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**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors - Tax ID: 04-2307216  
 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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**There is also a \$10 late fee if dues are paid after April 1st**  
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### MAY MEETING NOTICE

We reluctantly once again decided to cancel the May MIFDI meeting scheduled for May 27 to be on the safe side of this pandemic and the mandatory social distancing requirements in the Commonwealth.

Although the restrictions are expected to be lifted during the week of May 18, many meeting locations may not be ready to host a gathering of members for training presentations.

Our May meeting is usually the popular FDIC recap presented by Michael McLeieer focusing on some of the more popular presentations and seminars. The FDIC was postponed this year due to the pandemic.



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>Beginning Balances for 01/02/2020</b>		<b><u>Bills Paid April, 2020 (None):</u></b>
Preferred C.U. Checking	\$226.28	No May Bulletin due to COVID-19 - \$ 0.00
Preferred C.U. Savings	\$779.17	04/03 - Wounded Warriors Project - M. MacGregor - \$35.00
CapitalOneSav. Balance	\$1,207.14	04/03 - St. Jude Children's Hospital - Dalia Roche - \$50.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,212.59</b>	<b>(The above entries were memorial donations) TOTAL: \$85.00</b>

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

**Account Transfers:**

NONE

**Total active members = 84**

Dues paid thru 2025 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 2  
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 2  
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 66  
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 13

**Mailings**

E-Mail - 52      Home - 18  
                             Work - 14  
                             **Total: 84**

**Balances as of 05/22/2020**

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 356.03  
 Less uncleared checks: \$ ( 0.00)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 356.03  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,385.39  
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 1,208.74  
**Total \$ 2,950.16**

**Membership Totals: 84**

50 Active - 30 Retired - 4 Associate

We welcome this new member who recently joined MIFDI.

- Stephen Abell, Jr. - Captain - Rockport

**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

05/22/2020

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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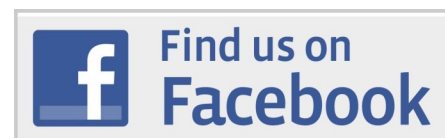
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Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

**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.

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](https://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](http://www.mifdi.org)



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\*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 #2020-04

The April meeting of MIFDI was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 hosted by the Brookline Fire Department at their new training facility.

Our training program was a presentation on "Designing proper facilities for PPE decontamination".

We plan to reschedule this training program in the fall.



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## EMS Run

### *What is this Mysterious Syndrome?*

A new condition believed to be associated with the Covid-19 virus is called "Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome". Symptoms may include; persistent high fever, abdominal pains, vomiting, rash, extreme inflammation, and possibility of one or more organs not be functioning properly.

Symptoms can present similar to "Kawasaki Disease Shock Syndrome" which is an acute illness in children involving fever, rash, conjunctivitis, redness in lips, tongue and mucous membranes of the mouth and throat, swollen hands or feet, and sometimes enlarged lymph nodes on one side of the neck. Some children can develop enlargement of the coronary arteries and aneurysms of the blood vessels. They may also present with symptoms of shock due to a drop in systolic blood pressure causing insufficient blood supply to organs.

Other patients present with symptoms similar to "Toxic Shock Syndrome" which includes abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, and levels of inflammation in the body including the heart.

Most children with the syndrome have either tested positive with the corona virus or have been exposed to someone with Covid-19. It is suggested that the syndrome is caused by the immune systems response to the virus. The anti-body may be provoking action from the immune system.

The common theme was fever and rash with some including very swollen lymph nodes and glands. Some children will present extremely sick, most will recover with treatment in the ICU to calm the patient's immune system.

These children must be transported to a medical facility for proper treatment.

## LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Bradford S. Smith** of the Framingham Fire Department. Brad died on April 1, 2020 at age 56 after a short battle with an aggressive cancer. Brad also served as a member of FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Massachusetts Task Force-1 and among those deployed to the World Trade Center on 9/11.



*MAY HE REST IN PEACE*

## CONGRATULATIONS

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our congratulations to **George Kramlinger** upon his appointment as Chief of Department in Somersworth NH on March 2, 2020. George formerly served as Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. He later went on to serve as Chief in Manchester by the Sea. We wish him great success in his new position.

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors also congratulate former MIFDI member **Edward Morgan** upon his retirement as Assistant Chief of the Windham NH Fire Department on April 1, 2020. Ed formerly served as Deputy Chief in North Andover MA and was a member of that department for 31-years. We wish Ed good health and happiness in his retirement.



## 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**

As we continue to live in a strange new world of quarantine and wearing face masks when we must leave the house, we are hopefully now past the apex and looking forward to returning to a "new normal". As I mentioned previously, 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, placing ourselves at risk to help those in need.

I again regret having to cancel the May meeting, I am hopeful that we can get back on schedule for the June meeting before the summer break. We will try to keep everyone informed as things are changing daily.

Stay safe and strong, we are hopefully ready to send the "All Out" on this pandemic!



**I finally found the perfect mask!**

## **INSTRUCTORS CORNER:**

For those of us in need of promotional exam books to study for promotion or looking for an EMS study book to become an EMT or just looking to read any of the numerous novels written by members highlighting their career in the fire service of triumphs and tragedy, Fire Service Publications (FSP) was the place to find anything that you needed relating to Fire, Police or EMS. MIFDI member Ira Hoffman began FSP in 1987 and has now decided to retire after 33-years. We wish Ira well and know that he will continue to stay involved with helping the fire service in many other ways due to his dedication and loyalty to firefighters everywhere.

*Thank you Ira!*



### **A Message From Ira**

*After 33 years I've decided to retire.*

This is not an easy decision. I can truthfully say that, with few exceptions, every day has been an enjoyable one. I have been blessed with a staff that knows our products, excels at customer service, and these days are there when I'm not.

It hasn't always been that way. For many years FSP Books and Videos, or Fire Service Publications as we were called when I started the business, was a 1-person company. If I didn't get there to unlock the door at 9am, then no one would be there to answer the phone, open envelopes and remove the order form and check, then manually enter the order into the computer. And, oh yes, take care of a walk-in customer.

I don't get to talk to my dear friend, Jack Lerch, anymore. He was my go-to person any time a customer called with a question about FDNY that could not be answered in the FDNY Operational Reference manual or some other book.

I'm not going to sever my relationship with fire service. I intend to remain an active member of the Massachusetts Fire Sprinkler Coalition, the N.Y. Fireman's Cycle Club and the Fire Bell Club of New York, and plan to continue my role as a fire department photographer. I have 3 or 4 book projects in mind, just need to write that difficult first page.

I may take up fishing, or take the easy way out and go to Gilberts Chowder House in Portland for some wicked good chowda.

To my wonderful customers for all these years - thank you.

Ira Hoffman, March 1, 2020