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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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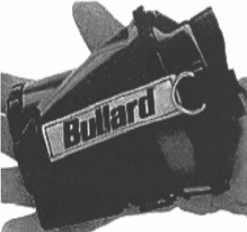
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JUNE MEETING SCHEDULE:

The 487th meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, June 22, 2005** hosted by the Natick Fire Department courtesy of Chief James Brien and MIFDI member Captain James Sheridan of the N.F.D. Training & Safety Division. The meeting will be held in the amphitheatre training room at the Natick Fire Department & Public Safety Building located at 22 East Central St. (Rt.135).

Our program will be provided by District Chief Michael McNamee of the Worcester Fire Department. Chief McNamee will offer a power-point presentation on "**Incident Scene Safety**" which includes an overview of the Worcester Fire Department since the tragic night in December of 1999. Chief McNamee is a past member of MIFDI and a friend of many in our organization. We are delighted to have him back as our June speaker and we look forward to this important presentation.

SCHEDULE:

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

DIRECTIONS:

From **Rt.128/I 95**, take Rt. 9 WEST in Wellesley to Rt.27 SOUTH in Natick. Continue south on Rt.27 to three traffic lights, that is Rt.135. Turn left on Rt.135 EAST to the second left on Clarendon St. which takes you to the parking lot in the rear of the Public Safety Building.

From **Mass Pike (I 90)**, Take Exit 13 to Rt. 30 EAST. Follow Rt.30 east to Rt. 27 (3 lights), turn right on Rt.27 SOUTH to Rt.135. Turn left onto Rt.135 EAST to the second left on Clarendon St. which takes you to the parking lot in the rear of the Public Safety Building.

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 Checking 172.36
Savings 1327.88
 Total \$1500.24

Bills Paid June 2005
 June 05 Newsletter \$105.00 Mike
 June 05 Postage \$ 5.16 Mike

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

Owed to treasurer for Mailings \$ 31.00- thru June 2, 2005
 Labels \$ 10.00
 \$ 41.00

Total members = 110
 Dues paid thru 2006 = 3
 Dues paid thru 2005 = 69
 Dues paid thru 2004 = 38

Mailings
 E-Mail - 25 Home - 74
Work - 11
 85

Balances as of 6/2/05
 Checking 40.70
Savings 1330.63
 Total \$1371.33

Membership Totals
 77 Active - 29 Retired - 4 Associate

New Member
 Robert Cook - Firefighter - Attleboro

Respectfully submitted 6/2/2005
 David M. Jardin
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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 #486

The 486th meeting of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at the new Hudson Fire Station on Cox Street, courtesy of Chief Fredrick Dusseault. Past President Michael McLeieer gave our members a "debrief" of the 2005 Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) he attended in Indianapolis this past April. He gave our members CD's he got at FDIC of some of the conferences he attended, including one on Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVO). Much of the material came from the firefighter close calls website: (www.firefighterclosecalls.com). He explained to members that officers in various fire departments throughout the U.S. are being sued for not following NFPA standards for such things as live fire training and EVO. He noted a common thread in most vehicle crashes was:

- Failing to drive defensively
- Stopping at all traffic lights
- Wearing seat belts
- Drive at a slower speed

The CD included the most common mistakes firefighters make and how to avoid them.

McLeieer attended eight classes at FDIC and his CD also included the PowerPoint presentation made by Amesbury Fire Chief Bill Shute of the presentation he made a few months ago.

Chief Dusseault gave our members a tour of the new station after the presentation, which is a very impressive fire station.

Business Meeting

President Mark Roche welcomes all attendees and asked that all members introduce themselves.

MFTC Report, given by Captain Steve Person

- Recruit PT – presently doing PT, but not as intense.
- Was based on HRD standard
- One MFTC member wants PT requirement lowered
- Wants PT standard to be validated by either HRD, or the person who originally developed it, or by Boston Bruins trainer
- MFTC member wants subjective evaluation and no deficiencies given to recruits who can't do it
- House Budget is \$448,000.00 in arrears of what MFA is requesting

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NEW BUSINESS: nothing submitted

OLD BUSINESS:- nothing to report

MFTC UPDATE: – nothing to report

Recall of 486, continued.

- MFA Instructors want a pay raise. Group of MFA instructors were allowed to speak at meeting and stated that Massachusetts fire instructors are paid much less than also much less than their counterparts in many other U.S states and less than state police instructors
- Group 4 pension status is being sought legislatively for those who come to work for MFA from Massachusetts Fire Service
- Dick Farrar is back as Interim Director of MFA
- MFS expansion plan is “picking up steam”, new architectural design was revealed, resembles “spokes in a wheel”. Phase 1 scheduled for '06 will include administrative building and parking lot for 700 spaces, Phase 2 will start in'07, which will include classrooms and other improvements
- Burn Building to start reconstruction possibly in October, will take 3 to 4 months to complete, burn days will take place elsewhere for recruit
- FFI/II+ (recruit school for call and volunteer service is going well and will continue, will add Fire Officer to it soon
- DFS received \$200 K grant for NIMS training, will include money for back-filling
- MFA Recruit program will go to 12 weeks starting Jan. '06, will run on a “set schedule” from now on with 2 weeks off in July and at end of year during holiday season

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors regrets to report the death of retired **Chief Joseph T. Steede** of the Waltham Fire Department. Chief Steede served as Chief of Department from 1984-1990. He died on May 30, 2005 at age 78. Our condolences are offered to the family of Chief Steede and the members of the Waltham Fire Department.

