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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
 2016 Membership Application & Invoice
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Membership Dues:

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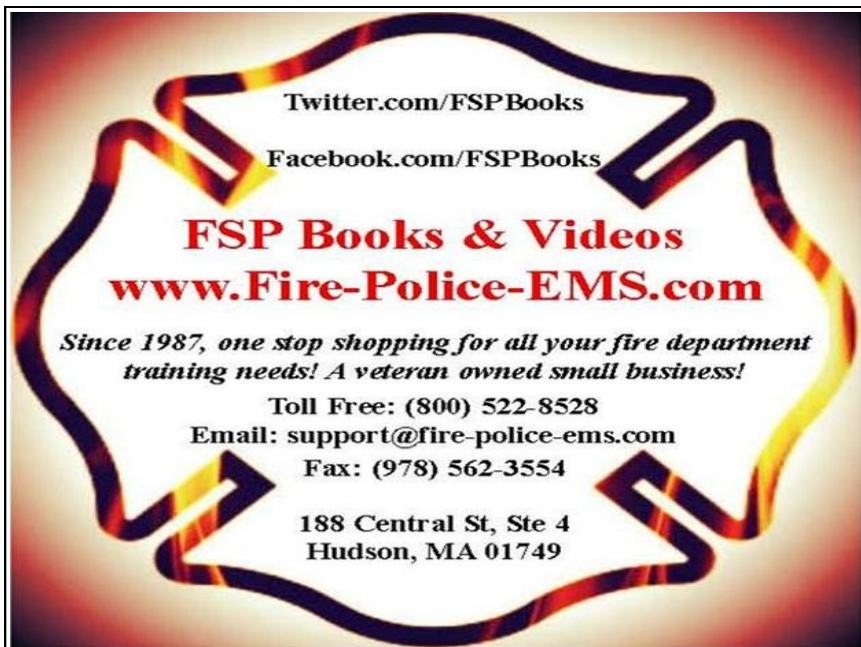
Retired \$ 15.00

Associate \$100.00

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SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Our first meeting of the season will be held on **Wednesday, September 23, 2015** hosted by the National Fire Protection Association, One Batterymarch Park, Quincy. MIFDI was last hosted at NFPA for our January 2012 meeting. We are scheduled to meet in the Board Room.

Our host will be NFPA Fire Protection Engineer Jacqueline Wilmot with a fascination presentation on the hazards associated with mobile food trucks. Most of us have experienced the volatility of the backyard propane grill fires, now picture multiple propane tanks inside an enclosed vehicle in a crowded urban area. As an added challenge, included are gasoline containers for the electric generators and we now have a potential bomb in our parks and downtown areas. These food trucks have recently seen a surge in popularity throughout the country. We in the fire service must be aware of the locations of these vehicles in our communities and the potential hazards will be faced with in the event of an accident, gas leak, equipment malfunction or misuse, all adding to the potential of a catastrophic incident.

SCHEDULE:

0930: Coffee, **1000:** Program, **1130:** Business meeting, **1200:** Lunch.

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt. 128 (I-93), take Exit 6 which is Rt.37. At the end of the exit head EAST toward Quincy. Travel 3 traffic lights (aprox 1-mile). At the third light, turn right on Batterymarch Park. The NFPA is in Building 1.

NOTE: Be sure to have some type of identification with you for security purposes.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2015

Preferred C.U. Checking \$267.67

Preferred C.U. Savings \$427.51

CapitalOne360 Savings \$2,747.29

Total: \$3,442.47

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = None

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = None

Total active members = 127

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1

Dues paid thru 2017 = 4

Dues paid thru 2016 = 5

Dues paid thru 2015 = 94

Dues paid thru 2014 = 23

Balances as of 09/14/2015

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 390.43

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 390.43

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 427.87

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 2,754.58

Total \$ 3,572.88

Bills Paid June - August 2015 (Checking):

Sept 2015 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 08/31

MIFDI Coffee - June - Brian Belliveau \$ 44.96 - 07/06

Market Basket - June Meeting \$ 11.96 - 06/24

June meeting lunch - Brian Belliveau \$248.76 - 06/24

TOTAL: \$425.68

Account Transfers:

None

Mailings

E-Mail - 80 Home - 38

Work - 9

127

Membership Totals: 127

79 Active - 42 Retired - 6 Associate

We Welcome This New Member Who Recently Joined MIFDI:

- Gary Ryan - Fire Chief - Chelmsford

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 2015 dues were due in January, 2015.**

Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2015 for your 2015 dues.

