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**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors
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JUNE MEETING:

The 497th meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, June 21, 2006 (THE THIRD WEDNESDAY)** hosted by MASS Diving, Inc., located at 247 W. Central St.(Rt.135), Natick. (www.massdiving.com)

Our program will be provided by Mark Potter, President of Mass Diving. Mark will present an overview of the steps necessary to become "Dive Certified" followed by the next step of becoming "Dive Rescue Certified" as well as the basic equipment required for each diver and associated costs of the training process. For fire departments exploring the possibility of starting a Dive Team or expanding an existing unit, than this meeting should provide an insight on where and how to get started.

We hope to have a Dive Unit vehicle from the area on display from 9-10 in the parking area prior to the meeting to provide us with some additional ideas on what is needed to get started.

SCHEDULE:

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

DIRECTIONS:

Natick is located in Middlesex County 18 miles SW from Boston.

From **Mass Pike (I 90)**, Take Exit 13 to Rt. 30 EAST. Follow Rt.30 east to the 1st. traffic light which is Speen St. Turn right and follow Speen St. approximately 2 miles to Rt. 135. Turn right on Rt. 135 (W. Central St.) just over 1/2 mile and look for the red sign "MASS Diving" on the right.

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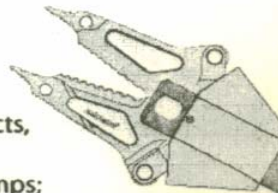
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Beginning Balances for 1/2006
 Checking 172.36
Savings 1,327.88
 Total \$1,500.24

Bills Paid May (Checking):
 June 06 Newsletter \$120.00 Mike
 FDIC 2006 Lodging \$450.00 Mike
 Office Depot - FDIC CD's \$ 38.97 Mike

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

Account Transfers:
 Transfer from Savings to CD - \$500.00
 Transfer from Savings to Cking - \$160.00

Total active members = 109
 Dues paid thru 2008 = 3
 Dues paid thru 2007 = 3
 Dues paid thru 2006 = 88
 Dues paid thru 2005 = 15

Mailings
 E-Mail - 33 Home - 62
Work - 14
 109

Balances as of 06/03/2006
 Bank Statement Checking: \$ 29.17
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 Checking Balance: \$ 29.17
 Certificate of Deposit: \$ 500.00
Savings Balance: \$ 1,529.02
 Total \$ 2,058.19

Membership Totals
 76 Active - 28 Retired - 5 Associate

New Members:

- Laurent (Larry) R. McDonald (Regular Member) - Director of Training (Massachusetts Firefighting Academy)
- FSP Books & Videos, Hudson, MA (Associate Member)
- Lt. Paul D. Cronk, Jr. (Regular Member) - Lowell Fire Department

Treasurer Notes:

- Reminder, a few of you have still NOT paid your 2006 MIFDI dues. Please remember to look at your mailing label for the PAID THROUGH date. Thank you to all of you who have paid your dues. Have a Safe & Enjoyable Summer!!
- If anyone needs an invoice for their city or town to pay their membership dues, or if you have any other questions about your membership, please feel free to contact me directly.
- Eastern Bank, our financial institution, is running a CD special. Since the interest we are earning on the Savings Account is only 1/2%, President Roche & I opened a 9 month CD for MIFDI at 5.20% APY which will mature in February, 2007. We transferred \$500.00 from Savings to this new CD account to earn a bit more money on our deposited funds. The Eastern Bank CD is FDIC insured, so there is no risk for this certificate of deposit investment.

Respectfully submitted 06/03/2006

Michael McLeier


Treasurer

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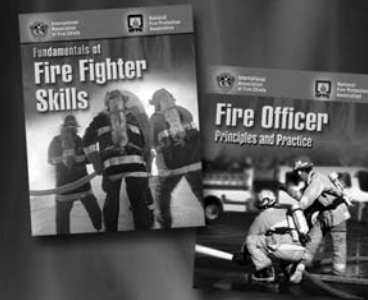
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***Dues are \$25.00 per year for Active members**

\$12.50 for Retired members

***100.00 per year for Associate members**

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

Dues are DUE by January 1st .

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RECALL OF MEETING #496

The 496th meeting of MIFDI was held on May 24, 2006 hosted by the Merrimac Fire Department courtesy of Chief Ralph Spencer.

The training presentation was provided by MIFDI Treasurer & Past President Michael McLeieer. Michael provided a power-point presentation highlighting two of the many topics covered during the 2006 FDIC Training Conference held in Indianapolis in April. One of the subjects included "Dangers of Suspended Ceilings and Assorted Construction" focusing on the dangers of entanglement when these type of ceilings collapse during interior firefighting operations. The other topic covered was titled "Its In The Basement" which included firefighting tactics and associated hazards during cellar fires. Those in attendance were each provided with a copy of a CD which included many of the subjects covered during the FDIC.

