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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  
 2017 Membership Application & Invoice  
 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2017**

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**or Join MIFDI for  
 the first time.**

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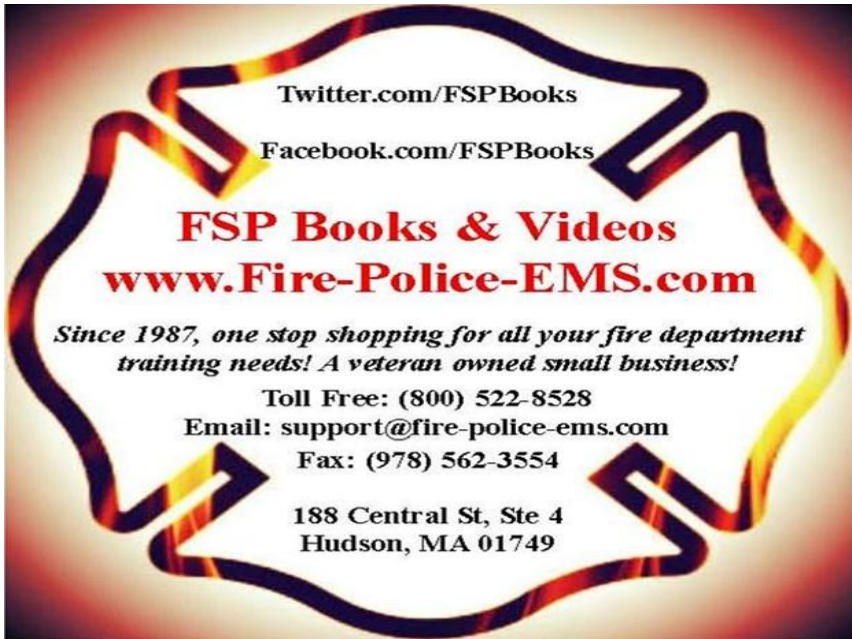
**Retired** \$ 15.00

**Associate** \$100.00

**Active** **Retired** **Associate** **Home** **Work** **E-mail**

Please mail completed Application with check or money order payable to:

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## **JUNE MEETING:**

The June meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, June 21, 2017** hosted by the Lynnfield Fire Department courtesy of Chief Mark Tetreault and MIFDI member Robert MacKendrick (**NOTE: THIS IS THE THIRD WEDNESDAY**). We will meet in the training room of Lynnfield Station 2, 600 Salem St, South Lynnfield.

The training presentation will be offered by David L. Parr, Regional Fire Program Specialist with DHS/FEMA Region 1. Dave will provide an update on the SAFER and AFG grants for the fire service. It has been a few years since we last had Dave speak to MIFDI on the topic of grants and we invite those members from your department responsible for writing grants to attend this important meeting.

## **DIRECTIONS:**

From I-95/Rt.128, take Exit 43. At the traffic light turn left onto Salem St. Follow Salem St approx 1-mile and the fire station will be on your left at the intersection of Summer St. There is plenty of free parking in the rear of the station.

## **SCHEDULE:**

0930: Coffee, 1000: Presentation, 1115: Business Meeting, 1130: Tour of LFD Equipment (Including their new Engine 1 recently placed in-service), 1200: Lunch (off site).



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balances for 01/03/2017

Preferred C.U. Checking \$194.14

Preferred C.U. Savings \$315.22

CapitalOneSav. Balance \$1,764.29

Total: \$2,273.65

**Bills Paid May 2017 (Checking):**

June 2017 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 05/31

FDIC Hotel - Michael (vote approved) \$384.48 - 05/31

TOTAL: \$504.48

**Account Transfers:**

None

50/50 Raffle = \$55.00

Winner = Richard Lamour (N.E. Fire) - \$28.00

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = \$27.00 deposited

Total active members = 122

Dues paid thru 2020 = 1

Dues paid thru 2019 = 3

Dues paid thru 2018 = 6

Dues paid thru 2017 = 72

Dues paid thru 2016 = 17

Dues paid thru 2015 = 23

**Mailings**

E-Mail - 81 Home - 30

Work - 11

122

Balances as of 06/10/2017

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 135.94

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 135.94

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 315.31

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,767.21

Total \$ 2,218.46

**Membership Totals: 122**

75 Active - 42 Retired - 5 Associate

Please welcome these members back to MIFDI.

