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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**

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

**Membership Information**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**City & State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (Home)** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Rank** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership Dues:**

**Active** \$ 30.00

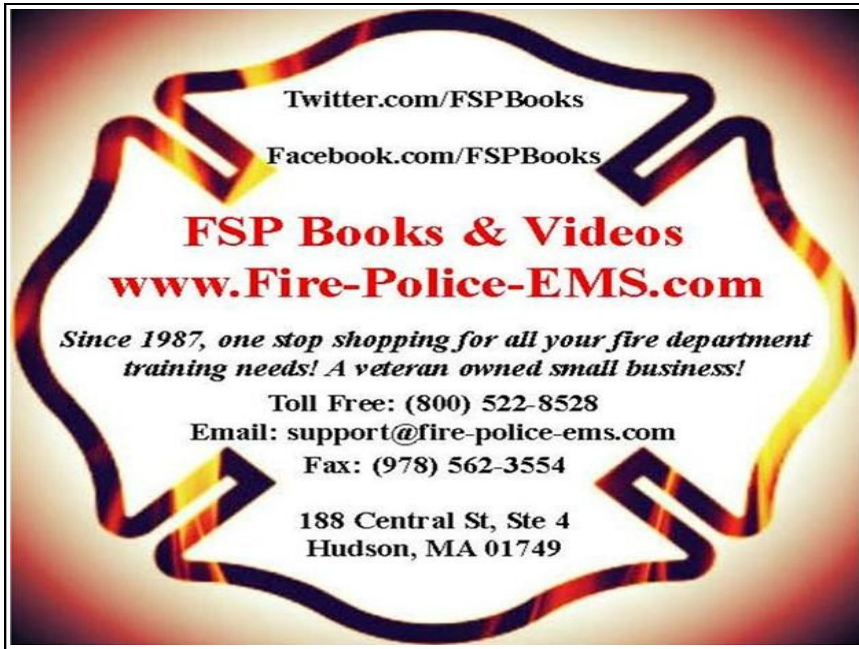
**Retired** \$ 15.00

**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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**SEPTEMBER MEETING:**

Our first meeting of the season will be held on **Wednesday, September 28, 2016** hosted once again by the National Fire Protection Association, located at One Batterymarch Park, Quincy courtesy of NFPA President Jim Pauly. MIFDI was last hosted at NFPA for our September 2015 meeting. We are scheduled to meet in the Board Room located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

Our presenter will be NFPA Analyst Dr. Rita Fahy with an informative presentation on the NFPA report "Firefighter Fatalities in the United States". Members in attendance will also be provided with a packet of information from NFPA on a variety of new topics geared for the fire service.

**SCHEDULE:**

**0930:** Coffee (Provided), **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 (approx 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 photo identification with you for security purposes.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/04/2016

Preferred C.U. Checking \$556.47

Preferred C.U. Savings \$428.23

Total: \$2,741.93

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 116

Dues paid thru 2020 = 1

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1

Dues paid thru 2017 = 11

Dues paid thru 2016 = 61

Dues paid thru 2015 = 42

Balances as of 09/17/2016

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 296.31

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 296.31

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 514.87

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,761.93

Total \$ 2,573.11

### Bills Paid June - August 2016 (Checking):

Sept 2016 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 08/31

Enterprise - Roche - June Meeting Van \$199.78- 06/16

TOTAL: \$319.78

### Account Transfers:

None

### Mailings

E-Mail - 74 Home - 33

Work - 9

116

### Membership Totals: 116

72 Active - 39 Retired - 5 Associate

Please welcome these new members to MIFDI:

- Timothy G. Donovan - Lieutenant EMS / Training Officer - Bridgewater Fire
- Derek S. Sencabaugh - Assistant Chief - Lexington Fire

### 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 2016 dues were due in January, 2016.**

**Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2016 for your 2016 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

09/17/2016

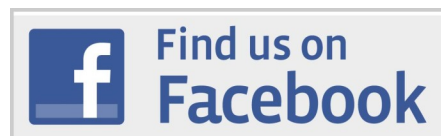
by Michael McLeicer, Treasurer

978-346-4731

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, 2016. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renew before April 1st, 2016.

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](http://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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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, 2016.**

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## RECALL OF MEETING #2016-06

The June meeting of MIFDI was held on June 15, 2016 hosted the by the Department of Fire Services – Springfield Campus located at 100 Grochmal Ave, courtesy of State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey.

