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The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors is a non-profit organization and was established on September 30, 1959.

MIFDI's mission is "to promote fire department training and education by the mutual sharing of knowledge".

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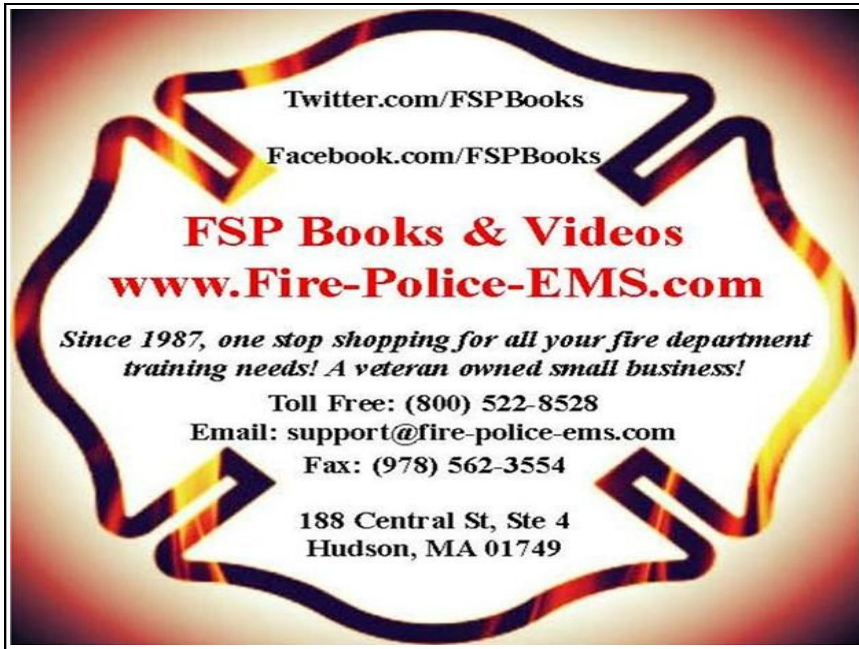
**Retired** \$ 15.00

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**MAY MEETING:**

The May meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, May 27, 2015** 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 McLeier with a presentation from the 2015 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.

Following Michaels program, a brief presentation will be provided by the New England representative of BullEx with an update on the many training products offered by BullEx.

We also will have Jane McCluskey from Jones & Bartlett in attendance to speak about a new book recently published by J&B regarding the UL & NIST test on lightweight construction. Free copies will be distributed to attendees.

**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 01/02/2015

Preferred C.U. Checking \$267.67

Preferred C.U. Savings \$427.51

CapitalOne360 Savings \$2,747.29

Total: \$3,442.47

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = None

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = None

Total active members = 124

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1

Dues paid thru 2017 = 3

Dues paid thru 2016 = 4

Dues paid thru 2015 = 86

Dues paid thru 2014 = 30

Balances as of 05/11/2015

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 990.05

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 990.05

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 427.69

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 2,750.89

Total \$ 4,168.63

Bills Paid April 2015 (Checking):

May 2015 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 04/30

TOTAL \$120.00

Account Transfers:

None

Mailings

E-Mail - 77 Home - 37

Work - 10

124

Membership Totals: 124

79 Active - 39 Retired - 6 Associate

### We Welcome This New Member Who Recently Joined MIFDI:

- Susan Daly - Captain - Groton

*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

05/11/2015

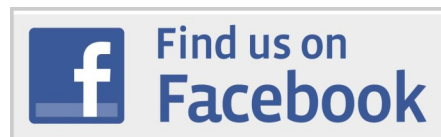
by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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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 #584

Meeting 2015-4 of MIFDI was held on April 22, 2015 hosted by the Chelmsford Fire Department courtesy of MIFDI member Chief Michael Curran. The training was provided by Mr. Bill Kinch, a paramedic and life care provider for over 30-years. Bill spoke about the effects of some of the products of combustion including carbon monoxide and hydrogen cyanide and the importance of wearing SCBA during firefighting AND the overhaul stage. He also spoke about firefighter rehab, especially during the summer months.



