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*50th Anniversary
(1959-2009)*

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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
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**Your MIFDI Dues
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OCTOBER MEETING:

The next meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, October 28, 2009** hosted by the Chelmsford Fire Department. The meeting will be held in the training room of the new Chelmsford Police Department building located at 2 Old North Rd.

The presentation will be provided by our host, Chief John E. Parow of the Chelmsford Fire Department. Chief Parow has a very informative presentation on the "Changing Generation of Today's Firefighters" (*This topic is one that we all can relate to*).

SCHEDULE:

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

DIRECTIONS:

From either Rt. 128 or I-495, take Rt.3 NORTH to Exit 32 (Rt.4). At the top of the exit stay to the left and head towards Rt.4 SOUTH. As you bear onto Rt.4 south from the rotary you take the immediate right turn marked Old North Rd. just before the McCarthy Middle School and you will see the Police building in front of you. Parking is on the B-side of the building.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/01/2009

Eastern Bank Cking. \$ 38.98
 Consumers Cking. \$ 0.00
 Consumers Savngs. \$233.47
 ING Savings \$342.39
 18 Mo. CD CCU \$1,007.30
 Total \$1,622.14

50/50 Raffle = \$190.00

Winner = Chief David Jardin

Deposit from 50/50 Raffle = \$100.00

Total active members = 122

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2012 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2011 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2010 = 15
 Dues paid thru 2009 = 87
 Dues paid thru 2008 = 16

Balances as of 10/10/2009

Bank Statement Checking: \$ 258.50
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 Economy Cking. Balance: \$ 258.50
 Economy Savings Balance: \$ 10.00
 ING Savings Balance: \$ 982.72
 Consumers C.U. 18Mo.CD: \$ 0.00 - Cashed in 09/30/2009 - \$1,039.42 - Proceeds to Cking/Sav.
 Consumers C.U. Checking: \$ 6.79
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 Consumers C.U. Savings: \$ 365.10
 Total \$ 1,623.11

We welcome these New Members who joined this summer :

- Paul J. Medeiros - Firefighter / EMT-P - Hyannis Fire Department
- Owen J. Neville - Captain - Concord Fire Department
- Joseph Lenox, III - Fire Chief - Peterborough (N.H.) Fire Department

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 2010 dues will be due in January, 2010.**
- (b) If anyone needs an invoice for their city or town to pay their membership dues, or if you have any other questions about your membership, please feel free to contact me directly.
- (c) If you receive your bulletin via the U.S. Postal Service and it is damaged, please let me know. Recently, a few members, have received their MIFDI Bulletin severely damaged by the Postal Service.
- (d) A new checking account was opened with Economy Co-Operative Bank in Merrimac due to a fraudulent debit from our Eastern Bank account on 08/22 & was not resolved until 09/22/2009 by Eastern Bank. President Roche is also an authorized signer on the new account in accordance with the by-laws.

Respectfully submitted 10/10/2009 by Michael McLeieer , Treasurer
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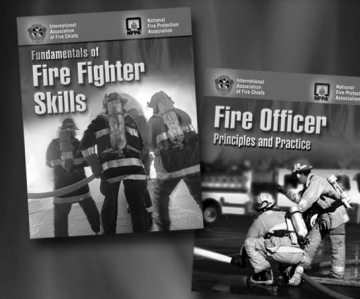
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***Dues are \$25.00 per year for Active members**

\$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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Dues are DUE by January 1st .

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RECALL OF MEETING #528

50th Anniversary Meeting

The 528th meeting of MIFDI was our **50th Anniversary** held on September 30, 2009 hosted by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy courtesy of Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan. (Note: this was the exact date of the first MIFDI meeting held on September 30, 1959 in Brookline).

Our meeting began with a moment of silence for all of the departed members of MIFDI during the past 50 years including two members that we lost during the summer; Art Corbett and Terry Koen. A short video was then shown entitled “Angels Among Us”. Our host, Fire Marshall Coan, then provided us with a fascinating look back at the evolution of training in Massachusetts with a Power Point presentation showing training throughout the years at various locations, including the old Cushing Hospital site, the Natick Lab’s, and the original State Fire Academy “barn”. The program continued with the fire that consumed the fire academy in the early 80’s, the completion of the new fire academy building in 1989, the creation of the Department of Fire Services in the 1990’s to consolidate all state fire service agencies into one Department, and finally the current construction phase of the new DFS and MFA complex.

