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 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2013**

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NOVEMBER MEETING:

The November meeting will be held on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2012** (NOTE CHANGE OF DAY). We needed to change the day to make this work before the end of the year for those members needing EMS credits. This meeting will provide 2 continuing education hours approved by OEMS.

Our meeting will be hosted by Boston Medflight located at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford courtesy of MedFlight Training Coordinator Mary Arredondo. This will be MIFDI's first visit to MedFlight. The presentation will include safety procedures when operating around the aircraft at incident scenes as well as what is expected from us to help the pilots when landing and taking off. This will also be a good opportunity for us to ensure that our LZ's (Landing zones) are updated for our own communities.

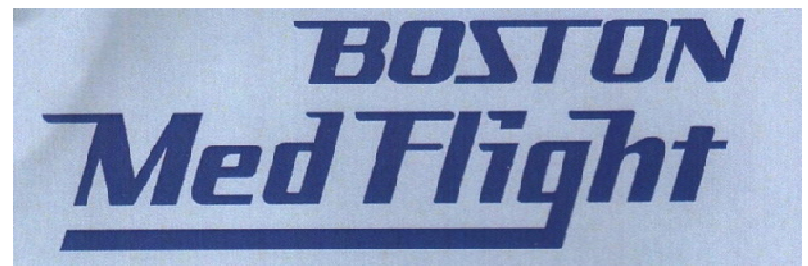
Following the presentation, we will be given a tour of the MedFlight facility which includes the helicopter, a medical fixed-wing aircraft, two ground transport ambulances, and an on-site sim-lab.

NOTE: Due to this being in a secure military installation we have to follow a minor background check in order to enter the site. For those members that signed the list at the October meeting, you should be all set. For those who did not and would like to attend, you must contact President Roche by Tuesday, November 27 either by email captroche@aol.com or telephone @ 508-655-2528 to be placed on the list. Be sure to give your name AND date of birth.

If for some reason your plans change and you would like to attend but did not call ahead, do not be discouraged from attending. You will be held at the Visitors Center until you are cleared to pass. As with any secure facility you should have your driver's license with you at all times. Members on duty in uniform and in marked vehicles should not have any issues, but again do not be discouraged from attending. MedFlight often hosts visitors attending EMS training classes as well as tour groups.

SCHEDULE: 0930 Coffee, 1000 Presentation, 1130 Facility Tour, 1200 lunch (off site)

DIRECTIONS: (See separate page in this bulletin)



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/03/2012

Economy Bank Cking. \$100.37
 Economy Bnk. Savings \$156.63
 Consumers Checking \$235.00
 Consumers Savings \$ 77.72
ING Savings \$1,628.69
Total \$2,198.41

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 134

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2015 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2013 = 23
 Dues paid thru 2012 = 96
 Dues paid thru 2011 = 12

Balances as of 11/05/2012

Haverhill Bank Checking: \$ 100.30
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 Haverhill Cking. Balance: \$ 100.30 *Note Economy Bank is now part of Haverhill Bank - 1/1/12.
 Haverhill Savings Balance: \$ 482.01
 ING Savings Balance: \$ 1,635.40
 CD/None
 Consumers Stmt. Cking.: \$ 112.50
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 Consumers C.U. Checking \$ 112.50
 Consumers C.U. Savings: \$ 28.78
Total \$ 2,358.99

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY JOINED MIFDI:

- **Robert Cole** - Deputy Chief - Billerica Fire Department
- **Brian McCarthy** - Firefighter - Turners Falls Fire Department
- **John Zellmann** - Captain - Turners Falls 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 2013 dues will be due in January, 2013.** Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2012 for your 2012 dues..
- (b) You may now use the 2013 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

11/05/2012

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

978-346-4731

Thank you for your continued support and for your prompt payment of your dues!

Remember to add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2012.**Bills Paid October 2012 (Checking):**

Nov 2012 Newsletter - Michael \$120.00 - 10/31
 Coffee/Rolls-Oct. meeting - M. Roche \$ 64.00 - 10/31
 McLeieer / Quinn- Staples Smart Pen \$167.98 - 10/31
TOTAL: \$351.98

Account Transfers:

None

Mailings

E-Mail - 86 Home - 36
Work - 12
134

Membership Totals: 134

95 Active - 34 Retired - 5 Associate

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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 #559

MIDFI Meeting, October 24, 2012, Norwood Public Safety

10:00 President Roche opened meeting

October's Topic-The Future of Gamewell/FCI

Gamewell/FCI Representative gave a great lecture on the history of Gamewell, the merging of FCI, the products and future of Gamewell/FCI.

Northeast Rescue

Northeast Rescue's Dave Gallagher brought a Ford crew-cab light rescue truck for all to look over.

Business and Congratulations

Thanked Norwood Fire Chief and the Norwood fire department.

Congratulations went out to Robert Cole, appointed Deputy Chief, Billerica FD

Congratulations went out to Glen Rogers, appointed Chief,

Manchester-by-the-sea FD

New members in attendance

Need new MIFDI representative to the MFTC, due to Chief Roger's appointment.

Reports

Mass Fire Training Council

Memorial for Deputy Anderson, Randolph, at the MFA

Fitness Policy for new recruits starting January 2013

Class cap at 72, possibly 75

April 2013 class is full, July is the next class available

Sub-committee assignments were given out

Call/Volunteer classes

Letters of request to get back in classes due to sickness/illness or deployment

Draft Report, from Natick Lab (State Police) on the dropping out of 2-3 recruits at each class due to Rhabdomyolysis

Mask Failures

Nothing new on appointment of new Deputy Director

Elevator Report

Nothing new to report, elevators are going ðUp and Downð

Mass Fire Prevention

Making good progress on NFPA 1

Finalization maybe within a year, after 25 long years

Adjourned to the Chateau on Route 1, Norwood

Next meeting re-scheduled to a Thursday, November 29th at Hanscom Air Force Base, Med Flight. If you wish to attend MIDFI needs to forward you new and DOB for security reasons.

