

TOTAL: \$220.00

50/50 Raffle = N/A

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Account Transfers:

None

Total active members = 131

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1

Dues paid thru 2017 = 1

Dues paid thru 2016 = 0

Dues paid thru 2015 = 5

Dues paid thru 2014 = 98

Dues paid thru 2013 = 26

Mailings

E-Mail - 86 Home - 37

Work - 8

131

Balances as of 05/14/2014

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 282.73

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 120.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 162.73

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 886.60

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 2,739.94Total \$ 3,789.27**Membership Totals: 131**

90 Active - 35 Retired - 6 Associate

WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY JOINED MIFDI:

- Joshua Shanley - Firefighter / EMT-P - Northampton Fire
- Tim Morrissey - Chief - Sherborn Fire
- Angela Lawless - Firefighter - Maynard

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 2014 dues were due in January, 2014.**

Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2014 for your 2014 dues.

(b) You may now use the 2014 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.

(c) There were some name changes to our financial institutions in 2013. All of our depository accounts remain federally insured.

Respectfully submitted

05/14/2014

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, 2014.

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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 #575

The April meeting of MIFDI was held on April 23, 2014 hosted by the Cambridge Fire Department at the Cambridge VFW Post 8818 located at 680 Huron Ave. courtesy of Chief Gerald Reardon and MIFDI member, retired Assistant Chief John O'Donoghue.

Chief Reardon welcomed MIFDI to Cambridge and shared some of the challenges faced by the Cambridge Fire Department during a recent 6-alarm fire at 884-888 Massachusetts Ave. on April 17.

The training was provided by Captain David Walles of the CFD with a presentation and overview of the Cambridge Fire EMS system and the implementation of Advanced Life Support. Following the presentation, members were given a tour of one of the Cambridge F.D. Paramedic Squad's.

A brief business meeting was conducted by President Roche opening with a moment of silence for Boston Fire Lieutenant Edward Walsh & Firefighter Michael Kennedy both killed in the line-of-duty on March 26, 2014 at Box 1579. Two new applicants were introduced, Chief Tim Morrissey from Sherborn and Captain Brock Roland from Waltham.

Members adjourned for lunch nearby at Bertucci's at Fresh Pond.



MIFDI members were provided a tour of Cambridge Paramedic Squad 4

EMS Run

The Bathtub Test

During a visit to the mental asylum, I asked the director how do You determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized. "Well," said the director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a tea-spoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No." said the director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

Lesson Learned: *Don't overlook the obvious!*

LAST ALARM:

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter John E. Thomas**, ACTIVE 28-year member of the Duxbury Fire Department on April 27, 2014 at age 56. *May He Rest In Peace.*



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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to MIFDI member **Edmund M. Walker** upon his appointment as Chief of Department in Peterborough, NH. Ed formerly served as Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Prior to his position at the MFA, Ed served as Chief in Weston. Ed will be replacing MIFDI member Chief **Joseph Lenox III** who will be retiring on May 31. We wish Ed success in his new position and we wish Joe a happy and healthy retirement.



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June 8, 2014: Firefighters Memorial Sunday

June 9-12, 2014: NFPA Conference & Expo
Las Vegas, NV www.nfpa.org

June 14, 2014: Fire Apparatus Parade-Show-Firematic Flea Market
Edgewater Office Park, Wakefield www.lffra.org

June 20,21,22, 2014: New England FIRE/RESCUE/EMS 2014
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June 25, 2014: MIFDI –

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our April meeting provided an interesting look at the Cambridge Fire EMS system and the advancements made to institute ALS service. The EMS field is constantly changing and we as providers must keep pace with the changes and upgrades to provide quality service for our community. I thank Chief Gerald Reardon of the Cambridge Fire Department as well as Captain David Walles and the members of Cambridge Squad 4 for their presentations to MIFDI. I also thank MIFDI member, retired A.C. John O'Donoghue for arranging this meeting for us.

Our May meeting is a favorite among members as we are treated to some of the high-lights of the 2014 Fire Department Instructors Conference. Michael does a superb job bringing back information gathered at the FDIC and sharing it with MIFDI. Many of us look forward to this presentation each year.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Merrimac on the 28th



INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

On the afternoon of April 16, 2014, fourteen people were injured, six critical, when TWO fire trucks collided in Monterey Park California. One of the trucks ended up crashing into a restaurant at the corner. Both vehicles were responding to a reported house fire when a ladder truck from the Alhambra Fire Department collided with a pumper from the Monterey Park Fire Department.



(Presidents Note) Accidents happen, some are unavoidable, some are not. I am not second-guessing who is at fault, we in the fire service are in danger from the moment the bell hits until the time we are back in quarters. There will be investigations and finger pointing and maybe even some disciplinary action taken. I can guess that this will be a costly accident to both the communities of Monterey Park and Alhambra in terms of property damage, equipment, and injuries to civilians and firefighters. Some questions that I raise are:

- Traffic lights are visible in the photo, are they equipped with emergency traffic control devices? The first emitter to trigger the device will win the green light.
- Is the apparatus equipped with data recording units (black boxes)? Those will answer questions regarding speed, braking, warning devices, etc.
- Is it common for these two departments to respond together on a structure fire? If so, would they be expected to meet at this intersection often or was a company off a prescribed route (district inspection, returning from another call, etc.)?
- The West Coast is big on radio head-sets, were the drivers wearing them? Did they prevent the drivers and officers from hearing other apparatus approaching?
- Air horns are necessary when approaching an intersection, however, short steady blasts are more effective than one loooooong blast.
- What was the outcome of the original structure fire due to the delay from the accident???