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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".

THE MIFDI OFFICERS - 2016

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**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors - Tax ID: 04-2307216
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Membership Type:

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Membership Dues:

Active \$ 30.00

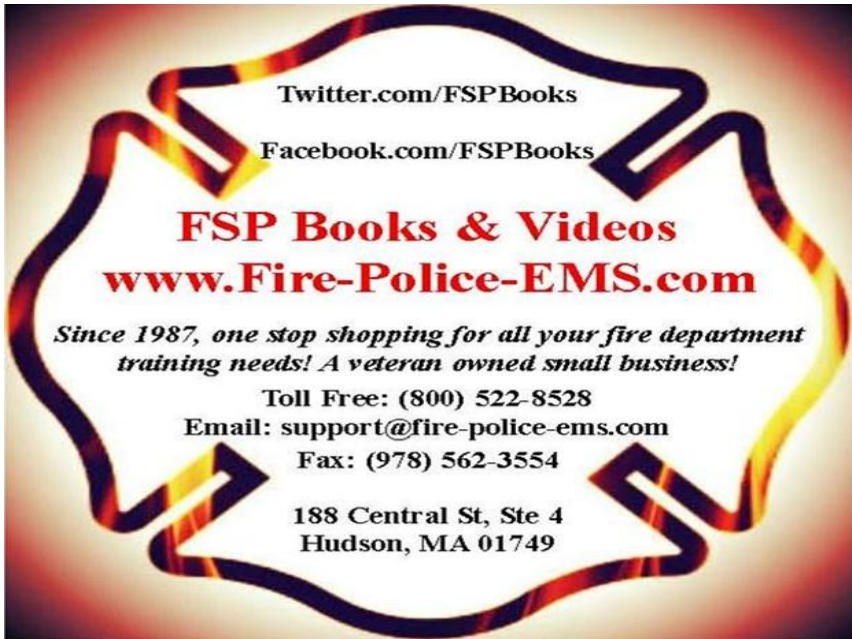
Retired \$ 15.00

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 24, 2017** 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 2017 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)



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/03/2017

Preferred C.U. Checking \$194.14

Preferred C.U. Savings \$315.22

CapitalOneSav. Balance \$1,764.29

Total: \$2,273.65

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 119

Dues paid thru 2020 = 1

Dues paid thru 2019 = 3

Dues paid thru 2018 = 4

Dues paid thru 2017 = 68

Dues paid thru 2016 = 20

Dues paid thru 2015 = 23

Balances as of 05/16/2017

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 422.59

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 422.59

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 315.31

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,766.61

Total \$ 2,504.51

Bills Paid April 2017 (Checking):

May 2017 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 04/30

Sudbury Farms - Danish - Meeting \$ 19.96 - 04/25

Dunkin Donuts - Coffee - (Roche) \$ 29.98 - 04/25

TOTAL: \$169.94

Account Transfers:

None

Mailings

E-Mail - 79 Home - 29

Work - 11

119

Membership Totals: 119

75 Active - 39 Retired - 5 Associate

Please welcome this new member who recently joined MIFDI.

- **(March) - John Nash - Winchester Fire (*Please send me your membership application. It was not attached with your dues payment. Thank you*)**

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 2017 dues were due in January, 2017.**

Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2017 for your 2017 dues.

(b) You may now use the 2017 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

05/16/2017

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

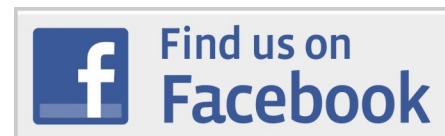
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Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

Please remember to add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2017. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renew before April 1, 2017.

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).

*** Membership dues are for one calendar year (January 1 through December 31).**

Dues are due by January 1st. Add a \$10.00 Late Fee after April 1, 2017.

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RECALL OF MEETING #2017-04

The April meeting of MIFDI was held on April 26, 2017 hosted the by the Arlington Fire Department courtesy of Chief Robert Jefferson and MIFDI member Captain Dan Kerr.