(b) You may now use the 2016 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

09/14/2015

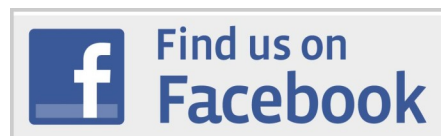
by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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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, 2015. 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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Phone: (978) 346-4731

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

\$15.00 for Retired members *(\$25 after Jan 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).**

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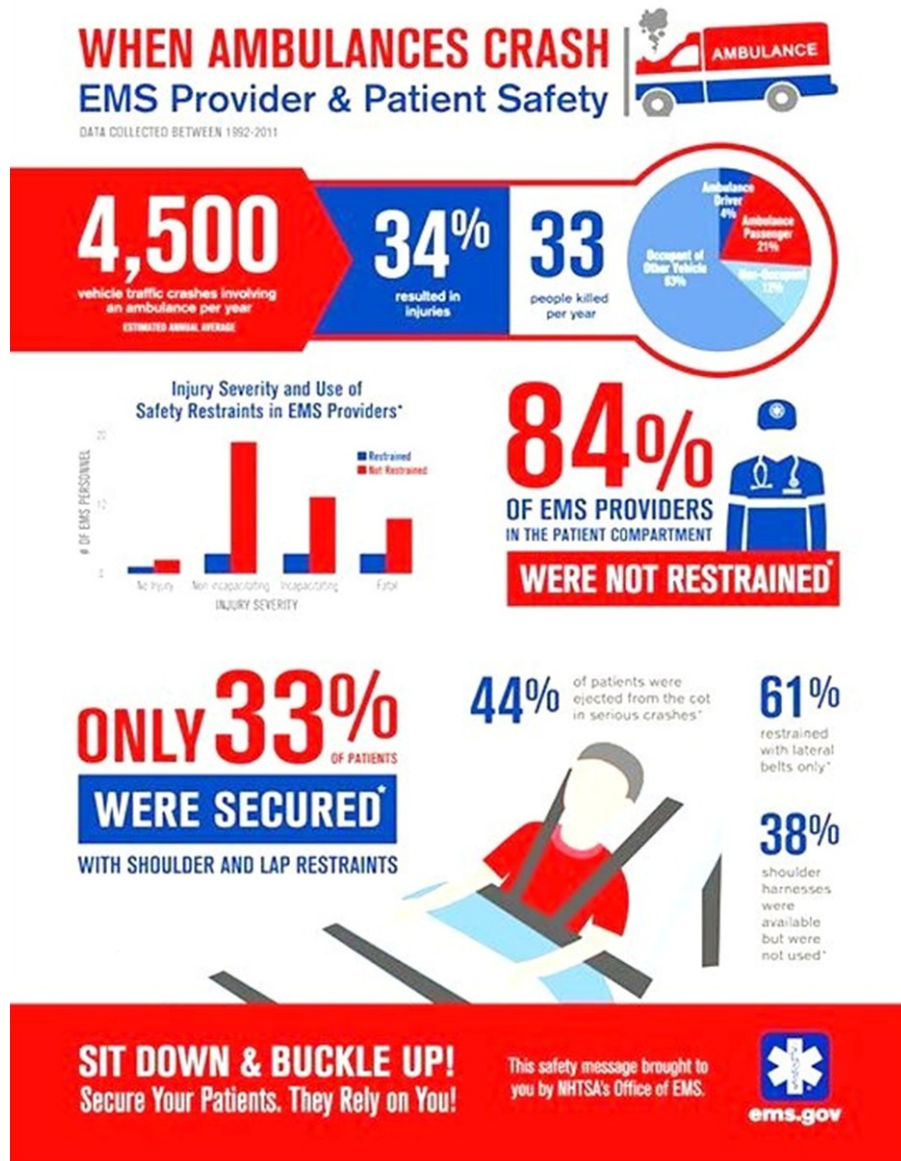
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RECALL OF MEETING 2015-06

The June meeting of MIFDI was held on June 24, 2015 hosted by the Fitchburg Fire Department courtesy of Chief Kevin Roy. The training was provided by Fitchburg Fire Lieutenant Richard Liberatore with a power-point program on the concept of positive pressure ventilation followed by a demonstration of the new regional Mobile Vent Unit (MVU). This MVU is one of two in the commonwealth and is available to any community upon request when faced with the need of ventilating a large area structure.



