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MIFDI's mission is "to promote fire department training and education by the mutual sharing of knowledge".

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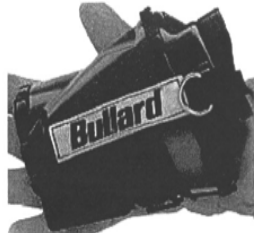
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OCTOBER MEETING SCHEDULE:

The 489th MIFDI Meeting will be held **Wednesday, October 26, 2005** hosted by Ed Lyons Fire Equipment Inc. courtesy of Associate Member Eddie Lyons. The meeting will be held in the Subaru of New England, Training Room, 95 Morse St., Norwood courtesy of Ernie Boch, Jr.

Our training program will be provided by a representative of Holmatro Rescue Systems. The presentation will include an update on the latest in auto extrication equipment and techniques. We hope to also have a new Hybrid vehicle on display to point out the new hazards associated with electric powered vehicles. This should be a real good meeting and as always, guests are welcome to attend.

SCHEDULE:

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

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt.128/I 95: Take Rt.1 South (Exit 15B). Follow Rt.1 South to the third traffic light, that is Morse Street. Drive to the end of Morse St. and the Subaru building is the last building on the left. You must however turn left at the stop sign onto Pleasant St. to the first driveway which will take you to the rear of the building where the entrance to the training room is. There is parking in the rear.

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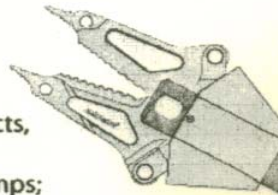
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 1/2005		<u>Bills Paid October 2005</u>	
Checking	172.36	Oct 05 Newsletter	\$105.00 Mike
<u>Savings</u>	<u>1327.88</u>	Postage	\$ 5.14 Mike
Total	\$1500.24		

50/50 Raffle = Collected
 Winner =
 Deposit from 50/50 Raffle =

Owed to treasurer for Mailings	\$ 33.00- thru Oct 10, 2005
Labels	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
	\$ 63.00

<u>Total members = 117</u>
Dues paid thru 2006 = 9
Dues paid thru 2005 = 73
Dues paid thru 2004 = 35

<u>Mailings</u>	
E-Mail - 28	Home - 78
	<u>Work - 11</u>
	89

Balances as of 10/11/05	
Checking	11.06
<u>Savings</u>	<u>1233.39</u>
Total	\$1244.45

Membership Totals
 83 Active - 30 Retired - 4 Associate

New Member
Captain Bill Barry - Methuen Fire Department

Treasurer Notes:
 (a) Transferred \$50.00 from Savings to Checking to pay for October Newsletter
 (b) 2004 memberships owed total \$ 937.50 (date paid thru on mailing label)
 (c) Monthly Coffee & Danish cost to association from May "04" thru June "05" (\$ 325.00)

Respectfully submitted 10/11/2005
 David M. Jardin
 MIFDI Treasurer
 Fire Chief – Stoughton

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MIFDI - Attn: David Jardin, Treasurer
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***Dues are 25.00 per year for Active 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).

***Retired members dues are 12.50 for one calendar year (January 1 through December 31).**

RECALL OF MEETING #488

The 488th meeting of MIFDI was held on September 28, 2005 hosted by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy courtesy of the Department of Fire Services. The training program was presented by David Beaudin of the DFS who provided our members with an informative update and review on "Oil Burner Standards" covered under CMR 4.00

Any department member with fire code questions can call the DFS Compliance Officer @ **978-567-3375**

Following the presentation, President Roche conducted a brief business meeting. One new member was introduced, Capt. Terry Koen, Boston F.D. (Ret.). A moment of silence was held for our departed member James Harrington who we lost suddenly on July 10, 2005. Member Steve Persson gave an in-depth report on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council meeting held on September 5, 2005. One notable item announced is that the new 12-week recruit training program will begin in 2006 (4 classes of 74 recruits each). This new set schedule will provide easier planning for departments processing new recruits. The schedule is as follows;

Recruit Class # 171 - January 9, 2006

Recruit Class # 172 - April 3, 2006

Recruit Class # 173 - July 10, 2006

Recruit Class # 174 - October 2, 2006

The meeting adjourned to Piccadilly Pub for lunch.

