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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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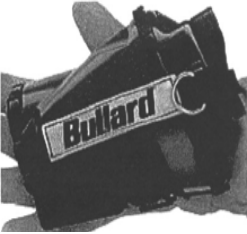
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**SEPTEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE:**

The 488th MIFDI Meeting will be held **Wednesday, September 28, 2005** hosted by the Department of Fire Services / Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow. This is our semi-annual visit to the MFA courtesy of Fire Marshal Stephen Coan and MFA Interim Director Richard Farrar. Please be sure to sign in at the front reception desk.

Our program be "**Oil Burners 101**" provided by David Beaudin, a member of the Department of Fire Services. David's presentation will include basic operation and recent code changes. For those interested a tour of the facility and latest equipment will be arranged.

The MFA food cafeteria is back in operation and appropriately named "Jakes".

**SCHEDULE:**

**0900** Coffee, **1000** Presentation, **1130** Business meeting, **1200** Lunch

**DIRECTIONS:**

**From Rt.128/I 95:** Take Rt. 20 west to Rt.27 in Wayland. Turn right onto Rt.27 and continue until Rt. 27 makes a right towards Maynard. **DO NOT TURN RIGHT**, continue straight for approx 3 miles and the Academy will be on the right.

**From Rt.495 North:** Take Rt. 85 (Exit 25) towards Hudson. At the traffic light, turn left onto Rt.85. Turn right onto Broad St. (First traffic light), and at the second traffic light, turn right onto Rt.62. Continue straight until Rt.62 takes a left toward Stow. **DO NOT TURN LEFT**, continue straight for approx 4 miles and the Academy will be on your left.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>Beginning Balances for 1/2005</b>		<b>Bills Paid September 2005</b>	
Checking	172.36	Sept 05 Newsletter	\$105.00 Mike
<u>Savings</u>	<u>1327.88</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1500.24</b>		

50/50 Raffle = Collected  
 Winner =  
 Deposit from 50/50 Raffle =

Owed to treasurer for Mailings	\$ 32.00- thru Aug 19, 2005
Labels	\$ 20.00
	\$ 52.00

<b>Total members = 116</b>
Dues paid thru 2006 = 8
Dues paid thru 2005 = 72
Dues paid thru 2004 = 36

<b>Mailings</b>	
E-Mail - 28	Home - 77
	<u>Work - 11</u>
	88

<b>Balances as of 8/19/05</b>	
Checking	33.70
<u>Savings</u>	<u>1282.31</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1316.01</b>

<b>Membership Totals</b>	
82 Active - 30 Retired - 4 Associate	

**New Members**

- Firefighter Mike J. Barry Jr., Hudson Fire Department
- Firefighter/Instructor Kevin Galligan, Brockton Fire Department
- Terence Koen, Training - Boston Fire Department, (Retired)
- Lieutenant James Potts, Swampscott Fire Department
- Captain Stanislaus Skarzynski Jr., Springfield Fire Department

*Treasurer Notes:*

- (a) Transferred \$50.00 from Savings to Checking to pay for September Newsletter
- (b) 2004 memberships owed total \$ 950.00 (date paid thru on mailing label)
- (c) Monthly Coffee & Danish cost to association from May "04" thru June "05" (\$ 325.00)

Respectfully submitted 8/19/2005  
 David M. Jardin  
 MIFDI Treasurer  
 Fire Chief – Stoughton

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**\*Dues are 25.00 per year for Active 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).

**\*Retired members dues are 12.50 for one calendar year (January 1 through December 31).**

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**RECALL OF MEETING #487**

The 487th meeting of MIFDI was held on June 22, 2005 hosted by the Natick Fire Department courtesy of Chief James Brien and MIFDI member Captain James Sheridan. The training program was presented by District Chief Michael McNamee of the Worcester Fire Department. Chief McNamee provided a power-point presentation on the topic of "Incident Scene Safety". Chief McNamee spoke on the importance of getting everyone on the same sheet of music by establishing Standard Operating Guidelines, having an Incident Command system in place, assigning a Rapid Intervention Crew or "RIC Team" at every structural fire, and most importantly dedicating a Fireground Safety Officer to report directly to the Incident Commander.

