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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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Membership Dues:

Active \$ 30.00

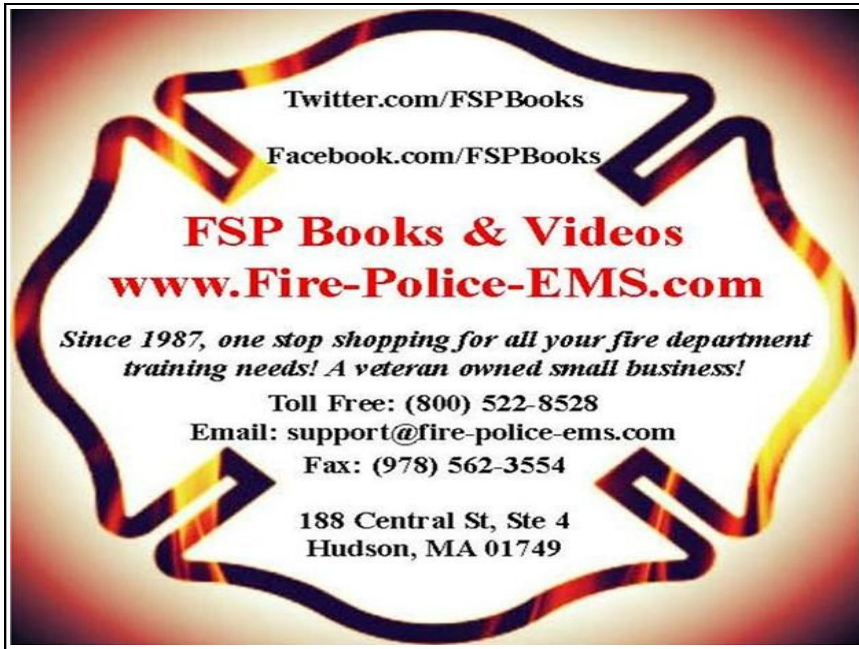
Retired \$ 15.00

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NOVEMBER MEETING:

The November meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, November 30, 2016 (NOTE: This is the 5th Wednesday)** hosted by the Wilmington Fire Department courtesy of MIFDI member Chief Richard McClellan. We will meet in the Training Room of Wilmington's Public Safety Building, #1 Adelaide St @ Church St. (Rt.62). There is ample parking behind the station. We last met in Wilmington in February 2013.

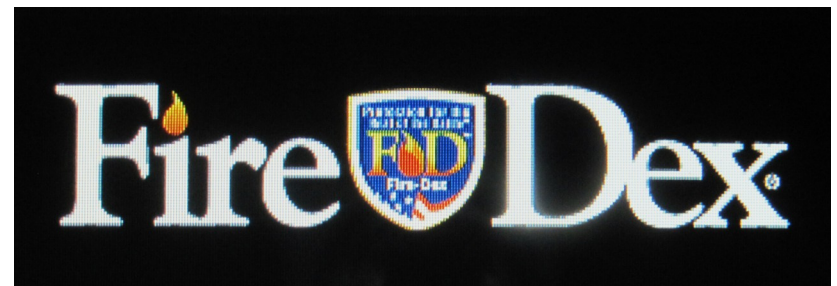
The training presentation will be provided by Mr. Jeff Koledo, National Sales Manager for FireDex. Jeff will offer a presentation on PPE including the latest standards, proper cleaning of PPE, bail-out systems, choices of helmets, boots, hoods, etc. There are a variety of choices of PPE for the fire service and PPE is constantly being improved upon for the safety of fire-fighters. We must remain informed with the all of the latest advances in PPE for our members as well as proper care and cleaning requirements.

SCHEDULE:

0900 Coffee, **1000** Presentation, **1130** Business Meeting, **1215** Lunch (Off Site)

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt. 495; Take Rt. 93 South to Exit 40 (Rt.62), turn left at the top of the ramp, follow Rt. 62 approx 2-miles and the station will be on the right.
From I-95/Rt.128; Take Rt.93 North (Exit 37B), follow 93 to Exit 38 (Rt.129), turn right at the top of the ramp onto Rt.129. Rt.129 will merge onto Rt.38. Follow Rt.38 a short distance to Rt. 62. Turn right onto Rt.62 and the station will be on your left.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/04/2016

Preferred C.U. Checking \$556.47

Preferred C.U. Savings \$428.23

Total: \$2,741.93

50/50 Raffle = \$0.00

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 120

Dues paid thru 2020 = 1

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1

Dues paid thru 2018 = 1

Dues paid thru 2017 = 19

Dues paid thru 2016 = 58

Dues paid thru 2015 = 40

Balances as of 11/14/2016

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 225.95

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 100.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 125.95

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 515.05

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,763.11

Total \$ 2,404.11

Bills Paid October 2016 (Checking):

November 2016 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 10/31

Brockton Fire Museum - Donation \$100.00 - 10/26

Dunkin Donuts-Coffee/Meeting-Roche \$ 29.98 - 10/26

BJs Wholesale-Food-Roche/Meeting \$ 14.99 - 10/25

Namesecure - renew mifdi.org 3 yrs. \$ 45.39 - 10/17

TOTAL: \$310.36

Account Transfers:

None

Mailings

E-Mail - 77 Home - 33

Work - 10

120

Membership Totals: 120

75 Active - 40 Retired - 5 Associate

There are no new members to welcome to MIFDI this month.

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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 2017 dues are due in January, 2017.**

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

(b) You may now use the 2017 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

11/14/2016

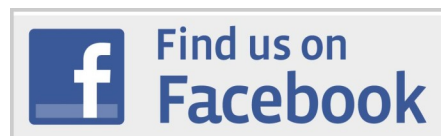
by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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

Please remember to add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2016. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renew before April 1st, 2016.