Our training was presented by Mr. Peter Shipman, Facility Manager of the DFS Springfield Campus. Peter provided members with a tour of the new administration building, which includes office space for the SPD Bomb Squad, DFS Code & Compliance Unit, and office area for the Springfield Fire Department Training Division.

The firefighting academy section has classrooms, lecture hall, locker and shower facilities, tool crib, SCBA fill station, and a large 3-bay apparatus floor. The “Drill Yard” offers a 6-story tower, a 3-story live-fire training building, a confined space prop, and a state-of-the-art water retention system located on a 6-acre campus.



Peter Shipman welcoms MIFDI TO DFS-West



The drill tower and burn building

## EMS Run

*This is what the public is dealing with regarding the cost increase for the purchase of an EpiPen .....*

# THIS IS CRIMINAL

## EpiPen cost at various pharmacies

Walmart	\$635.81 with free discount
Sams Club	\$635.81 with free discount
Safeway	\$637.33 with free coupon
CVS Pharmacy	\$645.89 with free coupon
Rite-Aid	\$646.54 with free coupon

**Ask your physician to prescribe this and instruct you how to administer a subcutaneous injection**



Epinephrine vial and 1 cc syringe with needle

**Approx. cost - \$10**

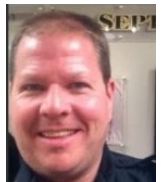
## LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of the following departed active members of the Massachusetts fire service;

**F.F.O.P. David Atherton**, ACTIVE member of the Stoneham Fire Department. F.F. Atherton died from an accidental shooting on June 28, 2016 at age 23. He was a recent graduate of MFA Class 245 on June 10, 2016. *May He Rest In Peace.*



**F.F. Timothy P. Tilton**, ACTIVE member of the Millville Fire Department. F.F. Tilton died unexpectedly on July 9, 2016 at age 44. *May He Rest In Peace.*



**Firefighter John J. Foscaldo Jr**, ACTIVE member of the Boston Fire Department (Ladder Co.18). F.F. Foscaldo died on August 16, 2016 from occupational cancer. *May He Rest In Peace.*



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## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our best wishes to **Director George Kramlinger** who resigned as MFA Director on July 25, 2016. He was appointed to the position on January 12, 2015. Former Director Kramlinger was recently ratified by the Manchester MA Board of Selectmen to be the new fire chief for the Manchester Fire Department. Congratulations Chief Kramlinger!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

September 16, 2016: Greenwood Emergency Vehicles Open House  
North Attleborough [www.greenwoodev.com](http://www.greenwoodev.com)

September 17, 2016: National Fallen Firefighters Memorial  
Colorado Springs, CO [www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org)

September 26-27, 2016: 22<sup>nd</sup> Fire & Life Safety Educational Conference  
Westford Regency [www.mass.gov/dfs](http://www.mass.gov/dfs)

September 21, 2016: **MIFDI** – NFPA

October 1, 2016: Stoneham Fire HQ Centennial Celebration  
Parade begins at 10.am followed by station tour and exhibits  
(Station located at 25 Central St, off Rt.28 in Stoneham Center)

October 9-15, 2016: National Fire Prevention Week  
“Don’t Wait – Check the Date” (Replace smoke alarms every 10-years)

October 18-22, 2016: FireHouse Expo 2016  
Nashville, TN [www.firehouseexpo.com](http://www.firehouseexpo.com)

October 26, 2016: **MIFDI**

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have.

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**REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

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

Another new season of MIFDI begins with an interesting line-up of training topics planned for the months ahead. As we close the door on one of the hottest and driest summers on record, I hope all of you found time to take a few days to relax from the hectic pace of everyday life.

Our June meeting provided MIFDI members with an invitation for a personal tour of the new West Campus of the Massachusetts Fire-fighting Academy in Springfield. Although the turnout was disappointing, those in attendance were treated with an indebt look at the facility, equipment and training props. I thank Mr. Peter Shipman of the DFS/MFA West Campus for providing this tour for MIFDI.

I am sorry to report that MFA Director George Kramlinger has stepped down from his position as Director. MIFDI has offered our support and input to the Mass Fire Training Council and the Fire Chief's Association of Massachusetts to work on a solution to the issue of the revolving-door for this important position at the academy.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you at NFPA on the 28<sup>th</sup>.



GRANITE No.3 on display at NFPA Headquarters in Quincy

**INSTRUCTORS CORNER:**

***Fire Prevention Week 2016***



The National Fire Prevention Week 2016  
campaign is  
**“DON'T WAIT-CHECK THE DATE”**

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