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 2020 Membership Application & Invoice  
 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2020**

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

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<b><u>Membership Type:</u></b>	<b><u>Send Bulletin To:</u></b>	<b><u>Membership Dues:</u></b>
<b><u>circle one</u></b>	<b><u>circle one</u></b>	<b><u>Active</u></b> \$ 35.00
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<b><u>Retired</u></b>	<b><u>Work</u></b>	<b><u>Associate</u></b> \$100.00
<b><u>Associate</u></b>	<b><u>E-mail</u></b>	

**There is also a \$10 late fee if dues are paid after April 1st**  
**Please mail completed Application with check or money order payable to:**

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## APRIL MEETING

The April meeting of MIFDI **WAS to be held** on **Wednesday, April 22, 2020** hosted by the Brookline Fire Department courtesy of Chief John Sullivan. We were to meet in the NEW Training Division classroom located in the rear of Fire Station 6, 962 Hammond St. We last met in Brookline for our January 2017 meeting.

Our training was to be provided Bob Mitchell of Mitchell Associates Architects. Bob will provide a presentation on the important topic of "Proper PPE Decon & Laundry Design" for the fire service.

## SCHEDULE:

**MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

## DIRECTIONS:

From Rt.128, take Exit 20A (Rt.9 EAST). Follow Rt.9 approx 6-traffic lights (3.4 miles). Turn right at the 6<sup>th</sup> light onto Hammond St. (former gas station on corner). Follow Hammond St .08 miles and the firehouse will be on the left. Turn into the driveway on the D-Side of the station to the rear drill yard where there is plenty of parking.



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2020  
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$226.28  
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$779.17  
 CapitalOneSav. Balance \$1,207.14  
 Total: \$2,212.59

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 95

Dues paid thru 2025 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 2  
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 2  
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 62  
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 16  
 Dues paid thru 2018 = 10  
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 2

Balances as of 04/12/2020

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 291.03  
 Less uncleared checks: \$ ( 0.00)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 291.03  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,385.39  
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,208.34  
 Total \$ 2,884.76

There are no new members who joined MIFDI.

- None

*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 2020 dues were due in January, 2020. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2020 for your 2020 dues.**
- (b) You may now use the 2020 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.

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, late fees for dues payments will be waived.**

Respectfully submitted

04/12/2020

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

978-346-4731

Email: mifditreasurer@escapeinc.org

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

**MIFDI will also accept credit card payments. Contact Michael McLeieer for details.**

**Active Member dues is \$35 / Retired Member dues is \$15 / Associate Member dues is \$100**

**Please remember to still add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2020. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renewed before April 1, 2020.**

Bills Paid March, 2020 (None):

No Bulletin due to COVID-19 - No Expense -  
 TOTAL: \$ 0.00

Account Transfers:

Preferred CU Cking to Savings - \$900.00 - 04/12/2020

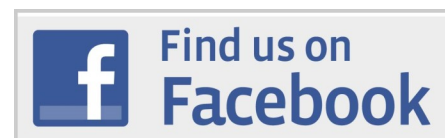
Mailings

E-Mail - 56 Home - 24  
 Work - 15  
 Total: 95

Membership Totals: 95

58 Active - 33 Retired - 4 Associate

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PLEASE NOTE NEW Email: mifditreasurer@escapeinc.org

\*Dues are \$35.00 per year for Active members \*(\$45 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, 2020.

## RECALL OF MEETING #2020-03

The March meeting of MIFDI was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 hosted by the Department of Fire Services/ Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow.

Our training program was to be provided by Dan Rinaldi of the Providence Fire Department. Dan has a fascinating presentation on a MAYDAY that he experienced during a fire in Providence. We plan to reschedule this training program in the fall.