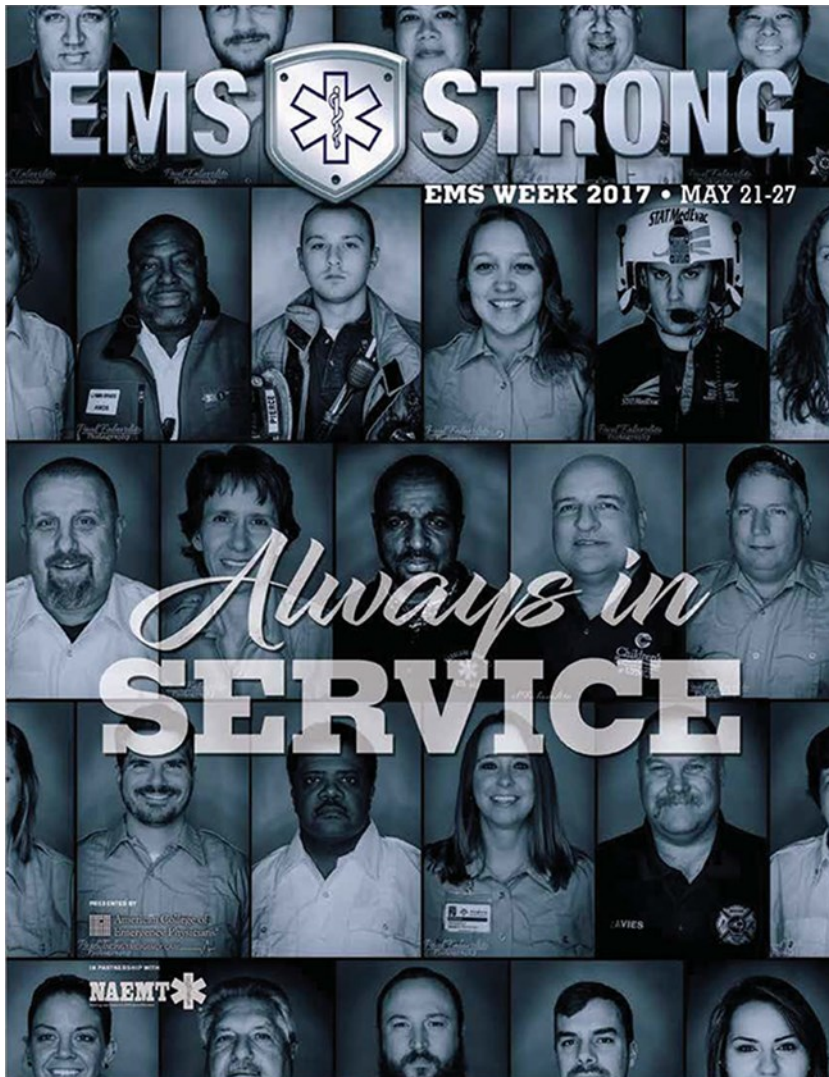
Our training was presented by Acting Chief Gerard Mahoney of the Cambridge Fire Department with a look at the challenges faced by Cambridge firefighters on December 3, 2016 during a 10-alarm fire in East Cambridge. Chief Mahoney spoke about the importance of staging, accountability, communications, water supply, and logistics during such a large scale operation. He also touched on some of the aftermath responsibilities such as sheltering the now homeless residents, protecting personal property in the burnt out buildings, shutting utilities in each of the damaged structures, clean-up of hazardous products such as asbestos, fuel oil tanks, gasoline from vehicles, etc.

Following the presentation, a brief business meeting was conducted by President Roche beginning with a moment of silence for Watertown Firefighter Joseph Toscano who died LODD on March 17, 2017. John Spillane spoke on the new MFA Impac Programs being offered. Andy Connerty talked briefly on the Mass Fire Training Council. Jason Fricker spoke about a recent fire in Rockland in a large vacant building and mentioned how pre-planning and a blitz-attack operation worked to save the severely exposed houses in the neighborhood. Members adjourned for a tour of Arlington's historic 1924 octagonal fire station which was beautifully restored in 2015. The unofficial meeting reconvened for lunch at Jimmy's Steer House Restaurant in Arlington.



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LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the following members;

Firefighter/Instructor Scott Maker on the loss of his mother Janet Maker on March 29, 2017.

Chief Richard McClellan on the loss of his father Richard McClellan on April 2, 2017.

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CONGRATULATIONS:

Nothing to Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 13, 2017: Statewide Exam; Deputy Chief, District Chief
Good Luck!

May 18-19, 2017: Michael Mullane Health & Safety Symposium
Florian Hall, Boston www.bostonfirelocal718.org

May 24, 2017: **MIFDI** – Merrimac - Annual FDIC Summary

June 4-7, 2017: NFPA 2017 Conference & Expo
Boston Convention Center www.nfpa.org

June 10, 2017: MAFAA Apparatus Parade, Show, Flea Market
Edgewater Park, Wakefield

June 11, 2017: Firefighters Memorial Sunday

June 21, 2017: **MIFDI** – Lynnfield

June 22-24, 2017: NEFC 2017 Fire/Rescue/EMS Expo
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Firefighter/Merrimac Fire Department, with any questions you may
have.

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

The April meeting of MIFDI provided members with an insight on the 10-alarm fire in East Cambridge on December 3, 2016. I thank Acting Chief Gerard Mahoney of the Cambridge Fire Department for offering this presentation to MIFDI and sharing some of their lessons learned from this major incident. Thanks also to Chief Robert Jefferson, Captain Dan Kerr and the members of the Arlington Fire Department for hosting MIFDI at their beautifully restored historic octagonal fire house.

A final reminder for members to continue your membership with MIFDI by paying the 2017 dues. Dues checks made out to **MIFDI** may be brought to the meeting or mailed to: MIFDI, P.O. Box 507, Merrimac MA 01860. Dues remain at \$30 for Active, \$15 for Retired, and \$100 for Associate.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Merrimac on the 24th.



INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Director – Massachusetts Firefighting Academy

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NOTE: This is a Group 1 position for purposes of retirement classification under M.G.L. Chapter 3, however, due to pension reform, any active member as of April 2, 2012 may elect to receive a retirement allowance based upon a pro-ration of the years of service in more than one group classification.

This provision under Chapter 32, Section 5 is important as it may minimize the impact for interested applicants, who would be transferring from a Group 4 position to this Group 1 position, as they will retain retirement credit for their years of Group 4 service.

Please note that Chapter 32, Section 3 requires candidates moving to a Group 4 position in the future to work a minimum of 12-months in Group 4 prior to being eligible for retirement under that Group.

