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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
2016 Membership Application & Invoice
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2016

**Your MIFDI Dues
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**or Join MIFDI for
the first time.**

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Membership Type:

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Membership Dues:

Active \$ 30.00

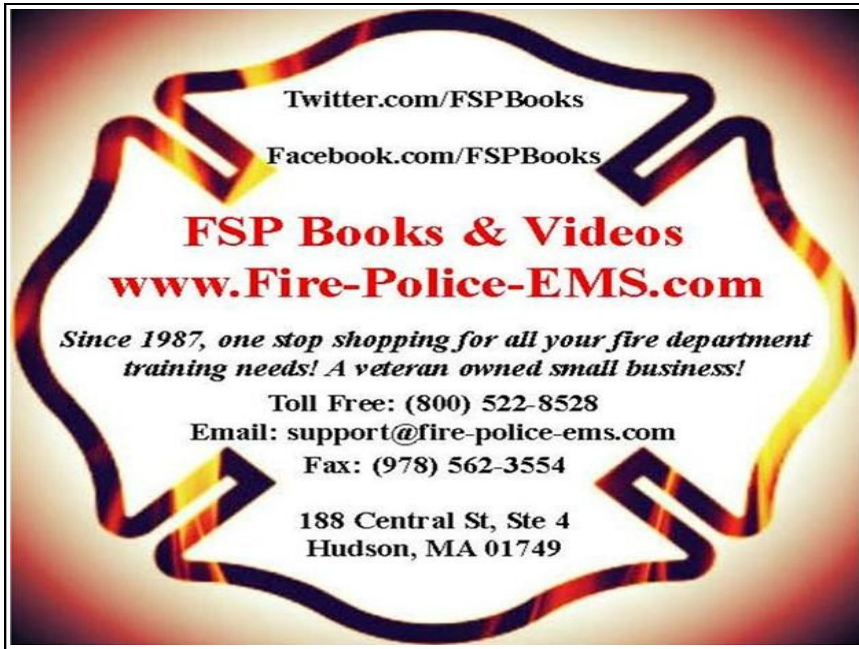
Retired \$ 15.00

Associate \$100.00

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Please mail completed Application with check or money order payable to:

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DECEMBER MEETING:

The December meeting of MIFDI will be hosted once again by FIRE TECH & SAFETY on **Wednesday, December 16, 2015** (NOTE: This is the **THIRD** Wednesday).

The meeting will be held at the Fire Tech & Safety facility located at 90 Progress Ave, Tyngsborough (Just off Rt.3). MIFDI last met at Fire Tech in December 2014.

Fire Tech always arranges an informative presentation for MIFDI on the latest in fire, safety, and rescue products. This year we will be offered an update on SCOTT Safety products. We did have a program on SCOTT Safety in 2013 however, SCBA is our most important piece of firefighting equipment and we must stay informed of improvements and upgrades with SCBA.

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

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 01/02/2015

Preferred C.U. Checking \$267.67

Preferred C.U. Savings \$427.51

CapitalOne360 Savings \$2,747.29

Total: \$3,442.47

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = None

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 129

Dues paid thru 2020 = 1

Dues paid thru 2019 = 1

Dues paid thru 2017 = 4

Dues paid thru 2016 = 24

Dues paid thru 2015 = 79

Dues paid thru 2014 = 20

Balances as of 12/05/2015

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 454.43

Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)

PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 454.43

PCU Savings Balance: \$ 428.05

CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,756.63

Total \$ 2,639.11

Bills Paid November 2015 (Checking):

Dec 2015 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 11/30

TOTAL \$120.00

Account Transfers:Mailings

E-Mail - 85 Home - 36

Work - 8

129

Membership Totals: 129

82 Active - 43 Retired - 4 Associate

We Welcome These New Members to MIFDI:

- Michael Ragucci - Deputy Chief - Everett
- Ryan Nicholson - Captain - Watertown (Welcome Back!!)
- Kevin Browne - Captain - Burlington

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

12/05/2015

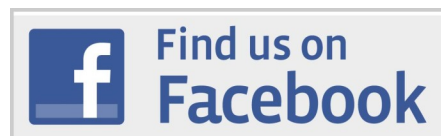
by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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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 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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Merrimac, MA 01860-0510

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.

RECALL OF MEETING 2015-08

Once AGAIN, nothing received from your secretary.

