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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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**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors - Tax ID: 04-2307216
 2014 Membership Application & Invoice
 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2015**

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

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Membership Dues:

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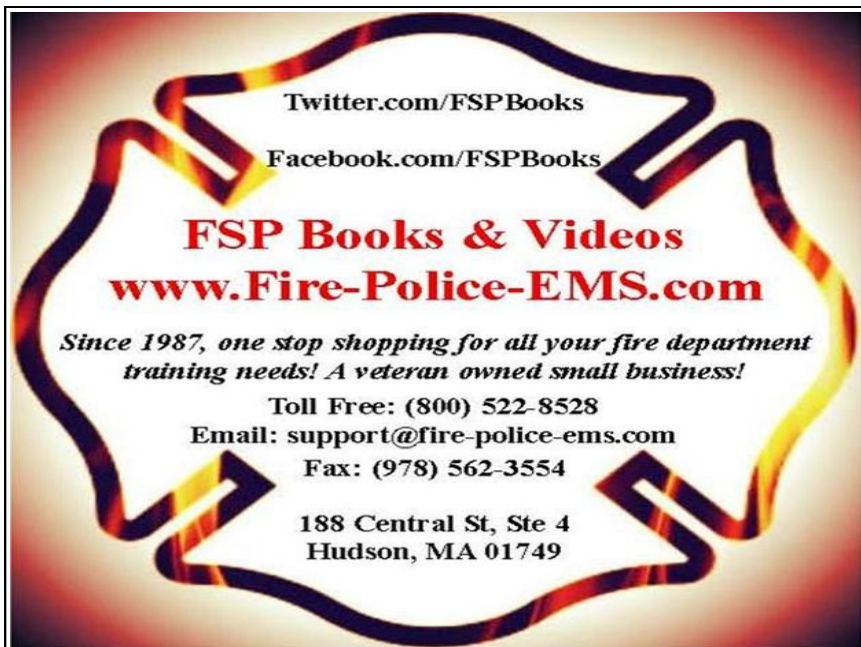
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OCTOBER MEETING:

The October meeting of MIFDI will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 hosted by the MassDOT - Rail & Transit Division. We will be given a tour and overview of the new state-of-the-art MBTA Disaster Training Center located at 20 Foundry St in South Boston. This facility, which opened in June 2013, was created inside an abandoned subway tunnel and has the look and feel of an active subway station including a train idling at a platform, the chatter of a waiting crowd, doors opening and closing, and the rhythm of trains passing along the tracks. There is also a mock LNG bus located in the tunnel. The Center was created to train firefighters and law enforcement agencies with emergencies involving the transportation system. This will be a rare and fascination opportunity for MIFDI members to tour this facility and learn about training opportunities geared towards your own department.

SCHEDULE: *(We will begin at 10:15 to allow for a little extra travel time)*

0945: Meet in lobby, 1015: Facility tour to begin, 1145: lunch off site at Amrheins Restaurant.

DIRECTIONS:

The Training Center is fairly easy to get to and located near Gillette Park. For those wanting the full feel of the meeting, you can take the RED-LINE directly to Broadway Station and walk around the corner to Foundry St.

FROM THE WEST: Take the Mass Pike East to Exit 24-A towards South Station. Continue straight from the exit onto Atlantic Ave. 3-lights to Summer St. Turn right on Summer to 2-lights and turn right on Melcher St. At the end of Melcher turn right on A St, continue on A St. 2-lights to West Second St, right on W. Second to end. Turn right on Dorchester Ave. and quick left on Foundry St., the Training Center is on the left.

FROM THE SOUTH: Take Rt.93 North to Exit 20 towards South Station. At the end of the exit turn right on Kneeland St. then left on Atlantic Ave., travel 3-lights to Summer St. turn right on Summer to 2-lights, right on Melcher St. At the end of Melcher turn right on A St., continue on A St. 2-lights to West Second St, right on W. Second to end. Turn right on Dorchester Ave and quick left on Foundry St, the Training Center is on the left.

