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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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Membership Type:

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Membership Dues:

Active \$ 25.00

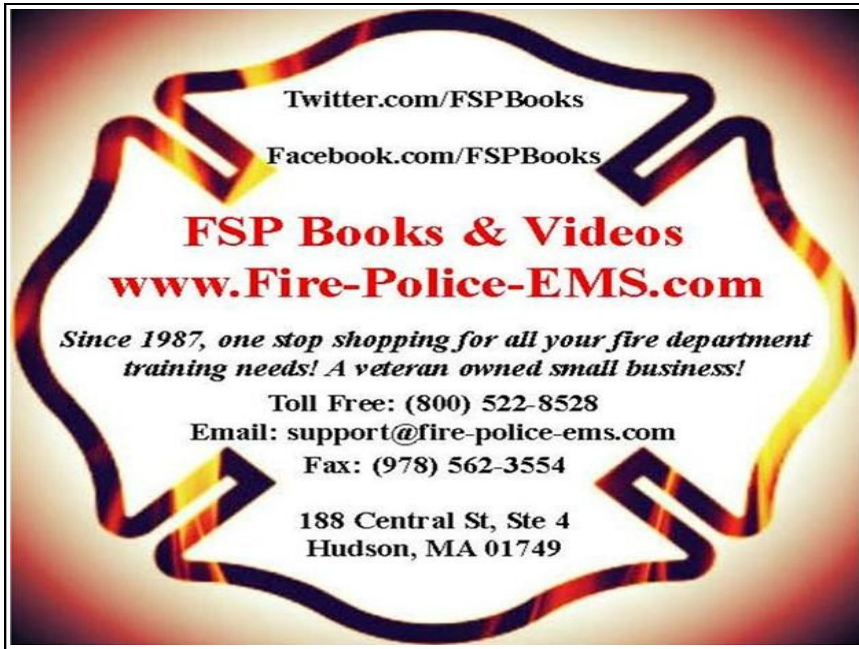
Retired \$ 12.50

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SEPTEMBER MEETING:

The September meeting of MIFDI will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 hosted by the Needham Fire Department courtesy of Chief Paul Buckley. We will meet in the public safety training room at Needham Fire HQ, 88 Chestnut St. (Enter from the B-side of the building)

Our presenter will be a representative from AKRON Brass who will provide us with an overview of the latest nozzles and master stream products available for the fire service. Special thanks to Pat O'Conner of Northeast Rescue Systems for arranging this speaker.

(This meeting was originally scheduled for January 2014 and cancelled due to a snow storm)

SCHEDULE:

0900: Coffee, 1000: Presentation, 1130: Business Meeting, 1200: Lunch (Off site)

DIRECTIONS:

From the north, take Rt.128/195 south to Exit 19B (Highland Ave). Follow Highland Ave 5-traffic lights. At the 5th light, bear right onto Chapel St. When you cross Great Plain Ave. you are on Chestnut St and the fire station is on the left.

From the south, take Rt.128/195 north to Exit 18 (Great Plain Ave). Follow Great Plain Ave towards Needham for 3-traffic lights. At the 3rd light turn left, that is Chestnut St and the fire station is on your left.

NOTE: There is a new parking lot in the rear of the Fire/Police complex. Try to avoid the parking closest to the station unless you have mobility issues to ensure there is parking for fire department business.

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

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = None

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = 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

Balances as of 09/13/2014

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 113.59

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 113.59

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 766.96

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 2,743.63

Total \$ 3,624.18

Bills Paid August 2014 (Checking):

Sept. 2014 Newsletter - Michael \$120.00 - 08/31

Trader Joe's - M. Roche - Meeting \$ 19.95 - 06/25

Dunkin Donuts - M. Roche - Meeting \$ 29.98 - 06/26

TOTAL: \$ 169.93

Account Transfers:

Preferred CU Sav. To Cking - \$120.00 - 09/13

Mailings

E-Mail - 86 Home - 38

Work - 8

132

Membership Totals: 132

89 Active - 37 Retired - 6 Associate

THERE ARE NO NEW MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY JOINED MIFDI:

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 2014 dues were due in January, 2014.**

Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2014 for your 2014 dues.

(b) You may now use the 2015 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.

(c) There were some name changes to our financial institutions in 2013. All of our depository accounts remain federally insured.

Respectfully submitted

09/13/2014

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. This fee does not apply to new members.

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





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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 #577

The June meeting of MIFDI was held on June 25, 2014 hosted by the Newton Fire Department courtesy of Chief Bruce Proia. We met in the training room of Station 4 located at 195 Crafts St.

Our scheduled speaker for the meeting had to cancel due to a surgical procedure so members were shown a CD on "Community Disaster Planning" created in 2006 after the massive explosion and fire in an ink processing plant in Danvers Massachusetts. The video was very informative and members recognized some familiar faces in the film!