Following the presentation, President Roche conducted a brief business meeting. A moment of silence was offered for retired Sharon Deputy Chief Steve Cummings who passed away unexpectedly on April 17, 2015 at age 58. Captain Connerty provided some highlights from the MFTC. John O'Donoghue spoke on an effort spearheaded by Boston DFC Shea about training firefighters on the use of construction elevators for firefighting operations during fires on upper floors of high-rise buildings under construction.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Chief Curran spoke about the project history and challenges overcome for the construction of their impressive new headquarters station. Members were then given a tour by Chief Curran and Deputy Chief Donoghue. Members adjourned for lunch at the nearby "110 Grill".

## EMS Run

### *As the demand for Narcan increases, so does the price*

The Attorney General in Massachusetts is investigating the skyrocketed cost of naloxone and demanding that companies selling the product explain why the price has nearly doubled since a public health emergency was declared by former Governor Patrick last year.

Public Safety agencies in the Commonwealth have seen a dramatic increase in this life-saving medication used to reverse the effects of drug overdoses. EMS budgets are being strained, not only by the increased price of the drug, but also due to the large number of overdoses of heroin and other opiates in the past few years. The opioid overdose crisis is responsible for the deaths of hundreds of people each year from all areas and all income groups throughout the Commonwealth.

The Office of the District Attorney in Norfolk County is helping communities with the cost by providing up to \$1000 per community to purchase narcan using assets seized from drug arrests. As Norfolk D.A. Michael Morrissey stated, *"what better way to spend forfeiture money then to keep people alive"*. We could not agree more.



## LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Bruce Wood**, ACTIVE member of the Halifax Fire Department. Bruce died from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident while off duty on April 10, 2015 at age 62. *May He rest In Peace.*



The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Raymond Thomas**, ACTIVE member of the Hull Fire Department. Ray died from occupational cancer on April 13, 2015 at age 61. *May He Rest In Peace.*





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**CONGRATULATIONS:**

*Nothing to report*

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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

June 13, 2015: **MAFFAA Apparatus Parade, Show & Flea Market**  
Edgewater Park, Wakefield [www.lffra.org](http://www.lffra.org)

June 14, 2015: **Firefighters Memorial Sunday & National Flag Day**

June 22-25, 2015: **NFPA Annual Conference & Expo**  
Chicago, IL [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

June \_\_, 2015: **MIFDI** - Fitchburg

June 24-27, 2015: **New England Fire/Rescue/EMS 2015**  
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## **REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

### **Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department**

Our April meeting was a very informative presentation provided by Bill Kinch EMT-P. Bill gave a no-nonsense talk about the effects of inhalation of combustion products and the long term harm caused by these gases. I thank Bill for providing this important presentation for MIFDI. Thanks also to Chief Mike Curran and the members of the Chelmsford Fire Department for hosting MIFDI at their impressive new facility.

Our May meeting will again be hosted by the Merrimac Fire Department as Treasurer/P.P. Michael McLeier presents us with a recap on some of the many topics covered at the 2015 FDIC. This is always an enjoyable and informative presentation.

Many departments make promotions in March/April due to retirements which occur in January. If you know of any changes of new training officers from your area, spread the word to them about MIFDI.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Merrimac on the 27<sup>th</sup>.



Chelmsford Fire Department new Tower-Ladder 1

## **INSTRUCTORS CORNER:**

### ***"Notify whoever the power company is"***

#### **Captain Mark Roche**

During a recent incident involving a tree branch grounding against a primary power line, the request was made for dispatch to *"Have NSTAR respond"*. After a period of standing by with the engine company, the welcome sight of a white bucket-truck approaches and pulled up in front of us. I pick up the radio to notify dispatch of their arrival on scene, *"Fire Alarm, NSTAR ..... uh, correction, Eversource is on scene"*.

As of February 2, 2015, Northeast Utilities, the parent company of NSTAR, Western Mass Electric, Yankee Gas Services Co, Public Service Co of New Hampshire, and Connecticut Light & Power Co all took on the new name of "Eversource Energy" servicing 3.6 million customers in New England.

Emergency contact numbers will remain the same, and of course, so will the bill payments. But for those of us in the fire service continuing the long practice of calling for "Edison", there may come a time when our future generations will not know who Thomas Edison is. So for now, notify "Eversource".

