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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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Membership Dues:

Active \$ 30.00

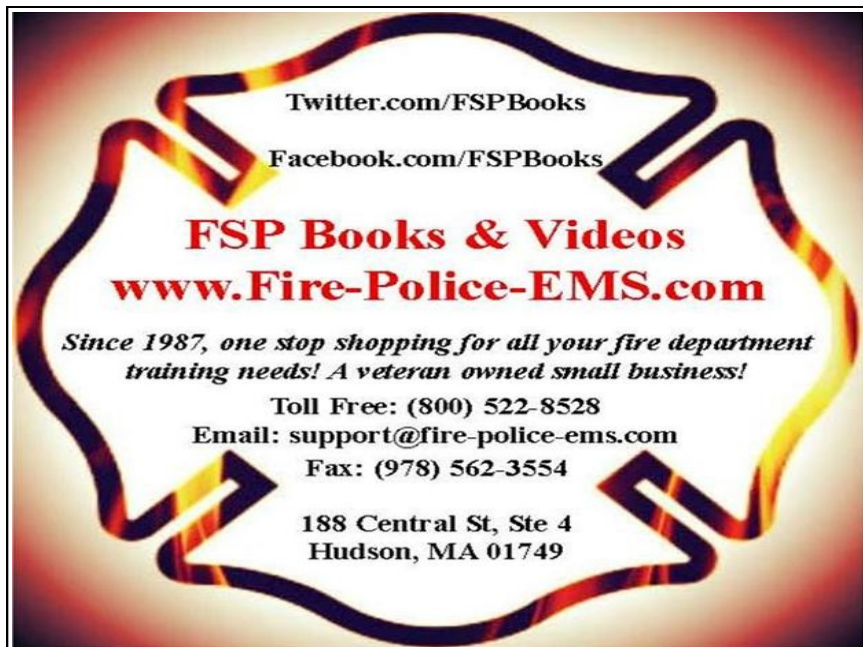
Retired \$ 15.00

Associate \$100.00

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OCTOBER MEETING:

The October meeting MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, October 28, 2015.** We will be hosted by the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office, Billerica House of Correction located at 269 Treble Cove Rd, Billerica courtesy of Sheriff Peter Koutoujian. Our presenter will be Captain Bill Buckley with a presentation on "Responding to emergencies in correctional facilities".

Although many of our communities do not house prisons, we may be called to communities on mutual aid and respond to fires or EMS runs in a correctional facility, communities such as Boston, Billerica, Concord, Dedham, Framingham, Norfolk, Walpole, Salem, just to name a few. This will be a rare opportunity for many of us to see firsthand what these facilities are about and to think about how difficult a serious fire in a prison would challenge our firefighters.

There are a few logistic issues for those planning to attend. If you have a fire department I.D., be sure to bring it along with your driver's license. ALSO, tobacco products of any kind are considered contraband as well as matches, lighters, work knives, medications, etc. The less you carry the better. Leave all unnecessary items in your vehicles and lock your car.

SCHEDULE: 0930-1000 arrival, 1000 Presentation & facility tour, 1200 lunch will be provided.

DIRECTIONS: From Rt.128 or 495, take Rt. 3 to Exit 28. Turn on Treble Cove Rd towards West Billerica a short distance and the House of Corrections will be on your right. Park in the visitor's lot on the left after entering the main entrance. From the parking lot, walk up to the visitors center/checkpoint building at the top of the driveway (Red brick building with white trim). From there we will be shuttled up to the Podular Building for our meeting in the conference room for the presentation followed by a tour of the facility.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2015

Preferred C.U. Checking \$267.67

Preferred C.U. Savings \$427.51

CapitalOne360 Savings \$2,747.29

Total: \$3,442.47

50/50 Raffle = \$75.00

Winner = \$40.00

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = \$35.00

Total active members = 128

Dues paid thru 2020 = 1

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1

Dues paid thru 2017 = 4

Dues paid thru 2016 = 7

Dues paid thru 2015 = 93

Dues paid thru 2014 = 22

Balances as of 10/12/2015

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 455.43

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 455.43

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 428.05

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,755.45

Total \$ 2,638.93

Bills Paid September 2015 (Checking):

Oct 2015 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 09/30

Joshua Chagani - New Website \$1,000.00 - 09/24

TOTAL \$1,120.00

Account Transfers:

Capital One 360 Savings to PCU Cking - \$1,000.00

Mailings

E-Mail - 81 Home - 38

Work - 9

128

Membership Totals: 128

79 Active - 43 Retired - 6 Associate

We Welcome Back This Long Time Member to MIFDI:

- Everett G. Pierce - Fire Chief (Retired) - Nantucket

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 2016 dues are due in January, 2016.**

Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2016 for your 2016 dues.