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. Justin P. Faur	Andover, IA	V	4-30-05	Asphyxiation	23
S.O. James M. Ratcliffe	Metuchen, NJ	V	5-3-05	CVA	62
A.C. Michael T. Childress	Randelman, NC	C	5-7-05	Heart	48
F.F. George C. Dwyer	Evanston, IL	C	5-18-05	Cancer	53
Lt. Dennis Bottge	Palm Beach Co, FL	C	5-22-05	Hep C	53
Lt. Frank J. Kucera	Seminole Co, FL	C	5-27-05	Heart	43
Lt. Richard Scorgie	Broward Co, FL	C	5-27-05	Heart	--
FFOP Karl Kramer	Jacksonville, FL	C	5-28-05	Heart	22
F.F. Paul A. Carr	Atlantic City, NJ	C	5-31-05	Heart	58

MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE

CONGRATULATIONS:

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to longtime MIFDI member **Edward Williamson** upon his upcoming retirement from the Norwood Fire Department after 41 years of service! Eddie surprisingly turned 65 on the 6th of June and will finish out the month and retire on June 30, 2005. Best of luck Ed and for the good news, your dues will now be half-price.

GOOD & WELFARE:

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our thoughts and prayers to our "Senior Man" **Mort Shurtleff** who has been fighting a recent illness. Keep up the fight Mort!

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**

A sincere thank you to Director and Past President Michael McLeieer for his informative presentation at the May meeting high-lighting some of the topics from the 2005 FDIC. Michael also took the time before the meeting to create copies of the presentations on CD for each member attending the meeting. For those who were unable to attend the meeting and would like a copy of the CD, Michael has a few remaining copies available.

Our organization supports sending a member each year to the Fire Department Instructor's Conference in Indianapolis in order to bring programs and ideas from a national level back to our membership and Michael does an exemplary job with the responsibilities of that task.

I also want to thank Chief Frederick Dusseault and the members of the Hudson Fire Department for hosting our May meeting at their impressive new headquarters. Following the meeting, our members were provided with a tour of the \$6.1 million facility which includes a training tower. Also on display was the new DFS Incident Rehab Unit, and as an added bonus, Hudson's new 95-foot Ladder Tower had just been delivered. In spite of the rain it was an enjoyable meeting.

Another reminder to 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.

For those of you who are unable to attend the June meeting in Natick, I wish you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer. For those planning ahead, the September meeting will be held on the 28th at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy with a tentative topic on "Oil Burner Emergencies".

I hope to see you all in Natick on the 22nd. Until then, stay safe.

Mark

INSTRUCTORS CORNER

By FF Michael McLeieer – Merrimac Fire Department

IAFC calls for "stand down" June 21 for firefighter safety

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and 14 partnering fire service organizations are calling for all fire departments in the nation to conduct a 'stand down' for firefighter safety beginning Tuesday, June 21. As of May 1, there have been 50 line-of-duty firefighter deaths. That is 10 more than at this same time last year.

A stand down is a method used by the military to correct an issue that has been identified as a problem throughout its ranks. The IAFC and its partners are urging fire departments to suspend all non-emergency activity on June 21 and instead focus entirely on firefighter safety.

"Firefighters are being killed at an alarming rate. The fire service simply cannot continue to do business as usual when so many of its own are dying," said IAFC President Chief Bob DiPoli. "We are conducting the stand down to raise awareness of the need for increased vigilance toward fire fighter safety."

The IAFC and its partners are urging you and all fire departments throughout the country to suspend all non-emergency activity and focus entirely on firefighter safety. If you are a career or combination department, please stand down beginning Tuesday, June 21 until all personnel and duty nights have been covered. If you are a volunteer department, please conduct a special safety meeting the evening of June 21 or as near to that date as possible.

Take the 21st to talk about the causes of line-of-duty deaths; check all apparatus and equipment; discuss health and safety regulations; review fire ground safety issues; and take stock of training exercises and fitness goals. An entire Web page at the IAFC Web site www.iafc.org/standdown has been devoted to this important issue. Go to that site and use those resources to plan your activities for the stand down.

"We must call attention to the unacceptable number of line-of-duty deaths and injuries plaguing our fire departments," DiPoli continued. "During the Safety Stand Down, fire departments all around the nation will have thorough, honest conversations about firefighter health and safety and maybe we can do something to stop these deaths."

After your department has stood down, please email the IAFC with a summary of the activities you conducted and your comments at standdown@iafc.org.