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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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 Membership Application
 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2008**

**Your MIFDI Dues
 are due Jan. 1st**



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circle one

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Membership Dues:

Active \$ 25.00

Retired \$ 12.50

Associate \$100.00

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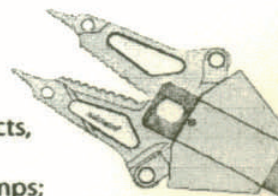
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ED LYONS
President



JUNE MEETING:

The 517th meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, June 18, 2008** hosted by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency at the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), 400 Worcester Rd. (Rt.9), Framingham. (**NOTE: The June meeting is the THIRD Wednesday**)

Our program will be provided by Mr. Peter Judge, MEMA Public Information Officer. Peter will provide an overview of MEMA Operations including a tour of the "bunker". This is a rare opportunity to actually visit and tour this facility.

NOTE: This is a secure facility so be sure to have some form of identification with you.

SCHEDULE:

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

DIRECTIONS:

From the WEST: Take the **Mass Pike (I 90)** to Exit 12 (Framingham Rt.9). Travel approx 5 miles to the Mass State Police Headquarters on right. MEMA is immediately following the SPD marked with several tall communications towers. Enter the driveway, there is visitor parking located on the Rt.9 side. MEMA is underground, enter and follow the ramp to the reception desk.

From the EAST: Take the **Mass Pike (I 90)** to Exit 13 (Natick/ Framingham Rt.30). Take Rt.30 West towards Framingham approx 2 miles and Rt.30 will merge onto Rt.9 West. (You will then see the MEMA site on the other side of Rt.9). Continue approx .5 miles on Rt.9 West, turn right into Whole Foods parking lot to turn around. Take a left from the Whole Foods lot onto Prospect St., turn left onto Rt.9 Eastbound. MEMA is approx .5 mile on the right. Enter the driveway after the State Police HQ, there is visitor parking on the Rt.9 side. MEMA is underground, enter and follow the ramp to the reception desk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 1/1/2008
 Eastern Cking. 57.39
 ING Savings 618.57
12 Mo. CD 1,027.37
Total \$1,703.33

Bills Paid May (Checking):

June 08 Newsletter \$120.00 Michael - 05/31
 FTD Flowers-Judy O'Brien \$53.98 - MFA - 05/15
 FDIC 2008 Hotel Reimb. \$567.00 Michael - 05/31
 CD's & Jewel Cases \$138.86 Michael - 05/31
TOTAL: \$879.84

50/50 Raffle = \$46.00 collected

Winner = Steve Crobin - Brookline Fire

*Thanks to Brookline Fire for their donation of the 50/50 back to MIFDI

Donuts & Coffee - (\$46.00)

Deposit from 50/50 Raffle = None

Account Transfers:

Economy CD to Eastern Checking - \$1,049.37

Total active members = 120

Dues paid thru 2009 = 7

Dues paid thru 2008 = 93

Dues paid thru 2007 = 20

Mailings

E-Mail - 47 Home - 57

Work - 16

120

Balances as of 06/10/2008

Bank Statement Checking: \$ 1,355.87

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 825.86)

Eastern Checking Balance: \$ 530.01

ING Savings Balance: \$ 1,402.86

Economy Co-Op 12.mo CD - CLOSED - CD Matured 05/14/2008 - 12 mo. Interest earned \$49.37

Total \$ 1,932.87

Membership Totals: 120

81 Active - 33 Retired - 6 Associate

New Member for May:

- Daniel Braley - Battalion Chief - Plymouth Fire Department

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 2008 dues are 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.

Respectfully submitted 06/10/2008

Michael McLeieer

Treasurer

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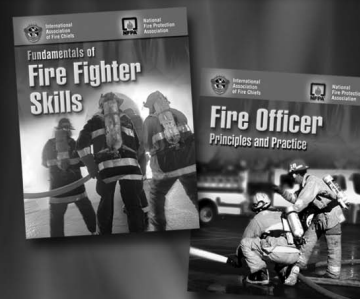
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***Dues are \$25.00 per year for Active members**

\$12.50 for Retired members

***100.00 per year for Associate members**

(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 .

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RECALL OF MEETING #516

Report of the 516th MIFDI Meeting at Merrimac Fire/Rescue Headquarters on Wednesday, May 28, 2008. Meeting called to order at 1010 hrs. by Director Frank Fitzgerald. Attendance was 23 including one guest and Merrimac fire dog "Jake." President Roche was at the Pierce Fire Apparatus plant and VP Brian Belliveau was not available. The presenter was Treas. Mike McLeieer and so Chief Fitzgerald was asked to conduct the meeting and take notes. Our host, Chief Ralph Spencer, MFD was introduced and greeted the members.

Following the usual business portion, Treas. McLeieer was introduced. Mike gave a presentation on the 2008 FDIC Training Conference at Indianapolis, (web site - www.fdic.com). Mike covered several fire safety subjects with power point illustrations and fire scenes, including: CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY - there were 6 fire deaths in MA. DRIVE TO SURVIVE - Require CDL. Fire Tanker rollovers while responding. THE ART OF READING SMOKE - how the fire is moving and when to be careful. Video shown of Danvers MA CAI fire disaster last year. Mike also distributed two CD's of the Conference to the members.

At 1140 Director Bob McKendrick, a member of the Chemical Fire Safety Board, discussed the Board's responsibility.

At 1147 Paul Antonellis of Anna Maria College discussed restaurant fire problems and safety.

