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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
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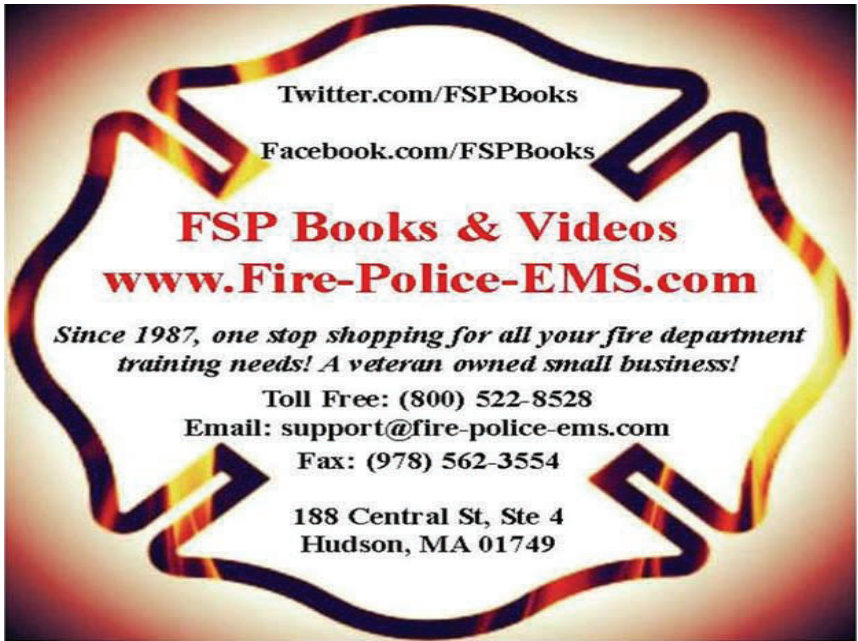
Retired \$ 12.50

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OCTOBER MEETING:

The next meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, October 23, 2013**. We will be hosted once again by the Natick Fire Department, 22 East Central St. (Rt.135) courtesy of MIFDI member Captain Eugene Rothman, Natick Fire Training Officer.

The training will be provided by a representative from Otis Elevator. Otis is one of the pioneers of the creation of the elevator. They will provide us with their prospective on what we should and should not be doing when dealing with elevator emergencies.

SCHEDULE: 0915 Coffee, 1000 Presentation, 1130 Business Meeting, 1200 Lunch (off site).

DIRECTIONS: From Rt. 128/I 95 take Rt.9 WEST in Wellesley to Rt.27 SOUTH in Natick. Continue SOUTH on Rt.27 for 3-traffic lights, that will be Rt.135. Turn left on Rt.135 to the second left, that is Clarendon St which brings you to the parking lot in the rear of the Public Safety Bldg.

From the Mass Pike (I 90), Take EXIT 13 to Rt. 30 EAST. Follow Rt.30 to Rt. 27 (3-lights). Turn right on Rt.27 SOUTH to Rt. 135. Turn left on Rt.135 EAST to the second left which is Clarendon St. which brings you to the parking lot in the rear of the Public Safety Bldg.



TREASURER'S REPORT**Beginning Balances for 01/04/2013**

GVCCU Checking \$ 9.99
 GVCCU Savings \$563.28
ING Savings \$1,686.50
Total: \$2,259.77

Bills Paid September 2013 (Checking):

Oct. 2013 Newsletter - Michael \$120.00 - 09/30
 M. Roche Coffee/Rolls-Meeting \$ 49.14 - 09/25
TOTAL: \$169.14

50/50 Raffle = \$0.00

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 135

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2016 = 0
 Dues paid thru 2015 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2014 = 8
 Dues paid thru 2013 = 108
 Dues paid thru 2012 = 15

Mailings

E-Mail - 92 Home - 34
Work - 9
135

Balances as of 10/14/2013

GVCCU Checking: \$ 180.30
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 120.00)
 GVCCU Cking. Balance: \$ 60.30
 GVCCU Savings Balance: \$ 161.31
 ING Savings Balance: \$ 3,093.45
Total \$ 3,315.06

Membership Totals: 135

95 Active - 34 Retired - 6 Associate

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY JOINED MIFDI:

- Michael W. Mullen - Lt. / Training Officer - Winchendon
- Dave Walton - Lt. / Training Officer - Lexington (replaces Lt. Nogler)

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 2014 dues will be due in January, 2014.**
Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2013 for your 2013 dues.
- (b) You may now use the 2014 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**10/14/2013****by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer****978-346-4731****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, 2013.**

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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 #568

The 568th meeting of MIFDI was held on September 25, 2013 hosted by FM Global at their SimZone facility in Norwood.

The training was provided by SimZone Manager Jeremiah “Jay” Cannon. Jay provided a tour and informative explanation of the many onsite training props located in this fascinating facility. This tour is a must for every fire training officer and fire prevention inspector. To arrange a facility tour for your department or with a group from other departments, you can contact Jay @ 401-415-1841.

Following the presentation, a brief business meeting was conducted by President Roche. Members voted in support of having Michael McLeieer again represent MIFDI at the 2014 FDIC. Mass Fire Training Council member Andy Connerty submitted a report from the recent MFTC meeting. Member Steve Persson gave us a report on the incident and recovery of his son, Middlesex County Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Persson. Jonathan was shot in the leg during a violent assault by a prisoner at the Mass Eye & Ear Infirmary in July. Our representative from Northeast Fire Rescue announced fire service training on NFPA 1851 regarding inspection of restaurant hood systems offered by the DFS on October 15 & 16.

Members adjourned for lunch at the Chateau on Rt. 1 in Norwood.