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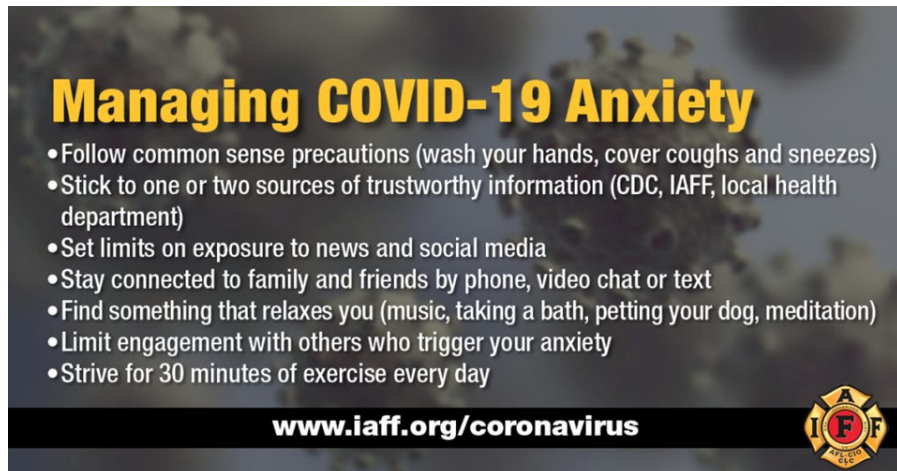










**EMS Run**



**Managing COVID-19 Anxiety**

- Follow common sense precautions (wash your hands, cover coughs and sneezes)
- Stick to one or two sources of trustworthy information (CDC, IAFF, local health department)
- Set limits on exposure to news and social media
- Stay connected to family and friends by phone, video chat or text
- Find something that relaxes you (music, taking a bath, petting your dog, meditation)
- Limit engagement with others who trigger your anxiety
- Strive for 30 minutes of exercise every day

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**LAST ALARM:**

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of MIFDI member **Chief Malcolm S. MacGregor** of the Acton Fire Department (Retired). Chief MacGregor died on February 21, 2020 at age 91. He was appointed to the Acton Fire Dept. in 1949, promoted to Lieutenant in 1963, promoted to Captain in 1968 and appointed Chief of Dept. in 1975. Malcolm retired in 1990 after 40-years service.



The Massachusetts Institute of fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the following members of the fire service that we lost during the month of March;

**Firefighter Anthony Thompson** (ACTIVE) of the Boston Fire Department died on March 10, 2020 at age 57 from occupational cancer.

**Firefighter Thomas Carlson** volunteer member of the Heath Fire Department died on March 13, 2020 at age 62.

**Fire Alarm Operator Silvio "Sy" Uliano** (ACTIVE) of the Lawrence Fire Department died on March 17, 2020 at age 63.

***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE***

### CONGRATULATIONS

The Officers & Members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors congratulate MIFDI Member **Richard Ripley** of the Lynnfield Fire Department upon his appointment as Assistant Chief of the Wayland Fire Department on March 9, 2020. We wish you great success in your new position Rich!



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

***MANY OF THE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED EVENTS HAVE EITHER BEEN CANCELLED OR RESCHEDULED.***

***WE HOPE TO HAVE AN UPDATED LIST OF UPCOMING FIRE SERVICE EVENTS ONCE WE ARE PAST THIS PANDEMIC***

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## **REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

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

These past several weeks have been some of the most difficult weeks in our lifetime. I am hopeful that we all get through this pandemic safely. Those of us responding to the rapidly increased number of EMS calls are the most vulnerable, however, if we wear proper PPE including; gloves, N-95 masks and perform decon procedures after every run, we can reduce our risk and maintain our safety. We are at war with this terrible virus and the fire service is always on the front-lines 24/7 doing what we are sworn to do, helping those in need.

I regret having to cancel the March meeting and regretfully again we must cancel the April meeting. I am hopeful that we can get back on track for the May27 meeting. We will try to keep everyone informed as things are changing daily.

Stay safe and strong, we will all get through this together!



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## **INSTRUCTORS CORNER:**

The Department of Fire Services has announced that the first Career Recruit Firefighter Training Class recently graduated from the 10-week course at the new Bridgewater Campus of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. There were 14 recruits from eight South Shore area fire departments in Class #BW01.

The facility is located at 911 Conant Street, Bridgewater on the grounds of the former Department of Corrections property. The DFS has made many improvements to the site with plans underway for a new Live Fire Training Building. This is another great forward step for fire service training in Massachusetts.

