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**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors  
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### JUNE MEETING:

The 507th meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, June 20, 2007** hosted by the Canton Fire Department, 99 Revere St. courtesy of Chief Thomas J. Ronayne III. (**NOTE: The June meeting is the THIRD Wednesday to avoid the beginning of the vacation period**)

Our program will be provided by Mr. Donald Chambers. Don is a firefighter, instructor, and consultant. His program will be on "**Fire Streams**" and asking the question "*Are we flowing enough water?*" The presentation will review basic fireground hydraulics, including engine and nozzle pressure, friction loss, flow and reaction force, size and length of hose, as well as the major categories of nozzles: smooth bore and fog, fixed baffle, adjustable gallonage and automatic. This is one subject that we can never get enough of.

Special thanks to Deputy Chief Mark Dolloff of the Stoughton Fire Department for arranging this meeting for MIFDI.

### SCHEDULE:

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

### DIRECTIONS:

Canton is located in Norfolk County 15 miles south of Boston.

From **Rt. 128 (I 93)**, Take Exit 2A to Rt.138 south. Follow Rt.138 to the 1st-traffic light which is Washington St. Turn right and follow Washington St. 4-traffic lights (aprox 3 miles). At the 4th light turn right, that is Revere St. and the fire station is on your right. There is plenty of parking each side of the station. We will meet in first floor training room of the recently renovated fire headquarters.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 1/1/2007  
 Checking 138.26  
 Savings 887.66  
 9 Mo. CD 515.44  
 Total \$1,541.36

Bills Paid May (Checking):

June 07 Newsletter \$120.00 Michael - 05/29  
 FDIC 2007 Lodging \$ 542.00 Michael - 05/29  
 TOTAL: \$ 662.00

50/50 Raffle = \$82.00 Collected  
 Winner = Mark Roche - \$41.00  
 Deposit from 50/50 Raffle = \$41.00 + \$16.00 (M. Roche) = \$57.00

Account Transfers:

Eastern Bank Savings to Checking - \$275.00

Total active members = 117

Dues paid thru 2009 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2008 = 6  
 Dues paid thru 2007 = 89  
 Dues paid thru 2006 = 21

Mailings

E-Mail - 41 Home - 60  
Work - 16  
 117

## Balances as of 06/10/2007

Bank Statement Checking: \$ 19.42  
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)  
 Eastern Checking Balance: \$ 19.42  
 Eastern Savings Balance: \$ 1,034.62

Economy Co-Op. 12 Mo. CD \$ 1,000.00 (matures 05/10/2008 @ 4.75% APY)

Total \$ 2,054.04

Membership Totals

80 Active - 31 Retired - 6 Associate

We welcome these New Members:

- Philip Cargill - Deputy Chief - Malden
- Paul J. Antonellis, Jr. - Chief - Retired

Treasurer Notes:

- 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 2007 dues were due in January.**
- 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.
- If you receive your bulletin via the U.S. Postal Service and it is damaged, please let me know. Recently, a few members, have received their MIFDI Bulletin severely damaged by the Postal Service.
- President Roche was the winner of the 50/50 drawing and applied his winnings toward the members lunch at Sylvan Street Grill and donated the remaining amount back to the Treasury (\$16.00 as noted above). Thanks Mark!

Respectfully submitted 06/10/2007

Michael McLeier

Treasurer

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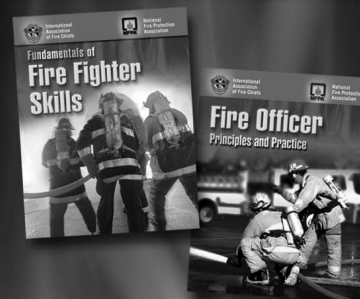
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**\*Dues are \$25.00 per year for Active members**  
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## RECALL OF MEETING #506

The 506th. meeting of MIFDI was held on May 23, 2007 hosted by the Merrimac Fire Department courtesy of Chief Ralph Spencer.

The training session was provided by MIFDI Treasurer and Past President Michael McLeieer with a recap on the 2007 FDIC Training conference held annually in Indianapolis. Michael's presentation included segments on leadership, potential hazards with eagles on newer helmets, and a brief video on the FDIC Lifetime Achievement Awards. Members in attendance were provided with CD's of some of the topics covered at the FDIC.

A brief business meeting followed by President Roche. Member Frank Fitzgerald provided a draft of a "MIFDI Recruitment Poster" to better promote the organization with the many new training officers throughout the Commonwealth. Treasurer McLeieer displayed a new product called "ReadyHeat" which is a blanket that warms up when exposed to air. President Roche gave an update on the condition of Newton Fire Lieutenant Richard Geary who was injured on May 15 when struck and run down by a spare pumper.

Members adjourned for lunch at the Sylvan Street Grill in nearby Salisbury.



*Engine 3 is the oldest 'in-service' piece at the Merrimac Fire Department. It is used primarily for brush and grass fires, supplementing Forestry 35, a 2003 GMC one ton brush truck.*

## **EMS RUN**

### ***Massachusetts EMS License Plates***

The Massachusetts EMS Foundation was formed to provide financial assistance to EMS professionals and their families (both public and private) that may have experienced some type of hardship due to death, injury, sickness, or other event causing a need of immediate financial assistance.

This foundation shall be funded primarily through the sales and renewals of Massachusetts EMS license plates, similar to the many organizations that have established charities and foundations by the creation of signature license plates through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts RMV.