MIFDI members were provided a demonstration in the SimZone sprinkler “wet lab”

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



On September 11, 2013, many communities throughout the country honored the victims of 9/11 with ceremonies held locally in remembrance of those lost on that tragic day. The Town of Norwood was one of those communities holding 9/11 ceremonies as well. In addition, the Norwood Fire Department held a special ceremony to honor a member of their department that they lost over 50-years ago.

Captain Joseph E. McCormack, or “Captain Mac” as he was affectingly known throughout the department, was appointed to the department in 1934. He was promoted to the rank of captain in 1956. He was a leader, a mentor and a professional fire officer with a strong passion for the fire service. Captain Mac died unexpectedly on May 25, 1962. He suffered the effects of exposure to the by-products of a serious fire that occurred during a previous tour of duty.

Joe McCormack was an early member of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors. He would attend monthly meetings with Art Corbett from Stoughton, Paul Scooble from Westwood, and a young Ed Williamson from Norwood. Ironically, he was on his way to a MIFDI meeting when Joe informed those traveling with him to the meeting that he did not feel well and wanted to return home. Within 24-hours, Joe was gone.

The McCormack family agreed to donate a charcoal drawing of Joe to the Norwood Fire Department. This drawing now hangs prominently in the second floor lobby of the Norwood Fire Administration offices as part of their proud history. Eddie Williamson appropriately concluded his remarks during the tribute to Joe McCormack with the words, “Welcome home Captain Mac”.

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to Massachusetts Deputy State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey on the loss of his father **Edward W. Ostroskey** on September 12, 2013, six days past his 80th birthday.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



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CONGRATULATIONS:

On May 20th, Michael McLeieer received the Liberty Mutual Insurance National Firemark Award. A committee comprised of numerous fire safety organizations annually selects the Liberty Mutual National Firemark Award winners from among a pool of more than 150 firefighter nominees, each of whom had received a local Firemark Award from a Liberty Mutual Insurance office in their community throughout 2012. The selection committee includes representatives from such fire safety groups as the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Volunteer Fire Council, the National Fire Protection Association, the National Association of State Fire Marshals, the Society of Fire Protection Engineers, and the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

In addition, on September 12th, Michael received the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society's 'Fireman Larry', Public Fire Educator of the Year award at the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society 64th annual Fall Conference in East Lansing, Michigan.



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October 6-12, 2013: Fire Prevention Week - "PREVENT KITCHEN FIRES"

October 9-12, 2013: WORLD BURN CONGRESS 2013
R.I. Convention Center, Providence www.phoenix-society.org

October 23, 2013: MIFDI - Natick

November 3, 2013: End Daylight Saving Time
Chang Your Clocks/Change Your Batteries"

November 16, 2013: Statewide Exam – Fire Captain & Lieutenant
Good Luck!

November 20, 2013: MIFDI – Billerica

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have.

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our September meeting provided members with a tour and explanation of the many training props located at the FM Global SimZone facility in Norwood. I thank Jay Cannon and Dennis Anderson from the FM Global SimZone for offering this tour and presentation for MIFDI.

MIFDI member, retired Chief Dave Jardin from Stoughton, again completed 4 rides of fundraising through cycling. During this past summer, Dave raised funds for “Best Buddies” in June, “PMC” in August, “Cycle for Life” in September, and “May Institute” in September. MIFDI pledged \$50 to Dave for his efforts and we again congratulate him for his participation in these important causes.

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



Jay Cannon of FM Global explaining some of the various roof coverings of buildings.
(Photo by Michael McLeieer)

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

“Changes to the Globally Harmonized System (HazCom compliance)”

Firefighter Michael McLeieer, Merrimac Fire Department

The Hazard Communication Standard is changing and employers are required to provide training to employees by December 1, 2013. Because of the many different systems for classification and labeling of chemical products, it has been difficult for governments to regulate and enforce proper safety precautions related to chemical products. Therefore, OSHA determined that adhering to a central system of regulation was imperative for the health and safety of workers.

The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) is a system that defines and classifies the hazards of chemical products, and communicates health and safety information on labels and material data sheets. GHS has been adopted by 67 different nations and provides a common and coherent approach to classifying chemicals.

Who Is Affected?

- Manufacturers, Distributors, and Importers
- Employers and Employees

Highlights of the Changes:

- As of June 1, 2015, OSHA requires that all labels must have pictograms, a signal word, hazard and precautionary statements, the product identifier, and supplier identification
- Secondary labeling systems are still permitted
- Labels must be consistent with the revised HazCom standard
- Labels must ***not*** have conflicting hazard warnings or pictograms
- Written materials such as signs or placards may be used in lieu of affixing labels to individual stationary process containers
- Employers can use GHS compliant labels (the same as shipping)
- MSDS becomes SDS (Safety Data Sheet) with a 16-section format
- **Notice for the fire service:** NFPA and HMIS (Hazardous Materials Information System) labels will change. Where “4” currently indicates the most severe hazard, under the new GHS HazCom standard, a category “4” will be the ***least*** severe and category “1” is the ***most*** severe hazard.
- GHS hazard category numbers may be noted in the SDS; NOT required to be present on the container label.

Key Dates for U.S. Implementation:

- **Dec. 1, 2013** - Train employees on the new label elements and SDS format
- **June 1, 2015** - Comply with all modified provisions of the final rule (distributors may ship products labeled by manufacturers under the old system until Dec. 1, 2015).
- **June 1, 2016** - Update alternative workplace labeling and hazard communication programs as necessary, and provide additional employee training for newly identified physical or health hazards.
- **Transition Period** - Comply with either 29 CFR 1910.1200 or the current standard (or both).

For more info: www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/index.html or www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/ghs.html