FROM THE NORTH: Take Rt.93 South to Exit 20-A towards South Station, turn left at the top of the exit onto Summer St., travel 3-lights and turn right on Melcher St. at the end of Melcher turn right on A St., continue on A St. 2-lights to West Second St, turn right on W. Second St. to end. Turn right on Dorchester Ave. and quick left on Foundry St. The Training Center is on the left.

If there is not any on-street spaces available, MBTA allowed us to park in the Cabot Yard facility at the end of Foundry St., just show your I.D. and tell them you are going to the Training Center.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2014

Preferred C.U. Checking \$295.61

Preferred C.U. Savings \$161.40

CapitalOne360 Savings \$2,736.34

Total: \$3,193.35

50/50 Raffle = \$70.00

Winner = Ed Williamson \$35.00

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = \$35.00

Total active members = 133

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1

Dues paid thru 2017 = 2

Dues paid thru 2016 = 0

Dues paid thru 2015 = 7

Dues paid thru 2014 = 102

Dues paid thru 2013 = 21

Balances as of 10/13/2014

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 64.16

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 120.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: (\$ 55.84)

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 767.31

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 2,744.53

Total \$ 3,456.00

Bills Paid September 2014 (Checking):

Oct. 2014 Newsletter - Michael \$120.00 - 09/30

Dunkin Donuts-Roche- Coffee-Meeting \$ 31.98 - 09/25

Sudbury Farms - M. Roche - Rolls \$ 17.45 - 09/25

TOTAL: \$ 169.43

Account Transfers:

None

Mailings

E-Mail - 88 Home - 37

Work - 8

133

Membership Totals: 133

90 Active - 37 Retired - 6 Associate

We Welcome This New Member Who Recently Joined MIFDI:

- John P. Dailey - Firefighter / EMT - Hyannis

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 were due in January, 2014.**

Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2014 for your 2014 dues.

(b) You may now use the 2015 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.

(c) There were some name changes to our financial institutions in 2013. All of our depository accounts remain federally insured.

Respectfully submitted

10/13/2014

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, 2014. This fee does not apply to new members.

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**. 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



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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).

Membership dues are for one calendar year (January 1 through December 31).

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Enterovirus D68

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced a confirmed case of Enterovirus D68 (EV-68). The patient is a school aged child with a history of asthma who became ill in early September and has since been treated and released from an area hospital. Due to privacy considerations, DPH will not be releasing additional patient information.

“With Enterovirus D68 now widespread across the country, for most children, this virus is relatively mild. But for children with asthma or other respiratory illnesses, it can be serious”.

DPH State Epidemiologist Dr. DeMaria underscored the importance of simple, common-sense steps such as hand-washing to reduce the spread of illness. *“As with any other respiratory virus, hand-washing is the key to reduce spread”.*

Other tips include:

- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Always take BSI precaution (wear N-95 mask)
- Clean and disinfect touched surfaces – BP cuff, SPO2 device, etc.

Various enteroviruses and other respiratory infections may also circulate at this time of the year. Enteroviruses cause respiratory and gastrointestinal illness, rash and neurologic illnesses such as aseptic meningitis and encephalitis. While most infections cause mild or no symptoms, some can be severe. The current outbreak of EV-D68 has been predominantly associated with respiratory disease and not nervous system infection. EV-D68 is acting like a common cold virus that can trigger asthma. It is important to assure that preventive treatments for asthma are followed. In August 2014, EV-D68 was identified in children ill with severe respiratory illness.

There is no specific treatment for enterovirus infection. People with mild illness caused by EV-D68 infection typically only need symptom treatment. They usually recover completely. However, some illnesses caused by EV-D68 can be serious enough to require hospitalization. DPH continues to advise clinicians to consider EV-D68 as a potential cause of illness in children and adults, as it is now known to be circulating.