Respectfully,

Scott D Maker

Editor, The MIFDI Bulletin

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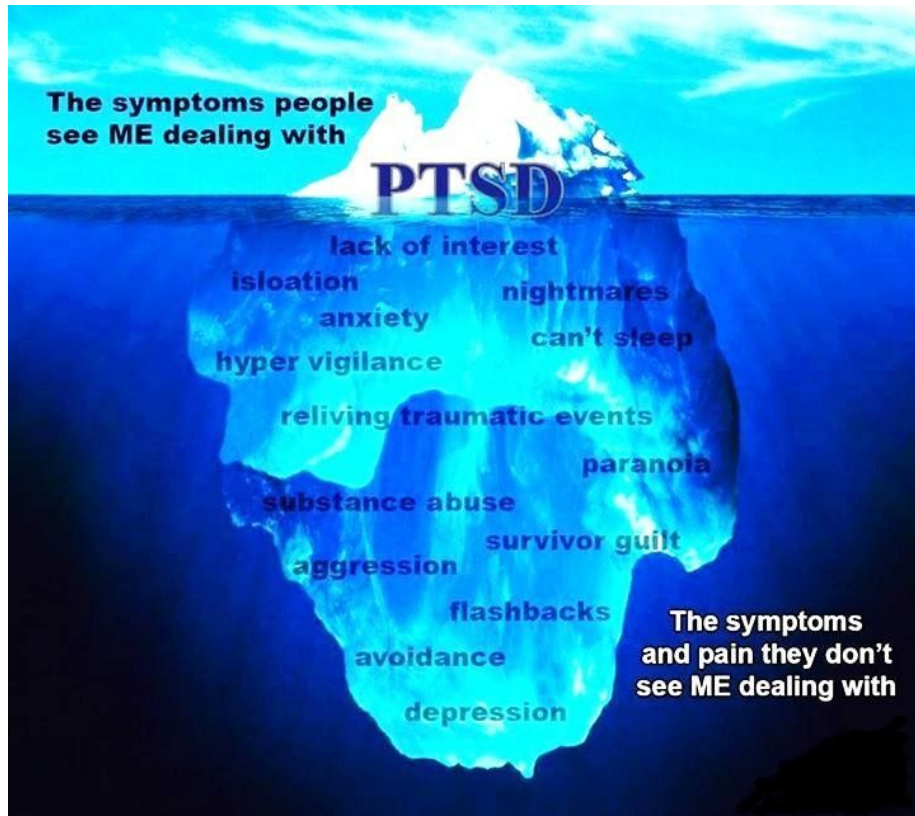
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CONGRATULATIONS:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to member **Chief Glen Rogers** of the Manchester MA Fire Department upon his retirement on December 4, 2015. Glen was appointed Chief of Dept. in November 2012 after serving for many years on the Falmouth Fire Department. He formerly served as MIFDI representative on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 18-22, 2016: 29th Annual Safety & Apparatus Spec. Symposium
Scottsdale, AZ www.fdssoa.org

January 27, 2016: **MIFDI** – Shrewsbury

January 31 to February 4: FireHouse World
San Diego, CA
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April 18-23, 2016: FDIC 2016 Conference & Expo
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have.

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our November meeting held ENERGI in Peabody provided us with an interesting perspective on how the actions of the fire service can affect the clean-up cost at a spill in our community. We in the fire service are always conscious of reducing damage during a structure fire by placing salvage covers on furniture and minimizing water damage. The same mindset should be applied to product spills along our roadways, i.e. diking and booming ahead of the spill, minimizing the use of water and/or foam as much as possible, covering the storm drains quickly, and there may be times when the best option is to just let the product burn and protect exposures. Our presenter also pointed out how fire departments can be compensated for costs from a response to a spill which includes: apparatus usage, equipment used, overtime for coverage/back-filling, etc. I thank Joe DiFranco for this informative presentation as well as the staff at ENERGI for their great hospitality. Special thanks to Chief Steven Pasdon of the Peabody Fire Department and the crew of Engine 7 for displaying their new apparatus prior to our meeting. Finally, thanks to MIFDI Secretary, Captain Ted Quinn for arranging this presentation for MIFDI.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you at Fire Tech on the 16th. If you are unable to attend the December meeting, I wish you a safe and happy holiday season.



Peabody Engine 7, 2015 KME, on display for MIFDI at ENERGI

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

New DFS Springfield Campus



The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services new Springfield Campus was formerly dedicated on December 1, 2015 and the first Recruit Firefighter Training class has officially begun at the new facility.

The \$13.4 million project was constructed on the site of the former Springfield Fire Department Training Center at 100 Grochmal Ave. This new facility has long been a desire of both DFS and the Western Massachusetts Fire Chiefs and was a major priority of State Fire Marshal Steven Coan to ensure that this new state-of-the-art firefighting academy become a reality to serve the fire departments in the western part of the Commonwealth.

The new 18,000 sq ft building is equipped with classrooms, auditorium, locker room and showers, equipment storage, and three full apparatus bays. The 6-acre campus includes a 3-store live fire burn building and a 5-story training tower. In addition, the new facility will provide office space for the Massachusetts State Police Fire Investigation Unit West Team as well as the Code Compliance & Enforcement Western Mass Unit. DFS Special Operations vehicles will also be housed there. As part of a state/local partnership, the Springfield Fire Department Training division will also share access to the facility. This is a major forward advancement for fire service training in Massachusetts.