The meeting continued with some brief reflections from Past President’s; Ken Galligan (1986), John Bergeron (1978), Bob MacKendrick (1991 & 1995), and Rick Gomes (1997-1998). President Roche introduced the many Past Presidents and longtime MIFDI members in attendance at this milestone meeting.

Members adjourned for lunch on site by “Jake’s Cafe” courtesy of MIFDI followed by a tour of the fire academy and some of the latest DFS equipment that was on display for our members.

EMS RUN:

CDC: Guidance for cleaning EMS Vehicles after Transporting A Suspected or Confirmed Swine-origin Influenza Patient.

The following are general guidelines for cleaning or maintaining EMS transport vehicles and equipment after transporting a suspected or confirmed swine-origin influenza patient. This guidance may be modified or additional procedures may be recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as new information becomes available.

Routine cleaning with soap or detergent and water to remove soil and organic matter, followed by the proper use of disinfectants, are the basic components of effective environmental management of influenza. Reducing the number of influenza virus particles on a surface through these steps can reduce the chances of hand transfer of virus. Influenza viruses are susceptible to inactivation by a number of chemical disinfectants readily available from consumer and commercial sources.

After the patient has been removed and prior to cleaning, the air within the vehicle may be exhausted by opening the doors and windows of the vehicle while the ventilation system is running. This should be done outdoors and away from pedestrian traffic. Routine cleaning methods should be employed throughout the vehicle and on non-disposable equipment.

For additional detailed guidance on ambulance decontamination EMS personnel may refer to www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/healthcare/cleaning_ems.html

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter James E. McInnis**, ACTIVE member of the Dedham Fire Department. Firefighter McInnis died August 14, 2009 at age 54 from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident. May he Rest in Peace.

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Michael A. Edwards**, ACTIVE member of the Cambridge Fire Department (Engine Co. 8). Firefighter Edwards died on September 7, 2009 at age 58 of occupational cancer. May he Rest in Peace.

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Paul J. Foley**, ACTIVE member of the West Springfield Fire Department. Firefighter Foley died on September 9, 2009 at age 46 from a SCUBA Diving accident in Gloucester. May he Rest in peace.

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Joseph S. Covalucci**, ACTIVE member of the Everett Fire Department (Engine Co. 1). Firefighter Covalucci died on September 12, 2009 at age 58 from a heart attack. May he Rest in Peace.



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October 28, 2009: **MIFDI** – Chelmsford

November 1, 2009: End of Daylight Savings Time
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November 8-12, 2009: IAFF Redmond Symposium
Los Angeles, CA iaff.org

November 10-11, 2009: “First Due Decisions for Company Officers”
NH Fire Academy, Concord NH fioanh.org

November 21, 2009: Statewide Exam- Fire Lieutenant & Captain
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November 18, 2009: **MIFDI** – Saugus

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

The 50th Anniversary meeting of MIFDI was a great success. I was delighted to see such a large turnout of members who attended this event. It was also great to see so many of our longtime members including many former presidents in attendance. I was truly honored to be the one holding the gavel during this historic milestone for the organization. I thank State Fire Marshal Stephen Coan for hosting MIFDI at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy which was the most fitting location for this celebration. I also thank Marshal Coan for his presentation which focused on the history of training in Massachusetts. Now that MIFDI has reached this 50 year mark, it's not only a time to reflect on our past, we must now look forward to the future of training and safety by focusing on the many challenges that the fire service is facing in a very different world. So much has changed in the past 50 years and the fire service has many more responsibilities with fewer resources than that of our predecessors.

Finally, as we approach the time for election of officers of the organization, it is important for members to step up and get involved with keeping this important organization going forward in the future, bringing fresh ideas and recruiting new members to keep MIFDI strong and continue to be an important resource for the fire service.

See you on the 28th. Until then, stay safe!

Mark

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:



The result of fire venting from a window impinging on a 24' aluminum ground ladder.



State Fire Marshal Steve Coan addresses the members at the 50th anniversary meeting.

Marshal Coan presents a citation to MIFDI President Mark Roche recognizing the organization for it's 50 years.



Past President Ken Galligan
1986
Brockton



Past President John Bergeron
1978
Lexington



Past President Bob MacKendrick
1991 & 1995
Lynnfield



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Supplement to the October MIFDI Bulletin

MIFDI 50th Anniversary Meeting DFS - Stow September 30th, 2009



The past presidents of MIFDI were honored in a display
compiled by current president Mark Roche



President Mark Roche
addresses the members
of MIFDI at the 50th
anniversary meeting held
at DFS Stow.