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 2014 Membership Application & Invoice
 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2014**

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DECEMBER MEETING:

The December meeting of MIFDI will be hosted once again by FIRE TECH & SAFETY on **Wednesday, December 18, 2013 (NOTE: This is the THIRD Wednesday)**. The meeting will be held at the Fire Tech & Safety NEW facility located at 90 Progress Ave, Tyngsborough (Just off Rt.3). MIFDI last met at Fire Tech in December 2012.

The presentation will be provided by a representative from SCOTT with an update on NFPA 1981 and the changes with SCBA including:
Facepiece lens integrity
Voice Communication intelligibility
End of air time from 25% to 33%

Following the presentation, we will be allowed a tour of Fire Tech's service facility and equipment showroom.

SCHEDULE:

0930 Coffee, 1000 Presentation, 1130 Facility Tour, 1145 Business Meeting, 1200 Lunch (on site)

DIRECTIONS:

FROM RT. 128 or RT. 495, take Rt. 3 North to Exit 35 (Rt. 113). Take Rt. 113 West to the first left just over the bridge, that is Cummings Rd. Continue one-half mile to Progress Ave. on the left. NOTE: Progress Ave is a horse-shoe street so take the second left and Fire Tech is the first building on the right. They may not have their sign up yet so look for the #90.

***A REMINDER TO CHECK THE MIFDI
WEBSITE FOR MEETING
CANCELLATIONS DURING THE WINTER
MONTHS.***

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/04/2013

GVCCU Checking \$ 9.99

GVCCU Savings \$563.28

ING Savings \$1,686.50

Total: \$2,259.77

Bills Paid November 2013 (Checking):

Dec. 2013 Newsletter - Michael \$120.00 - 11/30

TOTAL: \$120.00

50/50 Raffle = \$94.00

Account Transfers:

Winner = Captain David Melanson \$47.00 NONE

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = \$47.00 - Deposited.

Total active members = 128

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1

Dues paid thru 2017 = 1

Dues paid thru 2016 = 0

Dues paid thru 2015 = 3

Dues paid thru 2014 = 23

Dues paid thru 2013 = 98

Dues paid thru 2012 = 2

Mailings

E-Mail - 83 Home - 36

Work - 9

128

Balances as of 12/09/2013

GVCCU Checking: \$ 336.61

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 120.00)

GVCCU Cking. Balance: \$ 216.61

GVCCU Savings Balance: \$ 161.31

ING Savings Balance: \$ 2,735.41

Total \$ 3,113.33

Membership Totals: 128

88 Active - 34 Retired - 6 Associate

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY JOINED MIFDI:

- Doug Corbett - Cintas
- Michael A. Hazel - Chief - Tewksbury Fire Department

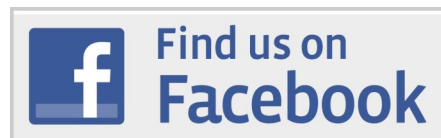
Treasurer Notes:

(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 2014 dues will be due in January, 2014. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2013 for your 2013 dues.

(b) You may now use the 2014 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**12/09/2013****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, 2013.**

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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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RECALL OF MEETING #570

President Roche opened the meeting at 10:00 am. He thanked Chief Thomas Conway for hosting the November meeting at Billerica Fire Headquarters. President Roche introduced Doug Corbett, Fire Alarm Training Coordinator from CINTAS Fire Protection, who gave a presentation covering the operations of different fire alarms including older type and newer addressable systems, initiating devices and signaling devices, as well as elevator operations. This presentation, which normally last anywhere from 2-2½ hours, was extremely informative and if anyone is interested in having Mr. Corbett come to our department for this type of training, please contact Bob Hill at (978) 388-0023. The training is FREE and can be scheduled after March or April of 2014.

Chief Conway wanted to share an incident that happened in Billerica on October 7th regarding a May-Day. Billerica Fire Captain Joe Bradley, who was at the incident, provided an excellent presentation of the incident with radio traffic and real-time photographs.

Treasurer Michael McLeieer gave his report and reminded the membership that the “Dues are Due.” In addition, he reminded the membership that when they send their check, make sure that they send in their Membership Application as well. Treasurer McLeieer reminded us that the FDIC is coming up in April. Also he has a PowerPoint Presentation on Hazardous Material Awareness and if anyone was interested please contact him and he will send it to you.

The Assistance to Firefighter Grant applications, which are due December 6, 2013, is lower than expected. He reminded us all to not forget the deadline and if you have not decided what to put in for, Fire Prevention related items are usually low, and are more apt to be picked.

There were two new members in attendance: Captain Tony O’Brien from Everett and Lieutenant Chris Ford from Lexington.

Dave Gallagher from Northeast Rescue Systems displayed a new feature on the Morning Pride-Honeywell fire helmets. This new feature, where the eye protection that recesses into the helmet, has been modified and the eye protection “floats,” which appears to be a better design.

MIFDI’s Massachusetts Fire Training Council representative Andy Connerty reported that Shawn Murray was the new Director at the Massachusetts Fire Academy and other than the Springfield academy and the procuring of apparatus there was not much happening.

The next MIFDI meeting will be held on the 3rd Wednesday (December 18), due to Christmas falling on the 4th Wednesday. That meeting will be held at Fire Tech in Tyngsboro, MA. Scott Aviation will be there to present on SCBAs.

There was no Good and Welfare

There was a Motion to Adjourn, 2nd at 12:35 and the membership continued networking informally at Rick’s Café for a complimentary buffet courtesy of Billerica Fire Chief Conway.

LAST ALARM:

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our condolences to the family and friends of **Call-Captain Michael E. Curnyn** of the Holliston Fire Department who died at his home on November 21, 2013.



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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to MIFDI member, **Chief Glen Rogers** of Manchester-By-The-Sea, for competing in and successfully completing the "Iron Man Florida 2013" competition held on November 3.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 18, 2013: **MIFDI** – Fire Tech & Safety

December 19, 2013: Massachusetts Firefighter of the Year Awards
MIT Kresge Auditorium, Cambridge www.mass.gov/dfs

January 19, 2014: FDSOA 2014 Apparatus Symposium
Buena Vista, FL www.fdsoa.org

January 22, 2014: **MIFDI** – Needham

February 16-20, 2014: Firehouse World 2014
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February 26, 2014: **MIFDI**

March 26, 2014: **MIFDI** – DFS/MFA

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have.

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

Our November meeting provided members with an overview of the different types of fire alarm systems and detection devices that we encounter each day. These systems are in place to help us reduce fire deaths and property loss within our communities. It is important for us to stay ahead with changes to better understand the various options of these systems and restoring them back to normal operations. I thank Doug Corbett of Fire Alarm Systems Institute for offering this program to MIFDI. To arrange fire alarm training awareness for your department, you can contact Doug at corbettd@cintas.com

I also thank Chief Thomas Conway and the members of the Billerica Fire Department for once again hosting MIFDI at their facility, and I thank Captain Joseph Bradley for sharing his personal experience of a MAYDAY incident which occurred in Billerica on October 7.

It is that time when we remind our members to submit your annual dues for 2014 membership. Don't put it off or wait until January when many other payments are due. Make checks payable to MIFDI and mail it to P.O. Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860. MIFDI dues remain a bargain at \$25.00 for active, \$12.50 for retired, and \$100.00 for Associate.

For those unable to attend our December meeting, I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or joyful holiday to those celebrating the season in other faiths. And finally, a wish to all for a safe and healthy 2014.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you at FireTech on the 18th.

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