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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Phone: (978) 346-4731

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

\$15.00 for Retired members *(\$25 after April 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).

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

Dues are due by January 1st. Add a \$10.00 Late Fee after April 1, 2016.

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RECALL OF MEETING #2016-08

October MIFDI Meeting

Brockton Historical Society, Brockton, MA

October 26, 2016

President Roche opened the meeting at 10:00. He thanked the Brockton Historical Society for their hospitality and then introduced this month's speaker/presenter, Brockton Fire Chief Kevin Galligan (Ret.). Chief Galligan gave a great, albeit shortened, version of his presentation of 2 ½ Story Dwelling Fires. Copies of the handouts can be obtained by either Chief Galligan or Secretary Quinn. The Chief brought up many aspects of Incident Command Responsibilities, Strategic and Tactical Guides, as well as water supply considerations; too many to rely in this short report. After the presentation, President Roche gave Chief Galligan a \$100 donation from MIFDI for the Brockton Fire Museum, which is located on the same property.

President Roche then offered a moment of silence for Francis Cahill.

There was no Vice-president report or Treasurer's report.

Andy Connerty gave a report from the MA Fire Training Council.

Andy answered some questions regarding the difficulty and/or failure rate at the MFA with regards to the new curriculum. It appears that the issues surrounding the have worked out. Andy also reports that there is still no new director at the Academy and helped explain the inner working of the financial part of the funding at the DFS and MFA.

John O'Donahue spoke on the Elevator Code and that they are in their final stages of the 2013 Code.

Before adjoining, Chief Galligan spoke on the history of the Brockton Fire Museum (if you have not gone there before, it is certainly a must see).

Motion to adjoin and libations were had at the Chateau. The next meeting is on November 30th and will be in Wilmington at the Public Safety Building. The topic will be PPE and the care and cleaning of it.

EMS Run

Boston EMS Attack

During the midnight shift on October 30, 2016, Boston EMS responded for a Psychiatric emergency involving a male age 31 at his mother's south End apartment. The man had a history of Paranoid Schizophrenia. Shortly after arriving, EMS members, police and the individual's family were attempting to calm the man and convince to him to go to the hospital. Suddenly the distraught man pulled out a knife and threatened police and EMS members. After a violent struggle in attempt to retrieve the weapon, police were forced to shoot the attacker who later died.

The two EMT's suffered head and back injuries during the attack and were transported to the hospital. Although the man's family criticized police for the shooting, the EMT's credited police with saving their lives.

PRESIDENTS NOTE: It appears that we are responding to an increased number of "Psyche Calls" since the de-institutionalization of people with a history of psychiatric behavior. Although these calls are getting more routine and considered by some as a "nuisance call", the fact is that these people need help and their families are at the end of their rope when they get to the point of calling 9-1-1. The problem for us is that many individuals with psychiatric issues can turn against us in an instant and attack us without warning. We must always make certain that police are on scene before we enter to ensure that the scene is safe and NEVER let your guard down!



LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of former MIFDI member **District Chief Francis A. Cady** of the Boston Fire Department. Frank was appointed to the BFD in 1947 and retired in 1989 after 42-years. He died October 6, 2016. Chief Cady was a member of MIFDI in the 1980's while he served in the Training Division at Moon Island.
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For questions or more information please contact:
Melissa Hurley at 781.799.4406 or melissa@mjhcomm.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 19, 2016: Statewide Exam for Lieutenant & Captain
GOOD LUCK!

November 29, 2016: Massachusetts Firefighter of the Year Awards
Mechanics Hall, Worcester

November 30, 2016: MIFDI – Wilmington

December 21, 2016: MIFDI – Fire Tech & Safety

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have.**

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department**

The October meeting of MIFDI was an excellent presentation on “2-1/2 Story Dwelling Fires” provided by MIFDI member/ Past President Kenneth Galligan. Chief Galligan’s presentation should be a must for every company officer and incident commander as he points out many important observations when arriving at fires in these common structures. I thank Chief Galligan for offering this program for MIFDI as well as hosting MIFDI at the Brockton Historical Society.

A reminder, the 2016 AFG (Assistance to Firefighter Grant) application period opens on October 11 and closes on November 18. To learn more about the application process, go to www.fema.gov and search “AFG”.

It is that time again when we ask for members to continue their membership with MIFDI for 2017 by paying their dues. Dues checks made out to MIFDI may be brought to the meeting or mailed to: MIFDI, P.O. Box 507, Merrimac MA 01860. Dues remain at \$30 for Active, \$15 for Retired, and \$100 for Associate.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you in Wilmington on the 30th.



Chief Ken Galligan presenting for MIFDI on October 26

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:***Risk of Impact Injuries from Top-Load Washing Machines***

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced the recall of Samsung top-load washing machines due to the risk of impact injuries. The washing machine top can unexpectedly and forcefully detach from the washing machine chassis during use posing a risk of injury.

The recall involves 34 models of Samsung top-load washing machines. The washing machines have mid-controls or rear-controls. Model numbers and serial information can be located on two labels affixed to the back of the machine.

Samsung received 733 reports of washing machines experiencing excessive vibration or the top detaching from the chassis. There are nine related reports of injuries, including a broken jaw, injured shoulder, and other impact or fall related injuries.

PRESIDENT’S NOTE: Firefighters should be aware of this household hazard when responding to a report of a loud vibration or explosion in the basement, do not always assume the explosion to be a delayed ignition in the oil burner. Precaution should be taken when approaching these washers when in operation. Immediately shut down the unit and disconnect the power. At least if you come across an incident of an “exploding washer”, you will have a better understanding of what may have happened and you can ask the homeowner “Is this a Samsung washer?”

