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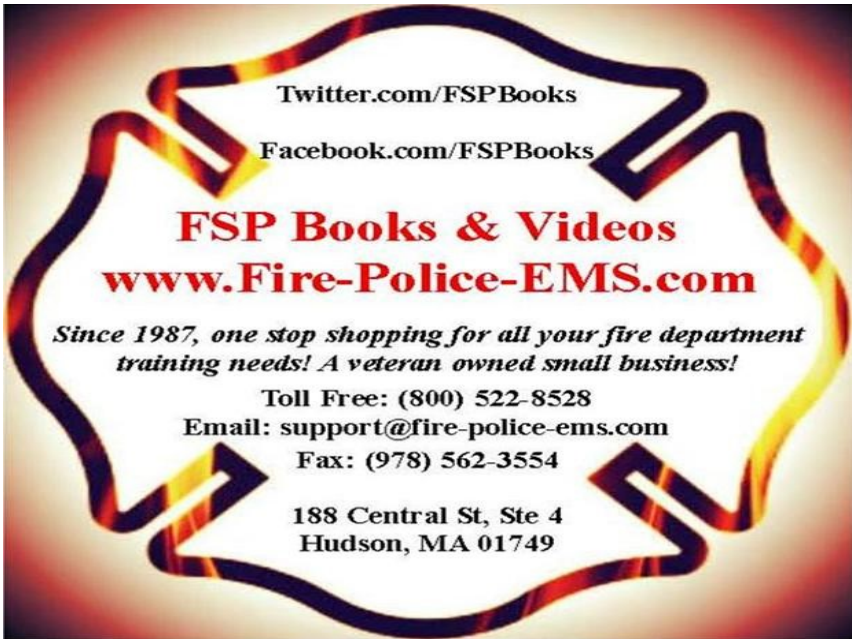
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JUNE MEETING:

The next meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, June 25, 2014** hosted by the Newton Fire Department courtesy of Chief Bruce Proia. We will meet in the first floor training room of Fire Station 4 located at 195 Crafts St., corner of Watertown St. (Rt.16). We last met at this location in September 2012.

The training program will be provided by Mr. Bill Kinch EMT/P. Bill will speak on the effects of smoke inhalation, CO poisoning, hydrogen cyanide and heat exposure as it relates to firefighter injuries. Bill is one of the finest presenters that I have had the pleasure of listening to regarding these topics.

Following this presentation, we hope to have Newton Fire Department's new Air Supply/Mobile Cascade Unit on display for members to view. This new unit is expected to be delivered in time for our meeting will soon become available to any community upon request.

SCHEDULE:

0930: Coffee, **1000:** Presentation, **1130:** Business Meeting, **1200:** Lunch (off site)

DIRECTIONS:

FROM RT.128: Take Exit 21 (Rt.16 EAST). Follow Rt. 16 East approx 2-miles. NOTE: After you pass the Police Station and the Court House, stay in the left lane as Rt.16 bears left onto Watertown St. Continue EAST on Watertown St. for 1-mile and the fire station will be on your left.

FROM THE MASS PIKE: Take EXIT 17 in Newton Corner onto Washington St. Follow Washington St. WEST approx 1-mile to Crafts St. (Whole Foods Market on corner). Turn right on Crafts St. and follow to the first traffic light, the station will be on the corner.

Parking is available in the rear and on the "B" side of the station. Additional parking is available in the School Administration Building diagonally across from the fire station.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2014
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$295.61
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$161.40
CapitalOne360 Savings \$2,736.34
 Total: \$3,193.35

Bills Paid May 2014 (Checking):
 June 2014 Newsletter - Michael \$120.00 - 05/31
 Staples - M. Roche - Office Supplies \$ 19.11 - 05/30
 Krispy Kreme - Meeting - Michael \$ 37.96 - 05/27
 FDIC 2014 Hotel - Michael \$340.64 - 05/31
TOTAL: \$517.71

50/50 Raffle = \$76.00
 Winner = \$40.00 (Chief Fitzgerald's Nephew)
 Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = \$36.00

Account Transfers:
 None

Total active members = 132

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2016 = 0
 Dues paid thru 2015 = 5
 Dues paid thru 2014 = 101
 Dues paid thru 2013 = 23

Mailings
 E-Mail - 86 Home - 38
Work - 8
 132

Balances as of 06/16/2014
 Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 127.52
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 127.52
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 886.60
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 2,740.87
 Total \$ 3,754.99

Membership Totals: 132
 90 Active - 36 Retired - 6 Associate

WELCOME THIS NEW MEMBER WHO RECENTLY JOINED MIFDI:

- **Angus Davison - Assistant Chief - Belmont Fire**

Treasurer Notes:

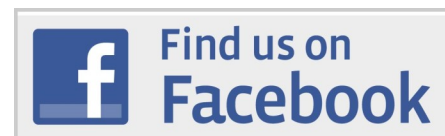
- Please remember to look at your mailing label for the PAID THROUGH date. Thank you to all of you who have paid your dues. **Your 2014 dues were due in January, 2014. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2014 for your 2014 dues.***
- You may now use the 2014 membership application 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.*
- There were some name changes to our financial institutions in 2013. All of our depository accounts remain federally insured.*

Respectfully submitted
 06/16/2014
 by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer
 978-346-4731

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

Please remember to add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2014.

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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).
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RECALL OF MEETING #576

MIFDI Meeting - Merrimac Fire Department-May 28, 2014

President Mark Roche quickly snapped the gavel to open the meeting at 10:15. There were twenty-four (24) members were in attendance. President Roche recognize Chief Ralph Spencer and the Merrimac Fire Department. Chief Spencer spoke about an incident in Haverhill and about the water issues that Haverhill was experiencing. Merrimac responded directly to the fire and laid 1600 feet of four-inch hose. They fed two engines and two ladder trucks, plus they had to battle some brushfire. Merrimac was tied up for 10 hours in Haverhill, luckily there was no loss of any life; however, there was one injury.