NEW BUSINESS: nothing submitted

OLD BUSINESS:- nothing to report

MFTC UPDATE: – nothing to report

LAST ALARM:

NATIONAL L.O.D.D (June)

F.F. Audie Cross	Carson City, NV	(C)	06-03-05	Trauma	(44)
F.F. Bruce Sternberger	Hardtner, KS	(V)	06-10-05	Electrocution	(56)
F.F. James O'Neil	Hempstead, NY	(V)	06-13-05	Heart	(54)
Lt. Peter Lund	Woodmere, NY	(V)	06-14-05	Heart	(54)
Chief Keith Allred	Nephi, UT	(V)	06-21-05	Trauma	(52)
F.F. William McAnally	Ossing, NY	(V)	06-22-05	Heart	(64)
F.F. Valeree Claude	Pinetop, AZ	(C)	06-24-05	U/K	(33)
F.F. Dennis Rosher	Boston, MA	(C)	06-25-05	Cancer	(49)
F.F. John Husser	Rockville Ctr., NY	(V)	06-28-05	Heart	(55)
F.F. Willie Brown	Boston, MA	(C)	06-29-05	Cancer	(58)
Capt. Robert Kotowski	Flagstaff, AZ	(C)	06-30-05	Cancer	(54)

NATIONAL L.O.D.D. (July)

F.F. Joe Evens	Bridgeville, DE	(V)	07-10-05	Heart	(61)
F.F. Charles Canavan	Baltimore, MD	(C)	07-11-05	Cancer	(71)
F.F. Todd Blanchard	Knightdale, NC	(C)	07-14-05	Trauma	(31)
F.F. Donald Devries	Belvidere, SD	(V)	07-17-05	Heart	(50)
Lt. Brian Flemming	Springfield, OH	(C)	07-17-05	Heart	(39)
Lt. Thomas Hurlbert	Coyners, GA	(C)	07-17-05	Heart	(54)
Capt. Daniel Rebbe	Springfield, IL	(C)	07-25-05	Cancer	(48)
F.F. Thomas Ivey	Iron River, MI	(V)	07-26-05	Trauma	(48)

NATIONAL L.O.D.D. (August)

Lt. Robert Truss	Horry Cty., SC	(C)	08-04-05	Cancer	(46)
F.F. Chris Kanton	CDF, CA	(C)	08-06-05	MVA	(24)
F.F. Matthew Bera	Sacramento, CA	(C)	08-06-05	Cancer	(36)
F.F. William Bastian	Webster, NY	(V)	08-06-05	Heart	(62)
F.F. John Kulick	Whitpan Tsp., PA	(C)	08-09-05	KIA/Iraq	(35)
Chief Edwin Berg	North Prairie, WI	(V)	08-11-05	Embolism	(67)
F.F. Rodney English	Detroit, MI	(C)	08-14-05	Heart	(48)
F.F. Philip Young	Dover, DE	(V)	08-22-05	Fall	(59)
F.F. Michael Switala	Lower Burrell, PA	(V)	08-28-05	U/K	(50)

NATIONAL L.O.D.D. (September)

F.F. Rick Hosford	Arlington, TX	(C)	09-01-05	MVA	(--)
F.F. Robert Bestgen	Osborn, MO	(V)	09-03-05	Trauma	(51)
Chief Henry Combs	Watts, KY	(V)	09-04-05	MVA	(46)
F.F. Gary Sauls	San Gabriel, CA	(C)	09-06-05	Cancer	(64)
A.C. James Scott	Hamilton, NC	(V)	09-16-05	Heart	(57)
Chief Edward King	Turon, KS	(V)	09-21-05	MVA	(55)
F.F. Brian Dunlap	Fallbrook, CA	(C)	09-24-05	KIA/Iraq	(--)
F.F. Jerome Hanas	Luzerne Co., PA	(C)	09-30-05	Cancer	(51)

CONGRATULATIONS:

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to MIFDI member **Captain Cliff Gallant** of the Methuen Fire Department on his recent appointment to Chief of Department. Congratulations Chief .

