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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
 2014 Membership Application & Invoice
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Membership Type:

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Membership Dues:

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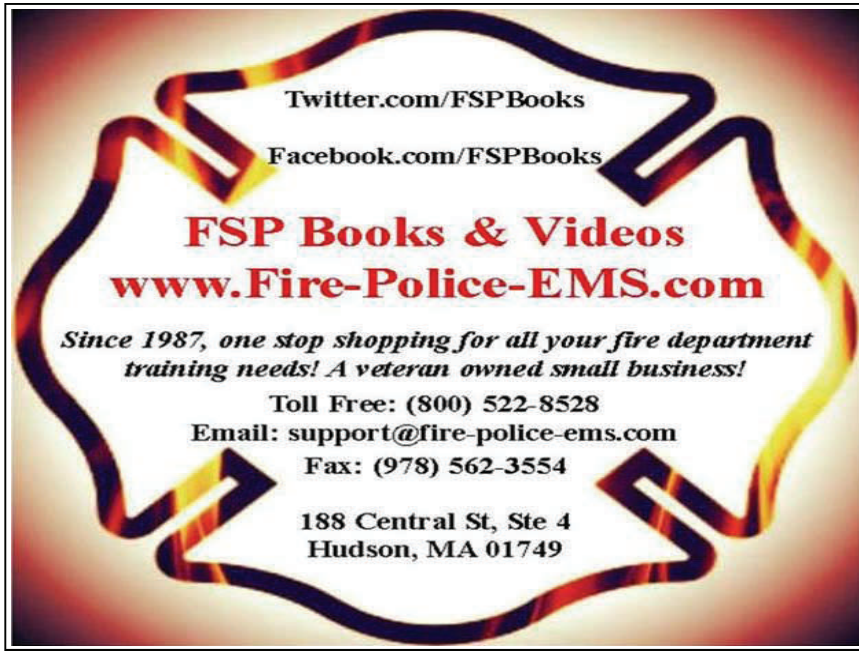
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SEPTEMBER MEETING:

The September meeting of MIFDI will be held on September 25, 2013. We will be hosted by FM GLOBAL located at 1151 Providence Hwy, (Rt.1) Norwood. We will meet in the SimZone lab located in a metal-clad building in the rear of the main office building.

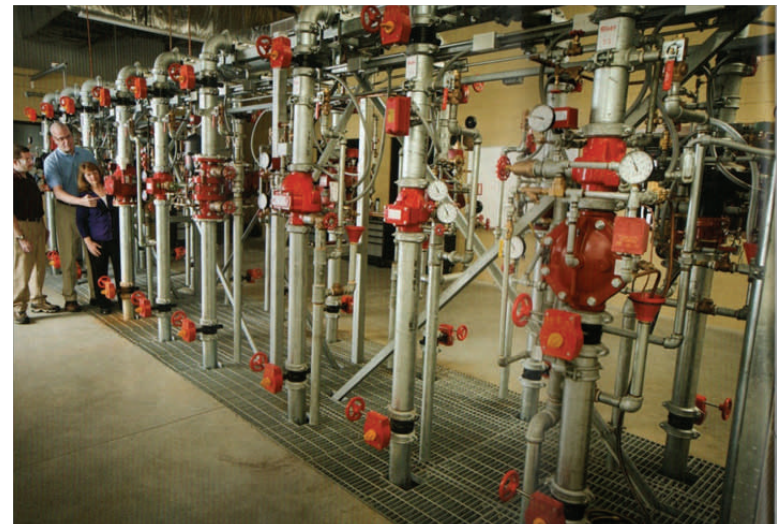
This training lab is fascinating with a “toy store of props” including: *construction assemblies, steam & industrial heating lab, electrical lab, ignitable liquid use lab, ignitable liquid storage lab, rack storage, fire pump room, wet lab, riser lab, and much more.* We will be given a tour and demonstration of this impressive training facility.

(Schedule)

0930: Coffee, 1000: Tour & presentations, 1130: Business meeting, 1200: Lunch (off site)

(Directions)

From Rt.128/I 95, Take Exit 15-B (Rt.1-south), follow Rt.1 aprox 4-miles to FM Global; just after the Four Points Sheraton. Drive around to the rear to the SimZone lab. There is plenty of on-site parking.