- John Cuqua - Firefighter (Retired) - Arlington
- Jonathan Brickett - Chief (Retired) - Amesbury
- Rick Nohl - Lieutenant - Belmont (New Member)

*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 2017 dues were due in January, 2017.**

**Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2017 for your 2017 dues.**

(b) You may now use the 2017 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

06/10/2017

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

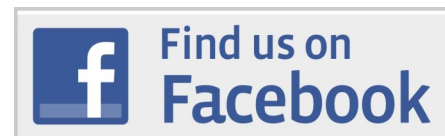
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Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

**Please remember to add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2017. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renew before April 1, 2017.**

MIFDI is now on Facebook. Login to your Facebook account and search for **Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors** or visit **www.facebook.com/mifdi**. Become a Facebook friend to MIFDI and receive up to date announcements right to your PDA, Blackberry or computer. You may also select the MIFDI Facebook link on the MIFDI website home page at [www.mifdi.org](http://www.mifdi.org)



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# RENEWAL of DUES or NEW MEMBERSHIPS

may be addressed to:

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Merrimac, MA 01860-0510

Phone: (978) 346-4731

**\*Dues are \$30.00 per year for Active members \*(\$40 after April 1st)**

**\$15.00 for Retired members \*(\$25 after April 1st)**

**\*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. Add a \$10.00 Late Fee after April 1, 2017.**

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## RECALL OF MEETING #2017-04

The May meeting of MIFDI was held on May 24, 2017 hosted the by the Merrimac Fire Department courtesy of Chief Ralph Spencer.

Our training was presented by MIFDI member Michael McLeieer with a recap of the 2017 FDIC Training Conference held annually in Indianapolis. As always, Michael did a superb job sharing some of the highlights of the FDIC. One of the more powerful presentations this year was a focus on occupational cancer in the fire service.

Those in attendance received a CD which included many of the presentations.



Following the presentation, a brief business meeting was conducted by President Roche. Andy Connerty talked briefly on the Mass Fire Training Council. John O'Donoghue provided an update on the elevator code and fire service operations. President Roche made mention of the ballistic vests recently issued to Chelsea firefighters were quickly put to use during a domestic incident in that city when a barricaded shooter set his home on fire.

The unofficial meeting reconvened for lunch at Markey's Seafood Restaurant in nearby Seabrook.

## EMS Run Carfentanil

Carfentanil has apparently made its way into New England and is **EXTREMELY** potent. The powder of this substance found at an EMS call for an overdose or unresponsive person can provide a significant safety risk for first-responders. The drug in a powder form can be inhaled or absorbed so be sure to use extreme caution with scene safety.

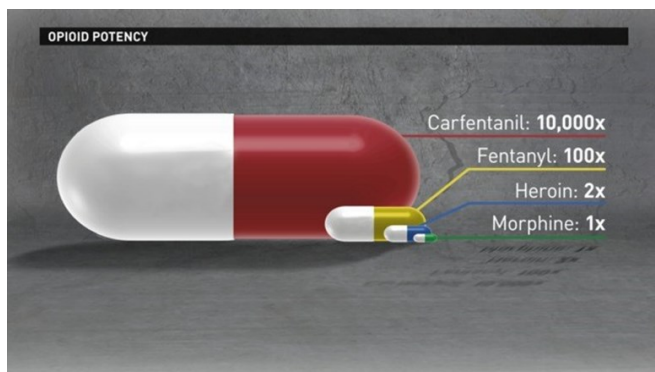
Carfentanil is a synthetic opioid approximately 10,000 times more potent than morphine and 100 times more potent than fentanyl. The presence of carfentanil in illicit drug markets is a serious concern as the strength of this drug could lead to an increase in overdoses, even among opioid-tolerant users.

Carfentanil is used as a tranquilizing agent for elephants and other large animals and can be lethal for humans at the 2-milligram range.

Carfentanil can quickly reach toxic levels in the human body. Exposure to this drug causes symptoms similar to those of opioid toxicity and overdose including; pinpoint pupils, shallow breathing, dizziness, lethargy, loss of consciousness, nausea/vomiting, weak pulse, cold/clammy skin, and heart failure.