GOOD & WELFARE:

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our friend and founding member of MIFDI, Mort Shurtleff.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 9-15, 2005: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
The 2005 campaign is "Candle Safety"

October 23-27, 2005: IAFF Redmond Symposium
Honolulu, HI Contact: www.iaff.org

October 23-28, 2005: Fire Dept. Safety Officers Association Conference
Orlando, FL Contact: www.fdsoa.org

October 26, 2005: **MIFDI**, Norwood

November 10-13, 2005: Volunteer/Combination Department Symposium 2005
Clearwater, FL Contact: www.IAFC.org

November 11-13, 2005: FireRescue Conference Exposition
Las Vegas, NV Contact: www.firerescueexpo.com/jems

November 13-16, 2005: IAFF Affiliate Leadership Training Summit
Palm Springs, CA Contact: www.IAFF.org

November 16, 2006: **MIFDI**, Malden

November 19, 2005: Statewide Fire Lieutenant & Fire Captain Exam
GOOD LUCK!

December 21, 2005: **MIFDI**, Newton

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

The new season of MIFDI began with our semi-annual visit to the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy courtesy of the Department of Fire Services. Our thanks again to Fire Marshal Stephen Coan, Interim Academy Director Richard Farrar, and the staff of the Academy for their hospitality to our members. Thank you to David Beaudin of the DFS for his informative presentation.

We witnessed a beehive of activity at the academy during our visit, *which is a good thing*. Between the increased size of the recruit training course, the lectures and other classroom training taking place, we as an organization stand firmly behind the proposal for the expansion of the firefighting academy. We must all work together with our legislators, state officials, FCAM, and PFFM to get this expansion project moving forward for the future of the fire service in Massachusetts.

I am happy to hear that included in the 2006 budget is a \$4.00 per-hour increase for the academy instructors. This increase is long overdue and although it is not anywhere near what the Criminal Justice instructors receive, it is indeed a step in the right direction.

To satisfy the organization By-Laws, nominations of the Officers and Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors will be open to any member in good standing at the October meeting. If anyone is interested in running for a position or if any of the current Officers or Board of Director members chooses to step down, please let your intention be known by the October meeting. The elections generally take place at the November meeting and are effective at the first of the new year.

I hope to see you all in Norwood on the 26th. Until then, stay safe.

Mark

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

"State Opens New Fusion Center"

Captain Mark Roche, Newton Fire Department

(Notes from Boston Globe article 9-26-05 & Mass/Gov DPS website)

What the heck is a fusion center you ask? No, its not a facility to create a thermo-nuclear reaction. A Fusion Center is defined as "a collaborative effort of two or more agencies who provide resources, expertise, and/or information to the Center with the goal of maximizing the ability to detect, prevent, apprehend and respond to criminal and terrorist activity".

The new "Commonwealth Fusion Center", which opened in May, is located at the Massachusetts State Police Headquarters, 470 Worcester Rd, (Rt. 9) in Framingham. Its mission: to provide statewide information sharing among local, state, and federal public safety agencies as well as the private sector in coordinating intelligence against terrorism.

The facility operates 24/7 employing 18 civilian analysts and 23 State Police intelligence officers working in the field under the command of Major Robert Smith, the Center's leader. Inside the 1,600 square-foot office are 23 work stations, five flat-screen televisions monitoring local and national news, and intelligence-sharing software to integrate databases providing trends of criminal activities.

The Center will pursue tips from residents, police, or other Fusion Centers regarding reports of people photographing or videotaping critical infrastructure, flying over potential terrorist threats, or trespassing. Analysts can also help defuse rumors of threats as was the case in Boston this past August after a series of manhole explosions in the North End, analysts at the Fusion Center quickly assured officials that no terrorist link could be found.

What about us, isn't this a cop thing you ask? OK, maybe so, but it is important that we are aware of what is out there to prepare us with options when we need some answers. Fire is and will always be our enemy, and though unpredictable as it sometimes is, we for the most part know how to fight it utilizing our training, skills, and experience. We also try to prevent it through education, early detection and quick-action suppression devices. An additional enemy which we are now expected to deal with is terrorism. It too is unpredictable, and the only way to prevent it is through counter-measures to stop it from happening. The Commonwealth Fusion Center is one more resource tool that we have on our side.

The Terrorism Tip Line is **888-USA-5458**.