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Membership Type:

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Membership Dues:

Active \$ 25.00

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OCTOBER MEETING:

The next meeting of MIFDI will be held **Wednesday, October 26, 2011** at the new Watertown Police Department/9-1-1 Center located at 552 Main St (Rt.20) courtesy of Police Chief Edward P. Deveau and Fire Chief Mario A. Orangio. We will meet in the Training/Community Room located on the first floor. There is plenty of free parking on site.

The training portion will be provided by Deputy Chief Gerard Mahoney of the Cambridge Fire Department. Deputy Mahoney, a former MIFDI member, was selected to participate in the Northeast Counter-Terrorism Seminar held in Israel during June 2010. Israel has been dealing with terrorism attacks before most countries ever heard of the word. Deputy Mahoney's presentation should prove to be a very interesting and informative program that you will not want to miss.

SCHEDULE:

0930: Coffee, **1000:** Presentation, **1130:** Business meeting, **1200:** Lunch (off site)

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt.128/I 95: Take Exit 26 off Rt.128, follow Rt. 20 east through Waltham. Aprox ½-mile after entering Watertown, the police station is set back on your right.

From Mass Pike (I 90): Take Exit 17 in Newton Corner. Follow signs toward Watertown. Follow Galen St. to Watertown Sq. Turn left on Main St (Rt.20), the police station will be aprox 1-mile set back on your left.

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Beginning Balances for 01/03/2011

Economy Bank Cking.	\$326.62
Economy Bnk. Savings	\$147.94
Consumers Checking	\$572.50
Consumers Savings	\$147.70
ING Savings	\$1,207.91
Total	\$2,402.64

Bills Paid September, 2011 (Checking):

Oct. Newsletter - Michael	\$120.00 - 09/30
Refreshments - M. Roche - Sept.	\$ 38.95 - 09/28
TOTAL:	\$158.95

Account Transfers:

CCU Savings to Checking -	\$ 38.95 - 09/28/2011
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50/50 Raffle = \$68.00

Winner = - Bob Washburn - \$35.00

Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = \$33.00 Deposited

Total active members = 115

Dues paid thru 2019 =	1
Dues paid thru 2015 =	1
Dues paid thru 2012 =	16
Dues paid thru 2011 =	89
Dues paid thru 2010 =	8

Mailings

E-Mail - 74	Home - 34
	<u>Work - 7</u>
	115

Balances as of 10/15/2011

Bank Statement Checking:	\$ 112.93
Less uncleared checks:	(\$.00)
Economy Cking. Balance:	\$ 112.93
Economy Savings Balance:	\$ 200.52
ING Savings Balance:	\$ 1,852.01
CD/None	
Consumers Stmt. Cking.:	\$ 0.00
Less uncleared checks:	(\$ 120.00)
Consumers C.U. Checking (\$	120.00)
Consumers C.U. Savings:	\$ 77.68
Total	\$ 2,123.14

Membership Totals: 115

76 Active - 33 Retired - 6 Associate

WE WELCOME THIS NEW MEMBER TO MIFDI:

- **Ryan Nicholson - Lieutenant - Watertown Fire Department**

Treasurer Notes:

- 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 2011 dues were due in January, 2011. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals after April 1, 2011.*
- You should now be able to use the 2012 membership application as your invoice. It has MIFDI's tax ID number listed, for your accounts payable department to process the dues payment.*

Respectfully submitted

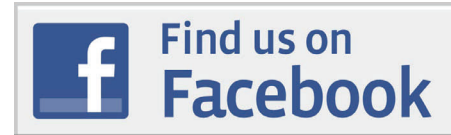
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by Michael McLeicer, Treasurer

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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 #548

The 548th meeting of MIFDI was held on September 28, 2011 hosted by the Norwood Fire Department courtesy of Chief Michael Howard and MIFDI member Ed Williamson.

The training was provided by Mr. John Carvalho of Apollo Safety www.apollosafety.com John gave a very in-dept presentation on various gas meters and the recommended testing necessary to completely ensure that the unit being used will in fact offer the required protection by the user during critical uses.

Following the presentation, a business meeting was conducted by President Roche. Norwood Chief Howard offered greetings to MIFDI and gave an update on happenings within the Norwood Fire Department.

Treasurer Michael reported on the association finances. New member Lt. Ryan Nicholson from Watertown was introduced as well as guest retired Lt. Arthur Washburn from Lexington.

Member Bob Washburn from Lexington won the 50/50.

Members adjourned for lunch at the Chateau Restaurant in Norwood.



John Carvalho of Apollo Safety & MIFDI President Mark Roche

EMS RUN

Car Seat Recommendation

When transporting infants or small children to the hospital, it is recommended that you bring along their car seat as well. They need not be transported to the hospital in the car seat as long as they are secured appropriately for the transport. The car seat becomes an issue when the child is discharged and the parent that accompanied the child to the hospital does not have a car seat for the ride home.

It is also recommended however, that during significant impact MVA's, the car seat in the vehicle should not be reused and replaced with a new seat due to possible stress cracks in the plastic as well as glass shards imbedded in the seat.

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter/Paramedic Thomas A. Boucher**, ACTIVE member of the Hanover Fire Department. Firefighter Boucher, age 44, died on September 24, 2011 from complications after surgery. May he Rest in Peace.



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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to **Interim Chief Mark Dolloff** of the Stoughton Fire Department on his recent appointment as Chief of Department. Chief Dolloff has been a friend and supporter of MIFDI for many years. He has been serving as Interim Chief since the retirement of MIFDI member Chief David Jardin on March 31. We wish Chief Dolloff great success in his new position.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 9-15, 2011: NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
The 2011 theme is *“Protect Your Family From Fire”*

October 15 & 16, 2011: FORCIBLE ENTRY OPERATIONS Training
Rockland Community Center www.rocklandfirefighters.org

October 26, 2011: **MIFDI** – Watertown

November 2, 2011: MHQ Open House 10am-3pm
401 Elm St., Marlborough www.mhq.com

November 6, 2011: Daylight Saving Time ends
“Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery”

November 6, 2011: FIREFIGHTER/EMT DISTRICT 14 EXAM
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November 16, 2011: **MIFDI** - Shrewsbury

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

On September 11, I was honored to attend the 10th Anniversary Remembrance of the Attack on America. The ceremony was held once again at the Massachusetts Fallen Firefighters Memorial located in Ashburton Park at the State House in Boston. Hundreds of firefighters from throughout the Commonwealth attended the service along with Governor Deval Patrick and many elected officials as well as State Fire Marshal Stephen Coan. Each year the names of departed firefighters are added to the Memorial to ensure that their sacrifices will never be forgotten.

Our September meeting was again a very informative and enlightening presentation by Apollo Safety. I thank John and Tracy Carvalho for taking the time to address the members of MIFDI on the important subject of hazardous gas detection equipment. I also thank Chief Michael Howard and the members of the Norwood Fire Department for again hosting MIFDI at their Public Safety facility.

On September 30, 2011, Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Recruit Class #192 became the first class to hold their graduation ceremony at the newly expanded and renovated DFS/MFA facility. I was delighted to be part of this historic event to witness our future firefighters graduate from this state-of-the-art facility. We have truly come a long way.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Watertown on the 26th
Mark



Massachusetts Fallen Fighters Memorial

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