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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:

Active \$ 25.00

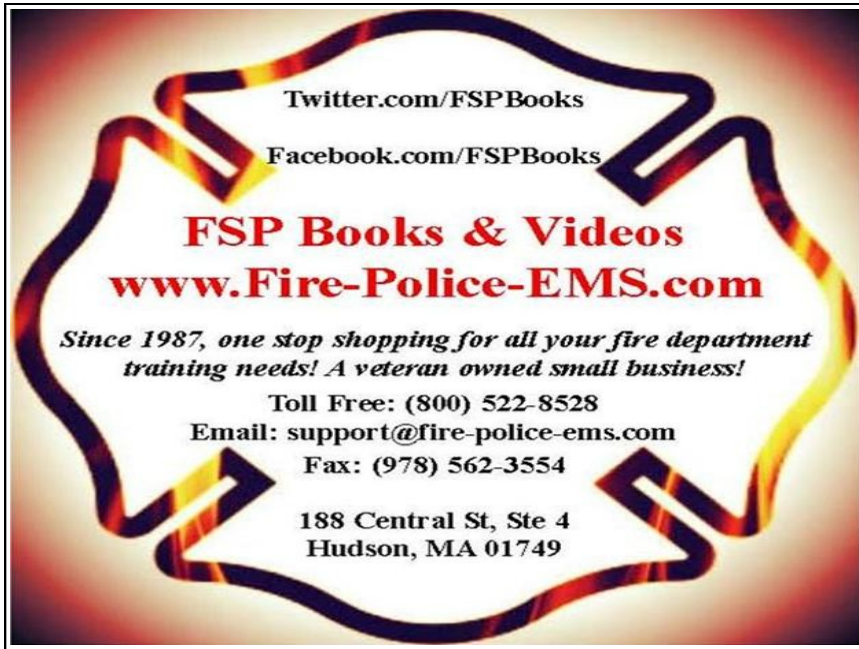
Retired \$ 12.50

Associate \$100.00

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NOVEMBER MEETING:

The November meeting of MIFDI will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 hosted by the Waltham Fire Department courtesy of Chief Paul Ciccone **(NOTE: THIS IS THE THIRD WEDNESDAY)**. We will meet in the Waltham 9-1-1 Center 2nd floor training classroom located at 171 Lexington St. between the Central Fire Station and the Police Dept. MIFDI last met in Waltham for our September 2007 meeting.

Our training will be provided by MIFDI member, Assistant Chief Angus Davison of the Belmont Fire Department. Angus has a very informative presentation on the topic of “NIST & UL Research on Modern Fires: What do You Need to Know?”

Following the presentation we will have a representative from the Brand Co. with a display of lighting products designed specifically for the fire service.

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt.128/I-95, take Exit 27A (Totten Pond Rd). Follow Totten Pond Rd to the end and turn right on Lexington St. follow Lexington St a short distance and you will see the Municipal Center on the left. Enter the training room from the “D-side” of the 9-1-1 Center.

SCHEDULE:

0930: Coffee, **1000:** Presentation, **1130:** Business Meeting, **1200:** Lunch (Off site)

PARKING:

Members are asked to enter from the “B” side of the Central Fire Station and park along the fence and down towards the training tower yard behind the fire station.



Belmont Assistant Chief Angus Davison

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 = \$0.00

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

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 11/06/2014

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 127.19
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 127.19
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 427.31
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 2,745.46
 Total \$ 3,299.96

Bills Paid October 2014 (Checking):

Nov.2014 Newsletter - Michael \$120.00 - 10/31
 Dunkin Donuts-Roche-Coffee-Meeting \$ 36.97 - 10/20
 TOTAL: \$ 156.97

Account Transfers:

Savings to Cking - \$100.00 for 10/22 meeting exp.
 Savings to Cking - \$120.00 for Oct. Bulletin exp.

Mailings

E-Mail - 88 Home - 37
Work - 8
 133

Membership Totals: 133

90 Active - 37 Retired - 6 Associate

There Were No New Member Who Recently Joined MIFDI:

- None

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 2015 dues will be due in January, 2015. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2014 for your 2014 dues.**
- 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.
- There were some name changes to our financial institutions in 2013. All of our depository accounts remain federally insured.