The informative presentation concluded with a business meeting held by President Roche. The meeting began with a moment of silence for former member, Lt Brian Ashe of the Lowell Fire Department. Treasurer McLeieer gave a report on the organizations finances and also provided each member an updated membership roster to allow for easier networking with each other when sharing information regarding training and equipment. Training Council representative Persson gave an in-depth and "colorful" report from the Massachusetts Fire Training Council meeting. The meeting adjourned for an enjoyable lunch at Sylvan Street Grill in nearby Salisbury.

2006 FDIC SETS RECORD ATTENDANCE

FDIC, the largest instructor/training fire event in the United States, set a record-breaking year with more than 26,000 people in attendance and more than 900 exhibitors spanning 500,000 gross square feet of exhibit space.

What sets FDIC apart from other North American fire shows is the focus on training and instructor development. All classrooms and Hands-on Training sessions focus not on the basics of first responder skills, but on the fundamentals of fire training. This focus allows attendees to learn new skills and technology while simultaneously learning how to take that training back to their respective departments to train others.

FDIC kicks off with its signature program, H.O.T. (Hands-on Training) sessions. Attendees experience, in an interactive training environment, some of the most intense training courses that focus on a range of topics from vehicle extrication to collapse rescue.

From the H.O.T. training grounds, participants take their hands-on experience and apply it in a classroom setting. FDIC boasts a comprehensive conference featuring more than 120 powerful and pertinent classroom sessions that cover new developments in training, current events in the fire industry, management and legal issues. Taught by the fire training industry's top instructors, classroom sessions provide attendees the information they need to do their job well and safely.

FDIC's state-of-the-art exhibit hall allows people to see, up-close and personal, the latest technology, products and services designed for the fire and EMS industries. With more than 900 exhibitors consisting of top-notch manufacturers and suppliers, FDIC attendees can see what is new in the industry and how those products can help their departments. In addition, exhibitors and attendees also have many opportunities to network during exhibit hall hours and special events.

While training and education are the foundation of FDIC, another well-known aspect of the event is the tradition of brotherhood that attendees experience. "Stand alongside fellow firefighters from all over the world who are brought together at FDIC by a common bond—their desire to save lives, protect property, and go home safely at the end of the work shift," said Feldman.

This year's sponsors included E-One, Globe Manufacturing, Kidde Fire Fighting, Rosenbauer, American LaFrance, MSA, Class 1/Hale, Super Vac, Drager Safety, tyco/Scott, Rosenbauer, Spartan, Holmatro, Bright Star, DuPont, Pierce, HAIX, Paul Conway Shields, Federal Signal, Fire.com, Darley, Ferrara, Hurst, Will Burt Co., Allison Transmission and Whelen. FDIC is hosted by the Indianapolis Fire Department and co-sponsored by the FAMA, FDSOA, FEMSA and Indianapolis Fire Fighters IAFF Local 416.

FDIC 2007 is scheduled for April 16 – 21 in Indianapolis, IN. For more information, visit www.FDIC.com.

LAST ALARM

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors were saddened to learn of the untimely death of former member **Lt. Brian Ashe** of the Lowell Fire Department. Brian died suddenly on May 22, 2006 at age 51 due to apparent complications from a recent surgery. Brian was an active 25 year member of the department serving as a lieutenant for the past 15 years. He was most recently assigned to Engine Co. 6 in the Centralville section of the city. During his association with MIFDI, Brian was assigned to the Training division serving as the EMS Coordinator for the L.F.D. Our condolences are offered to his daughter Krystan, his companion Martha, and the members of the Lowell Fire Department as well as his many friends in the greater Lowell EMS system. Rest In Peace Brian.



CONGRATULATIONS:

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our congratulations to member **James Sheridan** of the Natick Fire Department on his recent promotion to Deputy Chief. We welcome his replacement **Captain Eugene Rothman** who is also newly promoted and will now oversee the Training Division of the Natick Fire Department. Congratulations to you both.

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors also offer our congratulations to **Chief Fred Dusseault** of the Hudson Fire Department on his retirement on May 13, 2006 after 32 years of service. Chief Dusseault hosted our organization in May 2005 at Hudson's impressive new headquarters and personally provided our members with a tour of their new facility following our meeting in the state-of-the-art training room. Good luck Freddie!

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Health & Safety Standards

- Address federal and state health & safety regulations.

Infectious Disease Safety

- Review department SPO's and protocols.
- Address proper PPE.
- Address handwashing and universal protocols.
- Address vaccine programs.

Vehicle Operations Drill

- Review of near-miss and after accident reports.
- Check the Safety Stand Down Vehicle Drill website section.

Shift/Group Meal

- Prepare a healthy meal selected from the IAFF "Fit to Survive" website.