FM GLOBAL Riser Lab, one of many training props on site

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

50/50 Raffle = \$0.00

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 129

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2016 = 0
 Dues paid thru 2015 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2014 = 5
 Dues paid thru 2013 = 104
 Dues paid thru 2012 = 16

Balances as of 09/16/2013

GVCCU Checking: \$ 179.44
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 GVCCU Cking. Balance: \$ 179.44
 GVCCU Savings Balance: \$ 161.22
 ING Savings Balance: \$ 3,092.44
Total \$ 3,433.10

Membership Totals: 129

89 Active - 34 Retired - 6 Associate

Bills Paid June - Aug. 2013 (Checking):

Sept 2013 Newsletter - Michael \$120.00 - 08/31
 Ed Walker Plaque MFA (6/19/2013) \$ 80.00 - 08/31
TOTAL: \$200.00

Account Transfers:**Mailings**

E-Mail - 87 Home - 33
Work - 9
129

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

09/16/2013

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.

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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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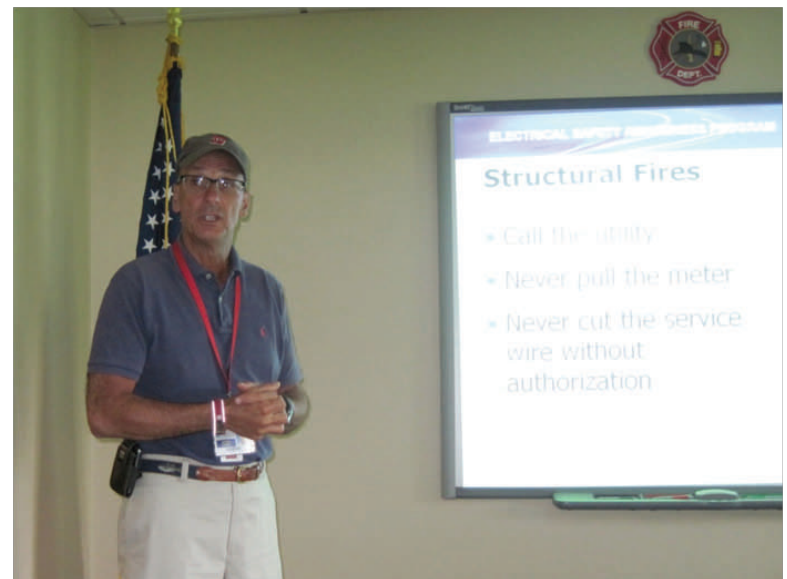
RECALL OF MEETING #567

The 567th meeting of MIFDI was held on June 26, 2013 hosted by the Stoughton Fire Department courtesy of Chief Mark Doloff and MIFDI member Captain James Bertram.

The training was provided by Northeast Utilities Senior Safety Engineer George Popovici. George gave an informative presentation on fires & emergencies involving NSTAR equipment. George takes this important program on the road to fire departments and will train all 4-groups. To arrange this training for your department, you can contact George 781-441-8190.

Following the presentation, a brief business meeting was conducted by President Roche. Mass Fire Training Council member Andy Connerty submitted notes from the recent MFTC meeting which were read by the president. The most significant news was that MFA Director Edmund Walker was stepping down as director effective June 28. It was announced that former State Fire Marshal Thomas Leonard will be filling in the MFA director's position as an advisory role until a new director is appointed. One new member, Lt. Jay Bourgeois from Newton was introduced. Member Steve Persson reported that member John O'Donoghue is recuperating from recent surgery and provided a card for members to sign for John. President Roche reported that the first full-time fire chief for the Town of Sherborn has been hired and expected to start around July 1.

Members adjourned for lunch at Town Spa Pizza on Rt. 138 in Stoughton.



George Popovici from NSTAR presenting to MIFDI

EMS Run

Brockton Firefighter (MIFDI Member) among one of the first on scene of bombing

Brockton Firefighter and MIFDI member Donald Gazerro was at the Copley Marriott Hotel during the 2013 Boston Marathon waiting for his son Jason to finish the race. Don is an 18-year member of the Brockton Fire Department and assigned to the Training Division as EMS coordinator for the department.

Before Don could meet up with his son, the first explosion occurred and he did what firefighters do, run towards the danger while everyone was running away. With little regard for his own safety and without the benefit of equipment or personal protection, his training skills kicked in as he started to triage those most critically injured.

As he attended to the injured with other firefighters and EMS personnel applying tourniquets to stop the arterial bleeds from severed limbs, Don recalled briefly looking up to a surreal scene and seeing police with guns drawn scanning rooftops and warning everyone to be aware of additional IED's in trash receptacles and mailboxes. He quickly put it out of his mind and continued to provide EMS to the numerous victims of this horrific attack.

In May, Gazerro was honored for his actions at a low-key ceremony at Brockton City Hall. Don was quick to point out that he was one of many who rushed in to help victims that day. He made mention that during a MCI incident such as that on Boylston St; first responders need to prioritize even when that requires making awful decisions.