The second portion of the training was a tour and overview of the Mobile Air Supply/ Cascade Unit recently delivered to the Newton Fire Department.

A brief business meeting was conducted by President Roche. MFTC Representative Andy Connerty mentioned about a search to begin for a new Director of the MFA. Member John O'Donoghue spoke about elevators with a very insightful point regarding plastic tracks on the lower portion of the car doors. Member Bob MacKendrick made mention about possible concerns in the future regarding self-service propane vehicle fill stations.

Members adjourned for lunch nearby at West Street Tavern.



MIFDI members were provided a tour of Newton's new Air Supply Unit

EMS Run

CDC Facts about EBOLA

Facts *about* Ebola

You can't get Ebola through air



You can't get Ebola through water



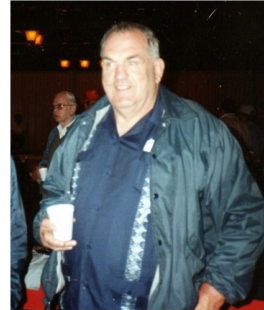
You can't get Ebola through food



You can only get Ebola from touching bodily fluids of a person who is sick with or has died from Ebola, or from exposure to contaminated objects, such as needles. **Ebola poses no significant risk in the United States.**



LAST ALARM:



The President of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors regrets to report the passing of long-time MIFDI member **Firefighter Arthur W. Hallowell** of the Weston Fire Department. Art died in Port Richey FL at age 84 after a period of declining health. *May He Rest In Peace.*



The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter James P. Davenport**, ACTIVE member of the Sharon Fire Department on July 9, 2014 at age 47. Jim also served for many years as an EMT and Paramedic for AMR. *May He Rest In Peace.*



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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to MIFDI member **Battalion Chief Anthony Thompson** of the Plymouth Fire Department upon his retirement on July 7, 2014 after serving the Birthplace of America for 37-years. We wish Tony a happy and healthy retirement.

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors also offers our belated congratulations to MIFDI member **Deputy Chief Michael J. Acciavatti** upon his retirement this past year from the Beverly Fire Department after 32-years of service. Mike continues to serve as an in Instructor at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. We wish Mike a happy and healthy retirement.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 11, 2014: 13th Anniversary of the Attack on America

September 11, 2014: Mass. Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony
Massachusetts State House, Ashburton Park @ 1800 hours
www.mafirememorial.org

September 19, 2014: Greenwood EV Open House
North Attleborough, MA www.greenwoodev.com

September 20, 2014: MAXIM 100th Anniversary Event
Greenwood EV, North Attleborough

September 20, 2014: Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony
Colorado Springs, CO www.iaff.org

September 24, 2014: MIFDI – Needham

September 29-30, 2014: Mass DFS Fire & Life Safety Conference
The 2014 theme – “*Destination Safe*”
Westford Regency Hotel & Conference Center www.mass.gov/dfs

October 5-11, 2014: National Fire Prevention Week
The 2014 theme - “*Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives*”

October 22, 2014: MIFDI -

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Well the summer again went by too fast but hopefully everyone got a chance to take some time off to enjoy the warm weather. The glass continues to be half-full because the fall season is a beautiful time in New England.

As we begin the 55th year of MIFDI, the first meeting of 2014 will be hosted by the Needham Fire Department to make up for our cancelled meeting originally scheduled for January.

We have many informative presentations in the works for our 2014/2015 season to share information and knowledge regarding training and safety for firefighters.

Many fire departments undergo changes at the start of the new fiscal year in July (both good and bad). If you know of any new training officers recently appointed, we encourage you to invite them to a meeting and introduce them to the organization.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Needham on the 24th



Vintage Mack pumper from Needham

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:



Bill Hollick (at podium), Recruit Mario Orangio, Steve Coan, Paul McCaffery, Dick Bangs, Tom Leonard. (Photo courtesy of Chief Orangio)

William M. Hollick, 68 of Ellenton, FL formerly of Hudson MA, died on Sunday, August 10, 2014 at Blake Hospital in Bradenton FL from injuries sustained in a fall.

Bill was born in Marlborough; he leaves his wife of 48-years, Pauline and his two sons, Erik and Mark, both of Hudson, and two grandchildren. Bill graduated from Hudson High in 1964 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps serving during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1968 with the rank of Sergeant.

Bill joined the Hudson Fire Department in 1969 and rose through the ranks to become Chief of Department. In 1986 after 17-years of service to the Town of Hudson, he continued his fire service career for another 17-years at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy as Deputy Director and then as Academy Director. He retired in 2002.

The following is an excerpt from a great tribute to Bill Hollick by Tom Leonard; *"When you take a few minutes to look into the training yard, know that one of the giants of Massachusetts fire training is now watching from above, while you admire what Bill Hollick has helped the agency accomplish".*

Bill was laid to rest with full military honors at the National Cemetery in Sarasota, FL during a private family ceremony. Donations in Bill's name may be made to:

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