Following the presentation, President Roche conducted a brief business meeting. Members unanimously voted to donate \$50 from MIFDI to sponsor MIFDI Treasurer David Jardin for participation in the P.M.C. Member Steve Persson gave an in-depth report on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council. The meeting adjourned to Agostino's Restaurant in Downtown Natick for a superb lunch.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** nothing submitted

**OLD BUSINESS:-** nothing to report

**MFTC UPDATE:** – nothing to report

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### **LAST ALARM:**

The President of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors regrets to announce the death of longtime MIFDI member **Deputy Chief James S. Harrington, Sr.**, Cambridge Fire Department (Retired). Jim died suddenly on July 10, 2005 at Massachusetts General Hospital, he was 71 years old. Jim was an Instructor at the fire academy for many years and anyone that attended the academy in the past 25 years can remember Jim's no-nonsense, but fair style of teaching. He was a member of the Cambridge Fire Department for 38 years, retiring in 1999. He was always a professional, a true gentleman, and a friend to many of us. Firefighters from Saugus to Chicopee attended Jim's funeral in Cambridge to pay tribute to this fire service legend. Our condolences are offered to Jim's wife Verna, his many children and stepchildren, 23 grandchildren, and one great grandson. May he Rest In Peace.

*Brother Firefighters pay tribute to Deputy James Harrington Sr.  
Mark Roche photo.*



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The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences for two active members of the Boston Fire Department that died in June. **Firefighter Dennis M. Roshier** of Engine Co 2, died June 25, 2005 at age 49. **Firefighter Willie M. Brown** of Engine Co 14 died on June 29, 2005 at age 57. May they rest in peace.

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors also offer condolences to family and friends of **Firefighter/Paramedic Peter Heffernan** of the Westwood Fire Department. Peter died from injuries sustained from a motorcycle accident in Plainville on August 16, 2005. He was 33 years old and a member of the WFD since March 16, 2003. May he rest in peace.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to **Mark Dolloff** of the Stoughton Fire Department on his recent promotion to Deputy Chief. Mark is a 22 year member of the S.F.D. with a long family history on the department as well. He is a friend to many in this organization and we wish him well in his new position.

**GOOD & WELFARE:**



A fine time was had by all at a luncheon with Mort Shurtleff on August 10 at Christo's Restaurant in Brockton. The get-together was our summer social event to offer support for our "senior man"!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

September 11, 2005: 4th. Anniversary of the Attack on America  
*Never forget those who died to save others*

September 9-11, 2005: Maine State Fire Convention  
Houlton, ME Contact: [www.houlton.net](http://www.houlton.net)

September 14-18, 2005: IAFF Fallen Firefighters Memorial  
Colorado Springs, CO Contact: [www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org)

September 23, 2005: Greenwood Emergency Vehicles Open House  
North Attleborough, MA Contact: [www.greenwoodev.com](http://www.greenwoodev.com)

September 24, 2005: Antique Fire Apparatus Parade & Muster  
Waltham Common, Moody St. & Carter St., Waltham, MA  
Parade 10:30-11:30am, Muster 12 noon to 4pm

September 27, 2005: Grant Writing Workshop For The Fire Service  
Merrimac, MA Contact: [www.theideabank.com](http://www.theideabank.com)

September 28 & 29, 2005: Mass. Fire & Life Safety Education Conference  
Westford Regency Conference Ctr. Contact: [www.mass.gov/dfs/pubedconf](http://www.mass.gov/dfs/pubedconf)

October 3-8, 2005: F.D.I.C. East  
Atlantic City, NJ Contact: [www.fdiceast.com](http://www.fdiceast.com)

October 9-15, 2005: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
The 2005 campaign is "Candle Safety"

October 23-27, 2005: IAFF Redmond Symposium  
Honolulu, HI Contact: [www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org)

October 23-28, 2005: Fire Dept. Safety Officers Association Conference  
Orlando, FL Contact: [www.fdsoa.org](http://www.fdsoa.org)

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

**Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department**

Another summer is over and a new season of MIFDI has begun. I hope that everyone got to take some time out to decompress from the hectic pace of everyday life. I want to thank all those who took the time on such short notice to attend the luncheon with Mort Shurtleff on August 10 at Christo's Restaurant in Brockton. The get-together was our summer social event to offer support for our "senior man" as he continues to battle his difficult illness. It was a memorable afternoon with a lot of "war stories" (some embellished of course) and everyone had a great time. Hang in there Mort and we hope to see you at the September meeting!