Don concludes by saying, in the classroom I stress not to rush into a scene unless cleared to do so to avoid becoming a casualty themselves. He now concedes that "training can fly out the window" during these types of incidents. "It becomes a personal decision, of course we can't teach it that way, but in a moment it's a judgment you have to make for yourself".



Carlos Arredondo & Donald Gazerro

LAST ALARM:

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

Firefighter Jerry M. Vaughn of the Plymouth Fire Department on June 16, 2013 at age 63. Jerry was a former member of the Carver Fire Department.

Firefighter John T. Austin of the Quincy Fire Department died on July 8, 2013 at age 37 in the performance of duty. John was an 11-year veteran of the department.

Lieutenant John V. Baudin retired member of the Worcester Fire Department died on July 14, 2013 at age 69. "Boomer" was also a longtime member of the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services working in the Support Services Division.

Firefighter David A. Brier of the Middleborough Fire Department on July 22, 2013 at age 50. David was a 10-year veteran of the department.

FFOP Kevin J. O'Boyle of the Cambridge Fire Department on August 22, 2013 at age 31. Kevin also served on the Salem Fire Department for 5-years before transferring to Cambridge on June 2, 2013.

We also acknowledge and honor the 19-members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots from Prescott AZ that lost their lives tragically on June 30, 2013 while fighting a 2000-acre wildfire.

MAY THEY ALL NOW REST IN PEACE



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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations MIFDI member, Past President **Robert MacKendrick** who was honored on June 26 by the Lynnfield Rotary Club in recognition of over 50-years of service to the Town of Lynnfield (41-years on the fire department and 9 years as a selectman). And knowing Bob all too well, he is not yet finished with his commitment to public service, both locally and statewide.



The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our thanks and best wishes to MFA Director **Ed Walker** who stepped down from his position on June 28 to pursue other opportunities. In addition, DFS Operations Section Chief **Mark Pare** has resigned his position on August 2 to become Training Director for the State of Rhode Island. We wish them both continued success in their careers.



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September 11, 2013: 12th Anniversary of the Attack on America

September 20, 2013: Greenwood Emergency Vehicles Open House
North Attleborough, MA www.greenwoodev.com

September 21, 2013: EMS Symposium
Peterborough, HN (603-924-8090 X-2)

September 21, 2013: National Firefighters Memorial
Colorado Springs, CO www.iaff.org

September 22, 2013: Box 52 Firematic Flea Market
Florian Hall, Boston 10 AM-2 PM *Free Admission*

September 25, 2013: MIFDI - Norwood

September 25-26, 2013: Fire & Life Safety Education Conference
Westford Regency Conference Center www.mass.gov/dfs

September 26, 2013: IMSA Technology Expo & Forum
Portsmouth, NH (Bill @ 978-388-0023)

October 6-12, 2013: Fire Prevention Week - "PREVENT KITCHEN FIRES"

October 23, 2013: MIFDI

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have.

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. As we begin the 55th year of MIFDI, I am happy to report that the organization is financially strong and showing a continued growth of its membership. We have many interesting and informative programs planned for the upcoming year as we strive to continue the focus of MIFDI *"To promote fire department training and education by the mutual sharing of knowledge"*.

Our June meeting provided members with an important message on electrical safety. Although the turnout was disappointing, those in attendance found the presentation very informative. I thank George Popovici for providing this program for us. I also thank Chief Mark Doloff, and Captain Jim Bertram for hosting MIFDI at the Stoughton Fire Department.

I was sorry to see the resignations over the summer of MFA Director Ed Walker and DFS Operations Sector Chief Mark Pare as they pursue other opportunities. Both of these men were a great asset to the academy and I wish them well in their future endeavors. Our longtime friend, former Deputy State Fire Marshal Tom Leonard is filling in as Interim Director until the position is filled.

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



President Roche offers presentation to Director Walker on behalf of MIFDI
(Photo by Jay Bourgeois)

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Fire Prevention Week 2013



GOOD & WELFARE:

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers get well wishes to MIFDI member, retired Cambridge Assistant Chief **John O'Donoghue** who is recovering from a medical procedure in June.

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our thoughts and get well wishes to Middlesex County Deputy Sheriff **Jonathan Persson**, son of MIFDI member Steve Persson. Jonathan was shot in the leg during a violent assault by a prisoner at the Mass Eye & Ear Infirmary on July 31.

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department offers our get well wishes to friend and supporter of our organization **Chief Ralph Spencer** of the Merrimac Fire Department who underwent surgery at Boston Medical Center on August 22, 2013.