The new plates depict the blue star-of-life symbol along with the words "*Emergency Medical Services*". The cost of the new plate is \$40.00 and a minimum of 1500 applications are required to begin the process. The application may be accessed through the Massachusetts EMS Foundation website: [www.maemsfoundation.org](http://www.maemsfoundation.org).

## **LAST ALARM:**

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter David A. Middleton**, active 10 year veteran of the Boston Fire Department, Engine Co. 51. F.F. Middleton died on May 29, 2007 at age 38 of an apparent heart attack at the completion of his tour in the firehouse. His death is listed as line-of-duty. May he rest in peace.

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Michael B. Stanley**, active 30 year member of the Scituate Fire Department. F.F. Stanley died on May 3, 2007 at age 59. May he rest in peace.

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Phinazee Brown, Jr**, active 18 year member of the Boston Fire Department, Ladder Co. 25. F.F. Brown died on May 6, 2007 at age 39 from injuries received in a motorcycle accident. May he rest in peace.

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our condolences to the family and friends of **Lt. Chris Hussey**, a 15-year call firefighter/EMT with the West Barnstable Fire & Rescue. Chris died on May 10, 2007 from injuries received from a motorcycle accident in Westport. May he rest in peace.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

The Officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our congratulations to former MIFDI member **Chief Allen P. Hoyt** of the Hansen Fire Department on his retirement as of May 25, 2007. We wish you good health and happiness for the future Allen.

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

June 17-23, 2007: Firefighter & EMS Safety Stand Down Week  
Contact: [www.iafc.org](http://www.iafc.org)

June 20, 2007: **MIFDI** - Canton

June 22-24, 2007: New England Fire/Rescue/EMS 2007  
West Springfield, MA Contact: [www.newenglandfirechiefs.org](http://www.newenglandfirechiefs.org)

June 23-24, 2007: New England Firefighter Challenge  
Lowell, MA Contact: [newenglandfirefighterchallenge.org](http://newenglandfirefighterchallenge.org)

June 24-27, 2007: IAFF EMS Conference  
Houston, TX Contact: [www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org)

July 24-29, 2007: FireHouse 2007 Expo  
Baltimore, MD Contact: [www.firehouseexpo.com](http://www.firehouseexpo.com)

August 4-5, 2007: Pan-Mass Challenge Contact: [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org)

August 8-11, 2007: IFBA Convention (NEFCON 07' BOSTON)  
Royal Sonesta Hotel, Boston, MA Contact: [www.ifba.org](http://www.ifba.org)

August 18, 2007: Safety & Survival Conference, D.C. Vincent Dunn  
Duxbury, MA Performing Arts Center  
Contact: [www.duxburyfirefighters.com](http://www.duxburyfirefighters.com)

August 21-24, 2007: Dept. of Defense Fire & Emergency Serv. Conf.  
Atlanta, GA Contact: [www.iafc.org](http://www.iafc.org)

August 23-25, 2007: Fire Rescue International  
Atlanta, GA Contact: [www.iafc.org](http://www.iafc.org)

September 26, 2007: **MIFDI** - TBA

September 26-27, 2007 - 13th Annual Massachusetts Fire & Life Safety Education Conference - Mansfield Holiday Inn. Contact Jennifer Mieth at 978-567-3380 or via e-mail at [Jennifer.Mieth@state.ma.us](mailto:Jennifer.Mieth@state.ma.us).

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

The May meeting was another great presentation by MIFDI Treasurer and Past President Michael McLeieer with a recap of high-lights from the 2007 FDIC. Those in attendance were provided with CD's of some of the interesting presentations offered at the FDIC.

It is that time of the year again when I ask our members to support MIFDI member David Jardin, Stoughton Chief of Department, as he participates in the 2007 Pan-Mass Challenge. The Pan-Mass Challenge is a 192-mile bike-a-thon that begins on August 4 in Sturbridge and ends August 5 in Provincetown. All proceeds from the event benefit the Jimmy Fund cancer research and treatment at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. You may donate directly to Dave at 52 Willow St., Stoughton, MA 02072, or on-line at [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org) and enter Dave's gift ID# DJ0027.

For those interested, the Boston Fire Academy has a new website: [www.bostonfireacademy.com](http://www.bostonfireacademy.com). The site is "under construction" but is expected to be another good resource tool for training information.

Our June Meeting will focus on the issue of providing effective fire streams. For those unable to attend this meeting, I may run into you at the many fire service events happening throughout the summer months. (See the "Events" list on Pg. 6)

I hope to see you all in Canton on the **20th**. Until then, stay safe.

*Mark*

**INSTRUCTORS CORNER**  
***2007 Fire & EMS Safety Stand Down***

The IAFC and IAFF are again sponsoring the 2007 Fire & EMS Safety Stand Down to be held June 17-23, 2007. The Stand Down theme is **"Ready to Respond"** which focuses on proper training, preparation and equipment *before* a call, and promotes the idea that all members can respond to, work and return home safely from the emergency they are called to mitigate. It is scheduled to give maximum flexibility to all departments in that it supports most duty day combinations as well as volunteer companies with weekend opportunities.

This is the third year for the Stand Down and the number of fire and EMS organizations participating continues to grow. This is a great opportunity to bring the focus of your training into a theme for a short period of time. There are many resources available to assist you with a wealth of information and presentations that you can use not only in the Stand Down but also the day-to-day training.

Some of the great training resource websites include;  
[www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa)  
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