## **NARCAN WILL REVERSE A CARFENTANIL OVERDOSE BUT REQUIRES MULTIPLE DOSES.**

Review your protocols for administering Naloxone (Narcan) and contact your local Medical Director regarding administering multiple doses of Narcan to reverse the effects of this potent drug that is killing our young people throughout the country.



## LAST ALARM:

*The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of U.S. Army Ranger Specialist Etienne J. Murphy, age 22, who died on May 26, 2017 while on deployment to Syria. He was the son of retired Boston Firefighter Calvin Murphy of L-7.*

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## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and best wishes to **Chief Mario Orangio** upon the announcement of his retirement from the Watertown Fire Department after 28-years of service. During his 13-years as Chief of Dept., he oversaw the purchase of modern new apparatus, worked to increase the shift strength with additional manpower, and his proudest accomplished of all, implementing ALS service to provide the very best Emergency Medical Services for the community. On a statewide level, Chief Orangio served as Past President of the Fire Chiefs of Massachusetts (FCAM) and most recently served as Chairman of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council (MFTC). We thank Chief Orangio for his contributions to the fire service throughout the Commonwealth and we continue to offer him our prayers and support with his health issues.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

June 21, 2017: **MIFDI** – Lynnfield

June 22-24, 2017: **NEFC 2017 Fire/Rescue/EMS Expo**  
Foxwoods Casino [www.newenglandfirechiefs.org](http://www.newenglandfirechiefs.org)

August 6-10, 2017: **IAFF Redmond EMS Conference**  
Vancouver BC [www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org)

August 22-26, 2017: **IFBA 2017 Convention**  
Indianapolis, IN [www.ifba.org](http://www.ifba.org)

September 11, 2017: **16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Attack on America**

September 16, 2017: **National Firefighters Memorial Service**  
Colorado Springs, CO

September 27, 2017: **MIFDI**

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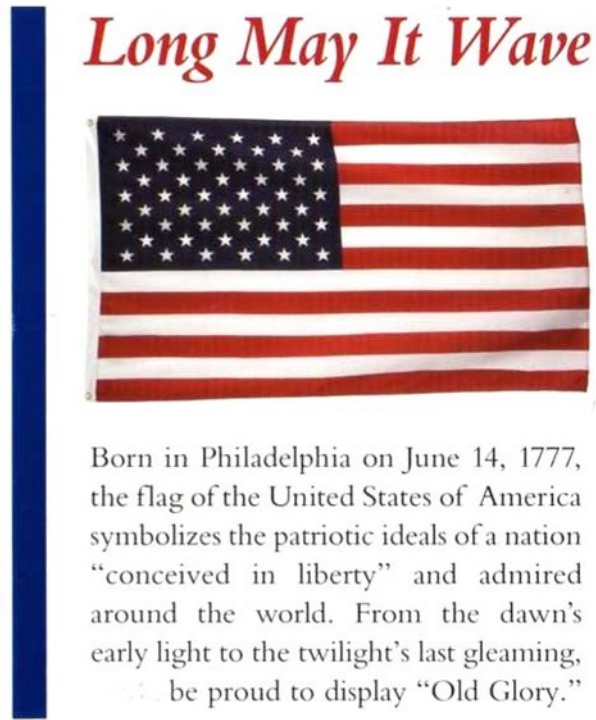
## REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

**Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department**

The May meeting of MIFDI once again provided members with an overview of some of the important topics presented at the 2017 FDIC. I thank our Treasurer Michael McLeieer for sharing the highlights of the Conference with his presentation to MIFDI. I also thank Chief Ralph Spencer and the Merrimac Fire Department for once again hosting MIFDI at their facility.

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

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Lynnfield on the 21<sup>st</sup>



***Remember Flag Day on June 14***

## INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

### ***2017 Hurricane Season***

June 1 marks the beginning of the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season which ends on November 30. The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Prediction Center reports the Atlantic could see another above normal hurricane season this year.

Forecasters predict a 70% likelihood of 11-17 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 5-9 could become hurricanes (winds 74 mph or higher), and 2-4 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4, or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher).

The average hurricane season produces 12 named storms of which 6 become hurricanes, including 3 major hurricanes.

*Remain prepared and be safe!*

