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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".

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**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors - Tax ID: 04-2307216
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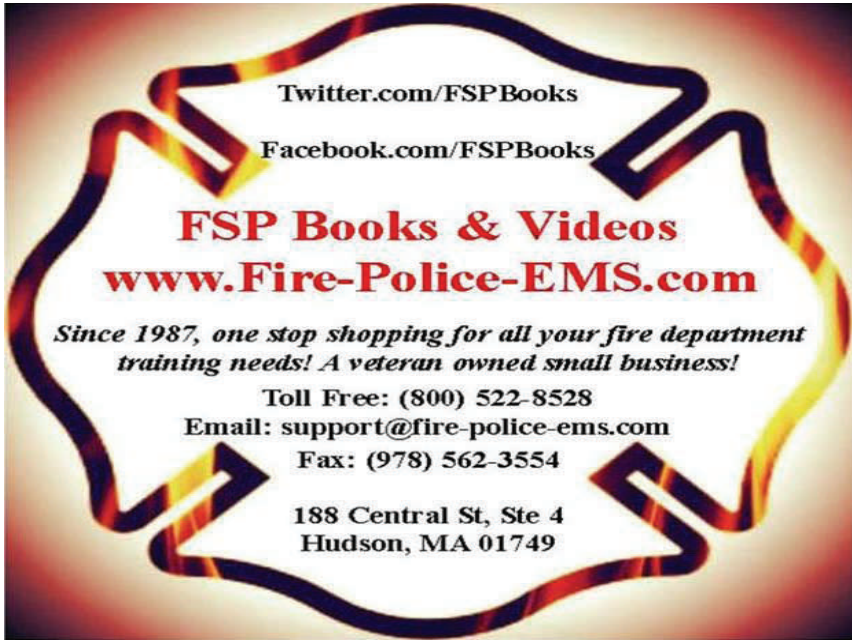
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JUNE MEETING:

The June meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, June 26, 2013** hosted by the Stoughton Fire Department courtesy of Chief Mark Dolloff and MIFDI member Captain Jim Bertram. We will meet in the second floor training room at SFD HQ (Station 2), 1550 Central St. MIFDI last met at this location for our May 2002 meeting so we look forward to our return to Stoughton.

Our presenter this month will be Northeast Utilities Senior Safety Engineer George Popovici. George will provide the presentation on emergencies involving NSTAR equipment that George takes on the road to fire departments throughout the area for the safety of firefighters dealing with utility hazards.

SCHEDULE: 0900 coffee, 1000 Presentation, 1100 Follow-up questions, 1120 Business meeting, (followed by lunch off site)

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt.128 (I 93/I 95), take Exit 2A, Rt. 138 South. Follow 138 south approx 5-miles to Central St. (CVS on the corner). Turn right on Central St. and travel approx 1-mile. The fire station is on the left just past the railroad tracks.



Vintage Stoughton Post Card from the 1960's. Note the old training prop of the left.

TREASURER'S REPORT**Beginning Balances for 01/04/2013**

GVCCU Checking \$ 9.99
 GVCCU Savings \$563.28
ING Savings \$1,686.50
Total: \$2,259.77

Bills Paid May 2013 (Checking):

June 2013 Newsletter - Michael \$120.00 - 05/24
 FDIC Parking - Michael - approved \$125.00 - 05/22
 Donuts 5/22 meeting - Michael \$ 37.50 - 05/24
 FDIC DVD's, sleeves, labels - Michael \$189.60 - 05/24
TOTAL: \$472.10

Account Transfers:

50/50 Raffle = \$86.00
 Winner = Chief Tom Conway, III - Billerica Fire Department = \$43.00
 Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = \$43.00

Total active members = 130

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2016 = 0
 Dues paid thru 2015 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2014 = 4
 Dues paid thru 2013 = 97
 Dues paid thru 2012 = 25

Mailings

E-Mail - 88 Home - 33
Work - 9
130

Balances as of 06/17/2013

GVCCU Checking: \$ 204.44
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 GVCCU Cking. Balance: \$ 204.44
 GVCCU Savings Balance: \$ 160.44
 ING Savings Balance: \$ 3,089.33
Total \$ 3,454.21

Membership Totals: 130

90 Active - 34 Retired - 6 Associate

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY JOINED MIFDI:

- None

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 2013 dues were due in January, 2013. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2013 for your 2013 dues.**
- (b) You may now use the 2013 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

06/17/2013

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

978-346-4731

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

Remember to add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2013. Enjoy the summer!

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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).

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RECALL OF MEETING #566

**MIFDI Meeting - May 22, 2013 - Merrimac Fire Dept.
16 East Main Street, Merrimac, MA 01860**

President Roche opened the meeting at 10:20 AM and introduced David Lindt, from Fire Tech, and Doug Comstock from Cardiac Science. Doug Comstock talked about the limitations of AEDs more specifically the batteries, pads and the internal circuitry. He talked about his company's unit called the G3. He spoke about the warranty and the indemnification policy of their unit, as well as the advantages of their unit over other units. There was brief question-and-answer period.

President Roche then turned the meeting over to Mike McLeieer, who invited Chief Spencer, to come up and welcome everyone. Chief Spencer informed us that Mike had won Firefighter of the Year Award from Liberty Mutual as well as other accolades. We congratulate Mike. Mike started his presentation regarding this year's FDIC. He opened up his presentation with a video on fire service-based EMS, with a video called Fire Service-based EMS: The Right Response. Mike highlighted a few power points such as; Fast food restaurant fires, Fire instructor Boot Camp, and EMS: Blood is everywhere. He spoke about what was coming in the future: Community Risk Reduction and the coming of NFPA 1730. Mike also spoke on the evaluation of training programs and its importance. Mike finished up his presentation with an audio clip from Paul Harvey, called Fire and Ice, which was a tribute to firefighters. You can download this on the Internet. Mike had made copies of the FDIC presentations and passed out the copies.