A sincere thank you to District Chief Michael McNamee of the Worcester Fire Department for his informative presentation at the June meeting on the important subject of "Incident Scene Safety". Those who were unable to attend this meeting missed an enlightening topic presented by Chief McNamee. I also want to thank Chief James Brien and MIFDI member Captain James Sheridan of the Natick Fire Department for hosting our June meeting in the state-of-the-art amphitheatre located in their impressive new Public Safety Building.

I am sorry to report that the fire service lost a giant over the summer with the death of MIFDI member Jim Harrington on July 10. Many of our members attended the wake and funeral service for Jim with an impressive turnout for his final farewell. (See "Last Alarm" report).

Congratulations to MIFDI Treasurer, Chief David Jardin of the Stoughton Fire Department who successfully completed the Pan-Mass Challenge bike-a-thon on August 6th & 7th. The P.M.C. is a 192-mile bike ride from Sturbridge to Provincetown to raise funds for cancer research and treatment at the Jimmy Fund of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. You can still mail a donation for this important event directly to Dave or go online to the PMC website @ [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org) and enter Dave's ID# DJ0027.

On behalf of this organization I want to offer our support to Firefighter Neil Sullivan of the Melrose Fire Department who had a leg amputated due to severe injuries received in the line-of-duty after being crushed between two pieces of apparatus during a 3-alarm fire on August 7, 2005. Firefighter Sullivan is 34 years old and has a wife and infant son. A fund has been established to help with their future by donating to: *Firefighter Neil Sullivan Fund, Melrose Municipal Credit Union, 616 Main St., Melrose, MA 02176.*

I hope to see you all at the "Academy" on the 28th. Until then, stay safe.

Mark

## INSTRUCTORS CORNER

**"Death in the line of duty"**

**NIOSH Firefighter Fatality Investigation Report F2004-19**

On April 30, 2004, a 58 year-old male career firefighter sustained a fatal head injury when he fell from a moving, cab-forward engine. The engine was responding to a reported gas odor with a driver and officer in the cab, and two firefighters, including the victim, seated in the open jump seats. Upon departure from the station, the engine made a right turn from the apron onto the street. During this turn, the victim fell out of the drivers side jump seat door landing on the street and striking his head. He was treated at the scene for head trauma and transported to a local hospital. He died from his injuries three days after the incident on May 3, 2004. The death certificate listed the cause of death as blunt force head trauma.

On May 4, 2004, the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) notified the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of this fatality. On June 23, 2004, a safety and occupational health specialist from the NIOSH Firefighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program investigated the incident. The NIOSH investigator met with the Chief of Department, the Department Administrative and Medical Officer, the Maintenance Supervisor, the Training & Safety Officer, and the crew members who were on the responding apparatus. The police report, the training records of the victim, standard operating procedures, department training records and procedures, dispatch sheets, apparatus maintenance records, and the death certificate were reviewed. The NIOSH investigator also spoke with, and reviewed evidence collected by police officers who investigated the incident.

NIOSH investigators concluded that, to minimize the risk of similar occurrences, fire departments should:

***Recommendation #1: Fire departments should ensure that all persons responding in emergency apparatus are secured by seat belts, or safety restraints, at all times the vehicle is in motion.***

***Recommendation #2: Fire departments should ensure that routine apparatus maintenance includes documented inspections of all seating areas.***

***Recommendation #3: Fire departments should ensure, when feasible, that each crew riding position is within a fully enclosed personnel area.***

***Recommendation #4: Fire departments should insure that all interior crew and driving compartment door handles are designed and installed to protect against inadvertent opening.***

***Recommendation #5: Fire departments should ensure that the donning or doffing of equipment and personal protective clothing that requires removal of any restraining device is prohibited while the vehicle is in motion.***

(NOTE: The full NIOSH report may be read at [www.cdc.gov/niosh/face200419.html](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/face200419.html))