Treasurer Michael McLeieer gave a great presentation on the 2014 FDIC: Where Leaders Comes To Train. He offered a roster for members to sign to receive two hours of fire prevention credentialing. He stated that he had thirty-eight (38) CDs, containing one-hundred and five presentations that would be handed out after his presentation. Michael, as always, highlighted some of the more interesting presentations from FDIC such as the *First Five Minutes*, *10 Signs of Trouble*, *High-Tech Highways*, *NIMS* and *ICS*, and *Principles of Extrication*. Michael stated that there were over 32,000 attendees this year and next year's FDIC will be the third week of April. He also went over the new changes in Hazardous Materials.

After Michael's presentation President Roche once again thanked Merrimac Fire Department. He also introduced Board of Directors and Officers of MIFDI. President Roche mentioned a retirement party for Vice-President Brian Bellevue, will be held on May 31, at his home at 81 Ross Street, Fitchburg, MA.

President Roche then introduced newly promoted Chief Rick McClellan, from Wilmington Fire Department, who praised now retired Chief Ed Bradley for his years of service. President Roche on behalf of MIFDI presented to Chief Bradley a certificate of appreciation.

MIFDI Representative to the Mass Fire Training Council (MFTC) Andy Connerty gave his report from MFTC. He informed the members to look at their contracts, and the language therein, regarding the passing of recruit training: there have been a few issues regarding this item. He further informed MIFDI members to have any recruit with a learning disability should inform the Fire Academy early on, so they can make accommodations. Representative Connerty informed the members that there has been talk about the Fire Prevention credentialing process and that changes were coming. The members were also informed that the new MFA director, Shawn Murray, has resigned.

President Roche reminded all members that former MFA director, Edmund Walker, is now the Chief of the Peterborough Fire Department in New Hampshire.

There was some information relayed by Belmont members regarding a three alarm fire, in a three-decker on Marlboro Street, in Belmont. A great effort, made by all, ensured the saving of the exposures.

Past-President Bob MacKendrick informed members that everything is going well with NFPA-1, even though there was some kickback from one of the Builders Association.

There was motion to reimburse Treasurer Michael McLeieer for expenses over and above the cap of \$800 to the amount of \$35.64. There was a second and the motion carried. Treasurer Michael McLeieer finished with a presentation regarding the changes in the Hazardous Material, labeling and placarding as well as the new Safety Data Sheets.

Deputy Fire Chief John O'Donahue (Ret.) informed the membership that an elevator rescue class will be held at Mass Port on June 18th though the Massachusetts Fire Academy. John will be the presenter.

There was a motion to adjourn, that was seconded and the motion passed. The meeting continued informally at Sylvan Street Grille in Salisbury. Next month's meeting will be announced later.

EMS Run **CVA (Stroke)**

Blood vessels that carry blood to the brain from the heart are called arteries. The brain needs a constant supply of blood, which carries the oxygen and nutrients it needs to function. Each artery supplies blood to specific areas of the brain. A stroke occurs when one of these arteries to the brain either is blocked or bursts. As a result, part of the brain does not get the blood it needs, so it starts to die.

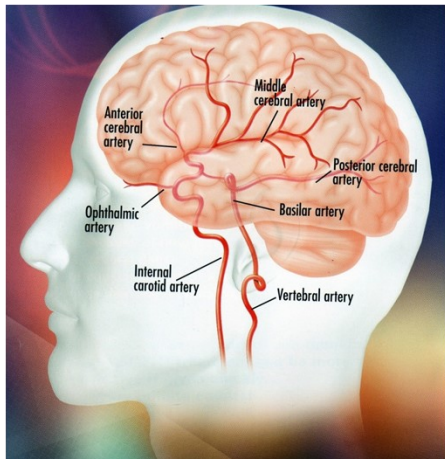
Common stroke symptoms:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Other important but less common symptoms include:

- Sudden nausea and vomiting (different from a viral illness due to a sudden onset vs. hours or days)
- Brief loss of consciousness or a period of decreased consciousness (fainting, confusion, convulsions, coma)

Transportation to a medical facility with a “Cath-Lab” and treatment with “clot-buster” drug (IPA) can significantly reduce the damage caused by a stroke. Treatment is more effective if given quickly, every minute counts!



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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to MIFDI member **Richard T. McClellan** upon his appointment as Chief of Department in Wilmington on June 4, 2014. Rick replaced MIFDI member Chief **Edward G. Bradbury** who retired on June 2 after serving as chief since 2008. We wish Rick great success in his new position and we wish Ed a happy and healthy retirement.



Chief Ed

Chief Rick McClellan

Bradbury &

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 20,21,22, 2014: New England FIRE/RESCUE/EMS 2014
West Springfield Expo www.newenglandfirechiefs.org

June 25, 2014: MIFDI – Newton

July 15-19, 2014: Firehouse Expo
Baltimore, MD www.firehouseexpo.com

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our May meeting was another great recap of the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) provided by Treasurer/PP Michael McLeier. I thank Michael for representing MIFDI at the FDIC and bringing back presentations and information to share with MIFDI members. I also thank Chief Ralph Spencer and the Merrimac Fire Department for again hosting MIFDI at their facility.

On May 31, I was honored to represent MIFDI at a celebration for MIFDI Vice President Brian Belliveau upon his retirement from the Fitchburg Fire Department after serving for nearly 35-years. Brian, his brother Jim, and their late father James represent nearly 50-years of membership with MIFDI.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Newton on the 25th

MIFDI President Mark Roche & Vice President Brian Belliveau



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