EMS RUN

BOSTON MEDFLIGHT
at Hanscom Air Force Base
Robins Street, Hangar 1727
Bedford, MA 01730
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781-863-2791 (fax)

DIRECTIONS

*** We are on a military installation – please note the following instructions***

From 128

- ♦ Exit the highway at Exit 30B (Rt. 2A – West).
- ♦ Follow Rt. 2A West for about 2 miles until you see the sign for Hanscom Field.
- ♦ Turn right onto Hanscom Drive, and follow signs for Hanscom AFB keeping to the right side of the road.
- ♦ As you approach the entrance to Hanscom AFB, there will be a visitor's center on the right, opposite the guard shack. It is necessary for you to check in at the visitor center and get a visitor's pass. You will be asked to state the nature of your business on base. Please be sure to have a picture ID with you when you check in.
- ♦ Massachusetts residents need to have auto registration and license.
- ♦ Out-of-state residents need to have insurance documents as well as registration and license.
- ♦ Out-of-country visitors/residents will need to bring their passport/visa with them.
- ♦ Visitors with rental cars will need documents from the rental agency along with their license.

After checking in at the Visitor's Center

- ♦ Turn right out of the Visitor's Center parking lot on to Vandenberg Street (you will need to stop briefly at the guard shack directly across from the visitor center – the guard will then let you continue on Vandenberg Street).
- ♦ Proceed approximately ¼ mile to a stop sign and turn left onto Marrett Street (you will see a suspended airplane display at this intersection).
- ♦ At the next set of lights (you will see another suspended airplane display), go straight onto Forbes Street.
- ♦ At the second stop sign, take a left - our office is on your right. There is a MedFlight sign in the window. You may park in the large visitor's on the left, just past the BMF hangar. Please do not use the parking spaces immediately across from the hangar. Use the last entrance closest to the window sign.

***Note: Speed limit on the base is 25mph. Seat belts must be worn at all times. No hand held cell phone use while driving on base.

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Lucas M. LaCaire** of the Worcester Fire Department, Engine Co. 13. Lucas died on October 27, 2012 at age 35 at his home in Spencer. May he Rest in Peace.



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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and best wishes to MIFDI member **Glen A. Rogers** upon his appointment as Chief of the Manchester-by-the-Sea Fire Department on November 1, 2012. Glen previously served as a Deputy Chief in Falmouth and has been serving as MIFDI representative on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council. Congratulations Glen!



MIFDI President Mark Roche Congratulating Chief Glen Rogers

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 17, 2012: Statewide Exam-Fire Lieutenant & Captain
GOOD LUCK!

November 29, 2012: **MIFDI** 6 MedFlight

December 1, 2012: LifeFlight Symposium
UMass Medical Center, Worcester Contact: 774-443-3441

December 18, 2012: Massachusetts Firefighter of the Year Awards
Mechanics Hall, Worcester @ 10:30am

December 19, 2012: **MIFDI**

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have.

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our October meeting was another excellent presentation as we were provided an in-depth look at fire alarm systems from the early days to what we can expect for the future with fire detection and notification systems. I thank John Stofa from Gamewell/FCI for offering this program to MIFDI. I also thank Acting Chief Ron Maggio and the members of the Norwood Fire Department for again hosting MIFDI at their impressive facility.

On November 1, I was delighted to represent MIFDI along with MIFDI Secretary Ted Quinn at the swearing-in ceremony for MIFDI member Glen Rogers as he was appointed Chief of the Manchester-by-the-Sea Fire Department. Although I am very happy for Glen, I am sorry that he must resign his position as MIFDI representative on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council. According to the state statute, *"there should be one representative who shall be a fire department training instructor holding an officers rank but NOT a fire chief selected from a list of two names submitted by MIFDI"*. So with that, I will be submitting the names of Captain Andy Connerty from Burlington and Lieutenant Paul Bourque from Watertown who both expressed interest in representing MIFDI on the MFTC.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Bedford on the 29th
Mark



John Stofa of Gamewell/FCI presenting to MIFDI in Norwood

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Key Points When Using an Extension Ladder

RAISING:

- Always make sure that overhead is clear of power lines and obstructions before raising the ladder.
- When raising/lowering a ladder, use hand over hand on the halyard and avoid allowing the rope to slide through your hands.
- Prior to raising/lowering the ladder, make sure that hands and feet are clear from the rungs or through the side of the beams.
- Be sure that pawls are locked prior to climbing the ladder.

POSITIONING:

- RESCUE:** Place the top of the ladder even or slightly below the windowsill.
- ENTERING WINDOW:** Position the ladder alongside the window and three rungs above the windowsill. If window is wide enough, place the ladder into the window.
- ROOF ACCESS:** Ladder should be extended at least three rungs above the roof.
- VENTILATION:** Position ladder on the windward side of the opening slightly above the top of the window.
- OPERATING A LINE:** Position the ladder so the head of the ladder rests on the wall above the opening.
- ANGLE:** The desired climbing of 75-degrees is achieved when placing the base of the ladder roughly $\frac{1}{4}$ of the distance of the height.
- VERIBLES:** There are conditions encountered when a beam raise will be required due to narrow alleyways and driveways, parked vehicles, dumpsters, etc. Be sure members are trained in both forward and side ladder raising techniques.