President Roche conducted a brief business meeting. A moment of silence was offered for long-serving MIFDI member retired Framingham Deputy Chief John Corcoran who passed away on June 15. Congratulations were offered to Chief Michael Curran on his retirement from the Chelmsford Fire Department on June 30. Members adjourned for lunch at the nearby "Howarth House", a bed & breakfast operated by MIFDI VP Brian Belliveau and his wife. A delicious steak-tip-salad was enjoyed by members on the relaxing setting of the historic Howarth House grounds near Fitchburg College.



LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our condolences to the family and friends of long serving MIFDI member **Deputy Chief John L. Corcoran**, retired member of the Framingham Fire Department and former MFA Instructor. Jack died on June 15, 2015 at age 83.



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

Firefighter Scott M. Salman, active member of the Boston Fire Department. Scott died of occupational cancer on June 4, 2015 at age 59.

Firefighter Steven H. Dewitt, call-member of the Holden Fire Department. Stephen died at age 43 on July 5, 2015.

Firefighter Nicholas Daniels, volunteer member of the Hinsdale Fire Department. Nick died at age 26 while off duty from injuries sustained in an MVA on July 11, 2015.

Lieutenant Todd Jones, active member of the Norton Fire Department. Lt. Jones died unexpectedly at age 42 on July 29, 2015.

Firefighter/EMT Jason Hurton, call-member of the Winchendon Fire Department. Jason died at age 36 from complications of an illness on August 18, 2015.

MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE

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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our congratulations and best wishes to member **Chief Michael Curran** of the Chelmsford Fire Department upon his retirement on June 30, 2015 after nearly 40 years of service, including the last five as Chief.



The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and best wishes **Chief Mark Dolooff** of the Stoughton Fire Department upon his retirement on August 15, 2015 after 32-years of service, including the last four as chief.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 18, 2015: Greenwood E.V Annual Open House (10-2)
2 Vallancourt Dr, N. Attleborough www.greenwoodev.com

September 19, 2015: National Fallen Firefighters Memorial
Colorado Springs, CO www.iaff.org

September 23, 2015: MIFDI – NFPA Quincy

September 28-29, 2015: Mass DFS Fire & Life Safety Conference
Westford Regency Inn www.mass.gov/dfs

October 4-10, 2015: National Fire Prevention Week
"Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm"

October 19, 2015: Massachusetts Fallen Firefighter Ceremony
State House, Boston @ 5:00 pm www.mafirememorial.org

October 28, 2015: MIFDI -



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have.

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Here we are in September again and I was just beginning to enjoy the summer. I hope that most of you were able to take a few days off to relax and shut off you phone(s) and computer and clear your head of the trash build-up accumulated over the past year.

Our June meeting gave us an interesting look at the procedures and operation of the Mobile Vent Unit (MVU) assigned to the Fitchburg Fire Department. I thank Chief Kevin Roy and Training Officer Rich Liberatore for offering the presentation of this unique unit. Special thanks also to Brian and Jim Belliveau for their assistance with arranging this meeting. Last but not least, I thank our hosts Brian and Linda Belliveau for graciously sharing their beautiful bed & breakfast for our cookout luncheon.

Another reminder to members as many departments promote new officers due to retirements which occur in July. If you know of any changes of new training officers from your area, be sure to spread the word to them about MIFDI. Applications are available on the MIFDI website www.mifdi.org as well as on Page 14 of this bulletin.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Quincy on the 23rd.



President Mark Roche presents a *Certificate of Appreciation* to Chief Michael Curran

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Restaurant Hood Cleaning

The Office of the Massachusetts State Fire Marshal recently released a memorandum regarding restaurant hood cleaning. The investigation of several fires in Massachusetts at chain-type restaurants showed that a common factor in these fires has been that the hood and duct system have been cleaned and inspected by companies whose employees do not hold a *Certificate of Competency* issued by the Fire Marshal.

Some of these restaurants are owned by corporations or franchises located out of state and are unfamiliar with the hood cleaning and inspection requirements contained in 527 CMR 1.00 Chapter 50.

The Fire Marshal therefore asks that we ensure that restaurant operators in our communities are aware of the requirement that hood cleaners hold a *Certificate of Competency* issued by the Fire Marshal and comply with 527 CMR 1.00.

Additional fire prevention resources for restaurant owners/operators is available at the DFS website @ www.mass.gov/dfs and use the search engine for the required regulations.