Respectfully submitted

11/06/2014

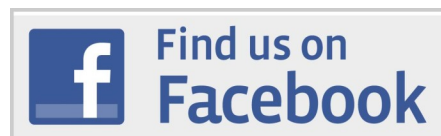
by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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.

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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 #578

The October meeting of MIFDI was held on October 22, 2014 hosted by the Mass DOT Rail & Transit Division. Members were given a tour and overview of the new MBTA Disaster Training Center located at 20 Foundry St in South Boston. This was a rare and fascinating tour of the state-of-the-art training facility created inside a former subway tunnel.


Members adjourned for lunch at nearby Amrheins Restaurant



CDC EBOLA GUIDANCE

EVALUATING INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS FOR LEVEL OF RISK

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|----------------------|---|
| HIGH RISK | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Direct contact with infected body fluids or with the body of a person who died of Ebola while not wearing personal protective equipment (PPE). |
| SOME RISK | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Close contact (within 3 feet) with a person showing symptoms of Ebola while not wearing PPE. ● Direct contact with a person showing symptoms of Ebola while wearing PPE. |
| LOW RISK | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Having been in a country with widespread Ebola less than 21 days ago with no known exposure. ● Brief contact, such as shaking hands, with a person who has Ebola, while not wearing PPE. ● Being in the same room for a short amount of time with a person who has Ebola ● Direct contact with a person showing symptoms of Ebola while wearing PPE. ● Travel on an airplane with a person showing symptoms of Ebola. |
| NO RISK | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact with a person with Ebola before symptoms began. ● Having been in a country with widespread Ebola transmission more than 21 days ago. ● In a country without widespread Ebola and no exposure. |


cdc.gov/ebola

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Deputy Chief Bruce N. Kilmer**, ACTIVE member of the Pittsfield Fire Department. Deputy Kilmer died suddenly while off duty on October 22, 2014 at age 60. He was a member of the PFD for 38-years and served as a member of the Massachusetts DFS District 5 Haz-Mat team. He also served on the Massachusetts Task Force-1 Urban Search & Rescue Team and traveled to New York City with the Task Force after the attack on 9/11. *May He Rest in Peace.*





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The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and best wishes to MIFDI member **Deputy Chief Christopher J. Kelly** upon his retirement from the Concord Fire Department. We hope for many years of good health and happiness for Chris.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 15, 2014: Statewide Exam: Fire Lieutenant & Captain
Good Luck!

November 19, 2014: **MIFDI** - Waltham

November 21, 2014: Mid-State Firefighter Safety & Survival Seminar
The Manor, West Boylston contact: www.midstateseminar.org

December 17, 2014: **MIFDI** – Fire Tech & Safety

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have.

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our October meeting was 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. Those in attendance were impressed with this state-of-the-art training facility. I thank Brian Long and Jim Richari from the MBTA for providing the tour and explanation of each of the training props created inside the former abandoned subway tunnel.

On October 6, I was honored to represent MIFDI at the groundbreaking ceremony of the new DFS Springfield Campus. The long-awaited Western Mass Fire Training Academy is progressing well and will be a great training facility for many of the departments in the western part of the state. The new facility is also expected alleviate some of the strain on the very active Stow campus and reduce the future waiting lists for recruit training.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Waltham on the 19th



Formal groundbreaking for the new DFS Springfield Campus

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

New Regional Fire Training Facility

The New Bedford Fire Department along with fire departments from Fairhaven and Mattapoisett, will soon open a new Regional Training Facility located on the grounds of a former city transfer station at 1103 Shawmut Ave.

The facility was funded through a 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The new facility will allow firefighters in the area to train and practice fire and rescue tactics under live-fire conditions.

Incorporated into the new facility are two “burn rooms”, an interchangeable maze to allow firefighters to practice navigating dark, confined spaces, forcible entry props, and a roof-vent prop which will allow firefighters to practice cutting ventilation holes in a roof.