End Activities

- Recap day's emphasis.
- Second moment of silence for LODD's.
- RELAX.

For more information, visit the website www.IAFC.org/standdown

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 21, 2006: "STAND DOWN FOR FIREFIGHTER SAFETY"

June 23-25, 2006: New England FIRE/RESCUE/EMS 2006
West Springfield, MA Contact www.newenglandfirechiefs.org

June 24-25, 2006: Presentation by D.C. Hoff, Lt. Kolomay, Lt. Lynch
Douglas High School, Douglas, MA e-mail: firstdue142@aol.com

July 8, 2006: Peterborough Fire/Rescue 150 Anniversary Celebration
Peterborough, NH Contact: 603-924-8090

July 18-20, 2006: America Fire & Security Expo
Miami Beach, FL Contact: www.NFPA.org

July 18-22, 2006: International Fire Buff Associates Convention
Seattle, WA Contact: www.IFBA.org

July 25-30, 2006: Firehouse EXPO 2006
Baltimore, MD Contact: www.firehouseexpo.com

Aug. 27-Sept.1, 2006: IAFF Biennial Convention
Toronto, Canada Contact: www.IAFF.org

September 11, 2006: 5th Anniversary of the Attack on America

September 13-17, 2006: Fallen Firefighters Memorial
Colorado Springs, CO Contact: www.IAFF.org

September 14-16, 2006: Fire-Rescue International 2006
Dallas, TX Contact www.IAFC.org

September 14-19, 2006: Dept. of Defense Fire & Emerg. Services Training Conf. Dallas, TX Contact: www.IAFC.org

September 25-29, 2006: Firehouse Las Vegas FIRE-RESCUE-EMS
Las Vegas, NV Contact: www.firehouselasvegas.com

September 27, 2006: MIFDI - TBA

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:
Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

The May training meeting of MIFDI provided by Michael McLeieer gave our members a great insight on the Fire Department Instructors Conference held this past April in Indianapolis. The power-point presentations as well as the "take home" CD's provided us with some of the training and educational benefits of this National conference. I again thank Michael for representing MIFDI at the conference and bringing back as much information possible to share with our membership.

The organization was again saddened to hear of the sudden loss of former MIFDI member Brian Ashe of Lowell (*See "LAST ALARM page*). One meeting of MIFDI which will always stand out in my mind is the meeting held right after the events of 9/11 which was hosted by Brian at the Lowell Fire Department Training Division. The meeting became an open discussion on the recent attack on America and how the fire service forever changed on that dreadful day.

Once again, MIFDI member David Jardin will participate in the Pan-Mass Challenge, a bike-a-thon on August 5 & 6 from Sturbridge to Provincetown to support cancer research and treatment at the Jimmy Fund of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. I again ask our membership to support Dave with this important cause. You may send a check directly to Dave made out to the "PMC", or donate on-line at www.pmc.org. Be sure to include Dave's Gift ID# DJ0027.

For those of you unable to attend the June meeting, I wish all of you and your families a safe and restful summer and look forward to our return on September 27.

I hope to see you all in Natick on the 21st. Until then, stay safe.

Mark



MIFDI President Mark Roche meets the new Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Director, Larry McDonald.

(Photo by Jack Peltier)

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:
Stand Down For Firefighters Safety (Courtesy of IAFC)

Beginning June 21, 2006, and continuing until all groups have been completed, is the 2nd Annual Stand Down For Firefighters Safety to encourage focus entirely on firefighter safety.

The following is the recommended schedule of events:

Station Line-up

- Moment of silence for LODD's.
- Review shift activities and explanation of purpose.
- Review LODD causes.
- Utilize NIOSH reports and recommendations.
- Entire shift focus on vehicle safety and what can be done to improve vehicle safety department wide and individually.
- All other activities (public education, inspections, etc.) postponed.

Apparatus & Equipment Check

- Thoroughly check all apparatus and equipment. Tag and remove from service any defective equipment.
- Train newer members and review with substitute drivers on checkouts.
- Inspect seat belts for defects.
- Allow extra time for mechanical checks.
- Review defect reports.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Check all PPE including bunker gear and SCBA for defects, cleaning & maintenance.
- Review specifications for current gear and suggest safety revisions.
- Review SCBA standards including training, selection, use, fit testing, etc.
- Encourage use of safety glasses and hearing protection.

Safe Vehicle Operating Review

- Review vehicle use SOP's.
- Review proper operation of seat belt usage including donning SCBA while belted.
- Visit vehicle safe operating websites.
- Address MANDATORY seat belt use.
- Perform street familiarization drill.
- Review non-emergency driving policy.

Physical Fitness

- Perform daily workout
- Review IAFC/IAFF Wellness Fitness Initiative.
- Review department physical hiring procedures.
- Ensure all personnel engage in some form of approved exercise.
- Address Peer Fitness Trainers.

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