(b) You may now use the 2016 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

10/12/2015

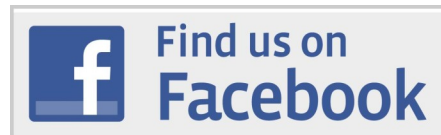
by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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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, 2015. This fee does not apply to new members.

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***Dues are \$30.00 per year for Active members *(\$40 after Jan 1st)**

\$15.00 for Retired members *(\$25 after Jan 1st)

***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 2015-07

The September meeting of MIFDI was held on September 23, 2015 hosted by the National Fire Protection Association courtesy of NFPA President Jim Pauley. The training was provided by NFPA Fire Protection Engineer Jacqueline Wilmot with a power-point program on the hazards associated with Mobile Food Trucks. This fascination presentation addressed many of the potential hazards with food trucks which have gained new popularity within our communities.



Following the program, President Roche conducted a brief business meeting. A moment of silence was offered for former State Fire Marshal Joseph O'Keefe who passed away on September 14. Treasurer Michael McLeieer offered members a preview on the new MIFDI website which will soon be up and running. MFTC Representative Andy Connerty provided members with information discussed during the Massachusetts Fire Training Council monthly meeting. Deputy Chief Brian Nardelli spoke about a recent accident in Brockton which involved a BFD fire company responding to a call. Members adjourned for lunch at Elena's Café in the courtyard at NFPA.

EMS Run

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month



LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our condolences to the family and friends of former State Fire Marshal Joseph A. O'Keefe. Joe died on September 14, 2015 at age 82. He served as fire marshal for the Commonwealth from 1977-1992. *May He Rest In Peace.*



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CONGRATULATIONS:

Nothing to Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 19, 2015: Massachusetts Fallen Firefighter Ceremony
State House, Boston @ 5:00 pm www.mafirememorial.org

October 28, 2015: **MIFDI** – MCI-Billerica

October 27-28, 2015: Fire & Explosion Investigation Conference
Holyoke www.nofiresjfis.com

November 1, 2015: END DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
“Change Your Clocks – Change Your Batteries”

November 14, 2015: Statewide Exam – Fire Lieutenant & Captain
Good Luck!

November 18, 2015: **MIFDI** – Peabody

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have.

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our September meeting held at the headquarters of the National Fire Prevention Association in Quincy provided us with an important presentation on Mobile Food Truck Safety. I thank Jacqueline Wilmot of NFPA for this informative program and bringing awareness to communities regarding the hazards associated with mobile food trucks. I thank NFPA President Jim Pauley for hosting MIFDI at NFPA and special thanks to Rich Bielen of NFPA for assisting with the arrangements for our meeting.

On September 19, I was honored to represent MIFDI at the funeral service in Salem for former State Fire Marshal Joseph A. O'Keefe who died on September 14 at age 82. Joe was appointed Fire Marshall in 1977 by Governor Michael Dukakis and served in the position until his retirement in 1992. Joe was instrumental in the establishment of the Fire Science program and taught at both Bunker Hill Community College and North Shore Community College. As stated in his obituary: *"Joe served with great dignity and respect putting the safety and welfare of firefighters and the residents of the Commonwealth first and foremost in all his endeavors"*. We thank him for his dedication and contributions to the fire service.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Billerica on the 28th



Treasurer Michael McLeieer, NFPA President Jim Pauley, President Mark Roche

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Protect Yourself Against Cancer

Use SCBA from initial attack until overhaul is completed and atmosphere is monitored. *(Not wearing SCBA in both active and post-fire environments is the most dangerous voluntary activity in the fire service today).*

Do gross field decon of PPE to remove as much soot and particles as possible.

Use wet-nap or baby wipes to remove as much soot as possible from head, neck, jaw, throat, underarms, and hands immediately.

Change your clothes and wash them immediately after a fire.

Shower thoroughly after a fire.

Clean your PPE, gloves, hood, and helmet immediately after a fire.

Do not take contaminated clothes or PPE home or store in your vehicle.

Decon the interior of fire apparatus after fires.

Keep bunker gear out of living areas and sleeping quarters.

Stop the use of all tobacco products.

Use sunscreen or sun block when outdoors.

The importance of annual medical examinations cannot be overstated. Early detection and early treatment are essential to increasing survival.

FIREFIGHTERS ARE EXPOSED THROUGH THE FOLLOWING;
Ingestion, Inhalation, Absorption (Groin-300%, Jaw-93%, Head 43%)

For every 5-degree increase in skin temperature, body absorption increases 400%

STAY SAFE!