At 1155 Capt. Steve Persson gave his monthly report from the MA Fire Academy - nothing new.

Treas. Mike announced new rates for our Treasury investments and that we have 119 active members.

The June monthly meeting will be in Framingham at the "Bunker" off Route 9 on the 18th. Meeting adjourned at 1230 to lunch.

Respectfully submitted Frank W. Fitzgerald, Jr.

EMS RUN:

Practice EMS Safety

Achieving personal safety takes vigilance, practice and training along with a constant application of safe skills. No one can be safe for you, no one can make decisions for your safety, safety is in YOUR hands.

Remember:

Lift safely; head up, back straight, knees bent, and communicate with your partner.

Use adjunct equipment whenever possible such as low-friction sheets and stair chairs.

Know your limits, ask for help if you need it.

Understand and follow your EMS safety policies.

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NEVER compromise.

LAST ALARM:

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CONGRATULATIONS:

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GOOD & WELFARE:

Nothing Reported

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 14, 2008: MAFAA Parade, Muster, & Firematic Flea Market
Edgewater Office Park, Wakefield

June 18, 2008: **MIFDI** - Framingham

June 20, 21, 22, 2008: New England FIRE/RESCUE/EMS 2008
West Springfield, MA Contact: newenglandfirechiefs.org

June 22, 2008: 2008 Fire/EMS Safety, Health & Survival Week
Committed to Long-Term Results Contact: iafc.org

July 22-27, 2008: Firehouse Expo "25th Anniversary"
Baltimore, MD Contact: firehouseexpo.com

August 2-3, 2008: Pan-Mass Challenge Bike-A-Thon
Sturbridge to Provincetown Contact: pmc.org

August 10-15, 2008: IAFF 49th Annual Convention
Las Vegas, NV Contact: iaфф.org

August 11-15, 2008: Dept. of Defense Fire & Emergency Conference
Denver, CO Contact: iafc.org

August 13-15, 2008: IFBA Convention
Racine, WI Contact: ifba.org

August 14-16, 2008: IAFC Fire-Rescue-International 2008
Denver, CO Contact: iafc.org

August 16, 2008: Safety & Survival Conference (B.C. John Salka FDNY)
Duxbury, MA Contact: duxburyfirefighters.com

September 11, 2008: 7th Anniversary of the Attack on America

September 20, 2008: Fallen Fighters Memorial
Colorado Springs, CO Contact: iaфф.org

September 23-24, 2008: Fire & Life Safety Conference
Taunton Holiday Inn Contact: mass.gov/dfs

September 24, 2008: **MIFDI**

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

In May we were once again hosted by the Merrimac Fire Department as our Treasurer, Webmaster and Past President Michael McLeier presented us with some of the highlights of the 2008 Fire Department Instructors Conference. I was unable to attend this meeting due to another trip to Appleton for the final inspection of a new pumper for my department. I thank Michael for his presentation to our members as well as Chief Ralph Spencer for hosting MIFDI. I also want to thank Director Frank Fitzgerald for picking up the gavel in my absence.

On May 10, 2008, I was honored to attend the dedication of the Brockton Firefighters Strand Theatre Memorial in memory of the 13 Brockton firefighters that died in the line of duty on March 10, 1941 after the roof suddenly collapsed during firefighting operations. Let us never forget the sacrifice made by these brave men and always be mindful of the hidden hazards above and below us during interior firefighting operations. Throughout the years, the fire service has learned some harsh lessons from past tragedies. One of the more difficult but most important decisions facing the fireground commander today is when to write off the structure and get the troops out by switching operations to a defensive mode. Even then the fireground is not without risk until a sufficient collapse zone is established.

One again, MIFDI member David Jardin will participate in the 2008 Pan-Mass Challenge on August 2 & 3. The PMC is a 192-mile bike-a-thon to support the Jimmy Fund cancer research and treatment at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. To help Dave reach his goal, you can make a pledge @ www.pmc.org and enter Dave's ID# DJ0027.

Our June meeting will provide MIFDI members with a fascinating tour and explanation of the operations at the MEMA Bunker in Framingham. This is a rare opportunity for members to get a first-hand look at this facility.

I hope to see you all in Framingham on the 18th. Until then, stay safe!

Mark

INSTRUCTORS CORNER
2008 Fire/EMS Safety, Health & Survival Week
June 22-28, 2008

Committed to long-term results encourages long-term investments by chiefs and firefighters to enhance their health and safety. The ultimate goal is to institute a strong culture of health and safety within the Fire/EMS service.

This year's theme reflects the need for organizational action that supports and encourages a safety culture. Recommended activities and materials will incorporate three key areas where standard operating procedures, policies and initiatives, along with the training and enforcement that supports them, can limit fire/EMS personnel's risk of injury or death:

- Fully implement NFPA 1500, especially sections addressing PPE:
Provide compliant PPE, Train and enforce use of PPE including SCBA.
- Fully implement the Wellness-Fitness Initiative: *Provide annual medical and physical evaluations, Provide equipment and time for exercise, Provide nutrition information.*
- Initiate an emergency vehicle policy: *Always buckle up, Always stop at red lights and stop signs, Always drive at speed limits and defensively.*

Focusing on these 2008 key safety areas from Sunday to Saturday provides maximum flexibility, allowing for all duty shifts (both career and volunteer) to participate in your department's selected exercises at some point during Safety Week.

For additional information on the 2008 Fire/EMS Safety, Health & Survival Week, refer to the website of the International Association of Fire Chiefs @ www.iafc.org