President Roche thanked Mike and began the business meeting. He mentioned that in February 2013 we lost one of our founding members James Rogers, from Falmouth, a moment of silence followed. President Roche once again thanked Merrimac Chief Spencer, Mike McLeieer and Fire Tech for coming out today.

Treasurer McLeieer reported that as of May 13, MIFDI had a balance in both the savings and checking of \$3832.69 and at present we have 135 members. There was an outstanding bill of \$125 parking from FDIC, which passed unanimously for reimbursement. There was further talk relating to the fact that the President, the Treasurer and the Editor all receive complimentary dues and a vote was taken in order to do the same for the Secretary; it was seconded and passed.

Under old business, there was a call for nominations and there was an election with all current Offices voted in.

President Roche acknowledged Assistant Chief Ken Trembley, from Lexington, as a new member and Capt. Melanson of Watertown and their role in the aftermath of the Marathon Bombing and the days that followed leading up to the capture of one of the bombers in Watertown.

MFTC: No new news with the exception that the Academy has many assets that can be re-served and that the Academy will be going to the nine week system starting in July. The next MFTC meeting will be held on June 5th.

Good and Welfare, President Roche regretfully announced that member John O'Donahue, from Cambridge, was hospitalized for pneumonia and may be having some medical issues. President Roche asked that we keep John in our thoughts.

Assistant Chief Bob McKendrick, Retired, spoke about NFPA 1 and its final stages, as well as the creation of a Fire Prevention Appeal Board made up of three people.

Next meeting will be held June 26 in Stoughton, MA, meeting was adjourned at 12:00, followed by libations at Sylvan Street Grill in Salisbury, MA.

EMS Run

National EMS Certification

Effective July 1, 2013, all new Massachusetts Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) candidates at all levels will be required to participate in the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification process. This recommendation by a Task Force established to identify priorities for EMS delivery in Massachusetts to develop uniform standards for minimum entry-level competency. Massachusetts is one of only four states that currently do not recognize the national certification standard.

There will be four identified tracks for Massachusetts EMT's to follow once the Commonwealth recognizes the national standard;

All new EMT candidates requesting initial license after July 1, 2013 will be required to enter the NREMT registry and maintain NRENT certification throughout their career as part of their Massachusetts license.

All existing Massachusetts EMT's who have current NRENT certification will be required to maintain their national certification as part of their Massachusetts license.

All EMS providers who were formerly registered by the NREMT, but have not maintained their NREMT certification will be able to have their certification re-instated if currently licensed by Massachusetts OEMS without restrictions. Those who have already successfully tested into the registry will not be required to test again.

EMT's that have never registered with the NREMT will be able to maintain their Massachusetts license without NREMT certification provided that they meet or exceed NREMT recertification training requirements and fulfill continuing education credits.

OEMS will offer a streamlined continuing tracking process through the NRENT's web-based system where Massachusetts EMT's can create a profile and manage their continuing education requirements.

Efforts to assist training institutions, EMT's, ambulance services, and fire departments during this time are currently underway, along with other quality improvement initiatives. The Department of Public Health will be working over the next several months to ensure comprehensive communications with the EMS community. Forthcoming information will include details about Massachusetts EMT renewals for the upcoming 2014 recertification cycle.

To stay informed, visit the OEMS website for updates on certification at:
www.mass.gov/dph/oems

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of the following :

Former **Deputy Chief Michael A. Nicholson** of the Watertown Fire Department died on May 14, 2013 at age 57 from occupational cancer.

Lieutenant Christopher M. Haney, ACTIVE member of the Woburn Fire Department died on May 23, 2013 at age 57 from occupational cancer.

Deputy Chief Charles A. Crowley ACTIVE member of the Chelsea Fire Department died suddenly on June 3, 2013 at age 56.

Former **District Chief Clifton DeCourcy** of the Worcester Fire Department died on June 8, 2013 at age 61 from pulmonary fibrosis. Chief DeCourcy had just retired on June 1, 2013.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 21-23, 2013: New England FIRE/RESCUE/EMS 2013
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June 26, 2013: MIFDI – Stoughton

July, 1, 2013: First Responder Wellness Seminar
Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, MA
Contact Lt. Paul Zipper @ paul.zipper@state.ma.us

July 9-13, 2013: IFBA 2013 Convention
Milwaukee, WI www.ifba.org

July 23-27, 2013: Fire House Expo 2013
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August 21-25, 2013: IAFF EMS Conference
Denver, CO www.iaff.org

September 25, 2013: MIFDI

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have.

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our May meeting was our annual recap of the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) held each April in Indianapolis. I thank Michael McLeieer for again bringing back a host of high-lights of the convention to share with our members.

I also thank our friends from Fire Tech & Safety for sharing information with us regarding the expirations of AED units.

Finally, I thank Chief Ralph Spencer and the Merrimac Fire Department for once again hosting MIFDI at their facility.

For those of you unable to attend our June meeting, I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Stoughton on the 26th

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BLUE – Water, irrigation or slurry lines.

GREEN – Sewer and drain lines.

WHITE – Premark of proposed excavation.