For more information on EV-D68, go to the CDC website at www.cdc.gov

LAST ALARM:



The President of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire department Instructors regrets to report the passing of former MIFDI member and Past President **Deputy Chief Robert M. Dunton** of the Framingham Fire Department. We recently learned of Bob’s passing which occurred on May 5, 2014 at age 79 in Homosassa, FL. Bob served as MIFDI President in 1987 and was very devoted to fire service training and education. Bob was appointed to the Framingham Fire Department in 1962, promoted Lieutenant in 1970, promoted Captain in 1981, promoted Deputy Chief 1992, and retired in 1995 after 33-years of service. *May He Rest in Peace.*

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our condolences to the family and friends of the following;

Chief Joseph S. Daniele, retired chief of the Newton Fire Department. Chief Daniele died August 29, 2014 at age 77 after a long battle with cancer. After his retirement, Joe served as Government Affairs Director for FCAM, was Interim Fire Administrator for the Weston Fire Department, and served for several years as a member of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council. Joe loved the fire service, but most importantly, he was a good guy. *May He Rest in Peace.*

Call Firefighter Steve Mickle of the Ayer Fire Department. Steve died from injuries received from a motorcycle accident on September 2 in Berwick, ME at age 63. Steve was also worked as a member of the support team at the Department of Fire Services. *May He Rest in Peace.*

Earle L. Nash III died unexpectedly on September 10, 2014 at age 57. Earl formerly worked for Greenwood Fire Apparatus for over 20-years. He was most recently employed as a salesperson for Ed Lyons Fire Equipment and attended the MIFDI in Foxborough this past February. *May He Rest in Peace.*



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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to **Captain Donald Jasmin** upon his retirement from the Stoughton Fire Department on September 18, 2014 after 40-years of service. Don will continue to serve as an Instructor at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.



Flag flown from the station on his last day is presented to Captain Jazmin
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 2, 2014: End Daylight Saving Time
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November 15, 2014: Statewide Exam: Fire Lieutenant & Captain
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November 19, 2014: MIFDI

November 21, 2014: Mid-State Firefighter Safety & Survival Seminar
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have.

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our first meeting of 2014 was hosted by the Needham Fire Department courtesy of Chief Paul Buckley. Akron Brass District Manager Steve Dembowski was our presenter and brought many products to show and tell. It is important for us as training officers and for those involved with equipment purchases to see first-hand the latest products available and find out what works best for our departments. I thank Pat O'Connor from Northeast Rescue for arranging this presenter for MIFDI.

Our October meeting will be a rare opportunity for us to tour the new MBTA Disaster Training Center created to train fire firefighters and law enforcement agencies with handling various types of emergencies involving the transportation systems. I am looking forward to seeing this state-of-the-art training facility.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in the subway on the 22nd



Akron rep Steve Dembowski displaying products for MIFDI

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

DFS Springfield Project Update

(Courtesy of Massachusetts DFS)



DFS Springfield
FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY
Front Facade View



On November 30, 2012, the state Department of Capital Asset management finally closed on the Springfield Training Center. The state paid \$2M for the 6.6 acre facility and is now in the process of renovating and equipping it to become the “MASS FIRE-FIGHTING ACADEMY-WEST”. As you can see from the drawing there are many similarities to the DFS facility in Stow. The anticipated move-in is scheduled for mid-2015. Transforming this site into a state-of-the-art training facility that can be accessed by all firefighters has been a goal the fire services of Western Mass has pursued for a long time.

The new building will be approx 18,000 Sq Ft with classrooms, locker and shower facilities, and three-bays for apparatus. In addition to being a fire training facility, it will also provide office space for the MSP-Fire Investigation Unit West Team as well as space for the Code Compliance & Enforcement Unit western MA staff. DFS Special Operations vehicles will also be housed there. The Springfield Fire Department Training Coordinator will also continue to maintain office space in the new building.

The MFA is currently training firefighters at the facility which eases some of the strain on the facility in Stow and makes the training more accessible to firefighters in the western part of the state.

Progress Report:

Demolition of the former building at 100 Grochmal Ave in Springfield has been completed, the foundation has been poured in the same approximate area where the old building stood, and the steel-work for the structure is well underway.