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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**  
**2021 Membership Application & Invoice**  
**Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2021**

**Your MIFDI Dues are due Jan. 1st**



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

**Membership Information**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City & State** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Phone (Home)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
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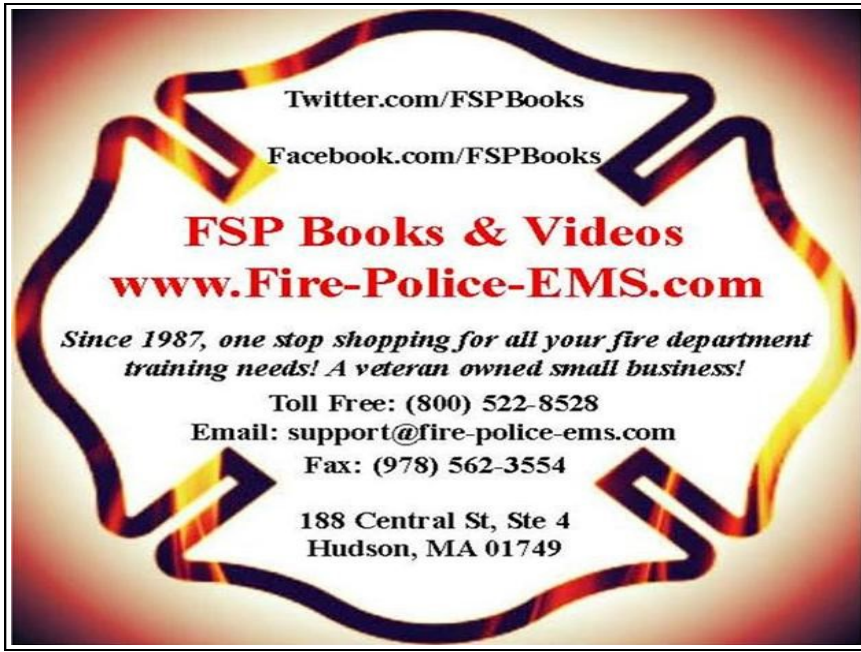
**Work Information**

**Department** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Rank** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone (work)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Fax (work)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address (work)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City & State (work)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

<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
<b><u>Active</u></b>	<b><u>Home</u></b>	<b><u>Retired</u></b> \$ 15.00
<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:

MIFDI  
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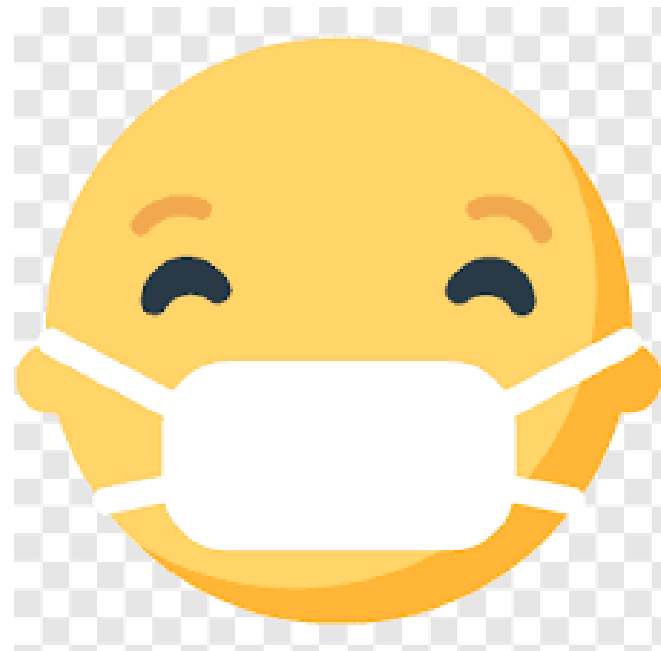
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Hudson, MA 01749

**SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE**

We reluctantly once again decided to cancel the September MIFDI meeting scheduled for September 23 to be on the safe side of this pandemic and the mandatory social distancing requirements in the Commonwealth.

This has been a very challenging year for everyone. Our meetings are usually within the 25-person limit, however, many meeting locations may not be ready to host a gathering of members for training presentations and presenters are reluctant to offer in-person programs at this time.

We thank you for your understanding as we all deal with avoiding the risk of this virus.



**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

Bills Paid June - October, 2020 (None):  
 No Sept-Nov Bulletin mailed - COVID-19 - \$ 0.00  
 TOTAL: \$ 0.00

50/50 Raffle = None  
 Winner = N/A  
 Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Account Transfers:

Total active members = 87

Dues paid thru 2025 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 2  
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 3  
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 68  
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 13

Mailings  
 E-Mail - 54 Home - 19  
 Work - 14  
 Total: 87

Balances as of 11/13/2020  
 Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 193.03  
 Less uncleared checks: \$ ( 0.00)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 193.03  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 386.03  
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,312.74  
 Total \$ 2,891.80

Membership Totals: 87  
 53 Active - 30 Retired - 4 Associate

We welcome this new member who recently joined MIFDI.

- Pete Buonome - President - CT. Fire Instructors & Adjunct Prof. Springfield Tech

*Treasurer Notes:*

- 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 2021 dues are due in January, 2021. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2020 for your 2020 dues.**
- You may now use the 2021 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  
 11/13/2020  
 by Michael McLeier, Treasurer  
 978-346-4731  
 Email: mifditreasurer@escapeinc.org

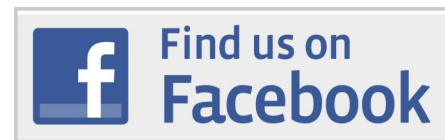
Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

MIFDI will also accept credit card payments. Contact Michael McLeier 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](http://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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PLEASE NOTE NEW Email: [mifditreasurer@escapeinc.org](mailto: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 #2020-06, 09, 10**



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EMS Run

*Don't get complacent*

**Do NOT wear a mask**

Around your neck      On your forehead      Under your nose

On your chin      Dangling from one ear

Only on your nose      On your arm

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of the following Active Firefighters we lost during the past few months;

Mansfield **F.F. Michael McLaughlin** (Occupational cancer) June 13 (Age 39)

Lowell **Lt. Christian Boisvert** (Unexpectedly) July 12 (Age 41)

Natick **F.F. John Feeney** (Unexpectedly) August 4 (Age 28)

Fitchburg **Lt. Eddie Suarez** (Occupational cancer) August 9 (Age 47)

Boston **Lt. Brian Doherty** (Occupational cancer) August 14 (Age 61)

Weston **Captain Dwight Robertson** (Occupational cancer) September 2 (Age 63)



*Lt. Christian Boisvert*



*F.F. "Jake" Feeney*



*F.F. Mike McLaughlin*

*Lt. Eddie Suarez*



*Lt. Brian Doherty*



*Captain "Bucky" Robertson*



*MAY THEY REST IN PEACE*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

The Officers & members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors congratulate MIFDI Member **Ryan Nicholson** of the Watertown Fire Department upon his appointment as Assistant Chief on September 27, 2020. We wish you great success in your new position Ryan!



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Call **Scott Maker**, Firefighter/Merrimac Fire Department, with any questions you may have.

**269-492-3341**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

National Fire Prevention Week will not be the same this year with the usual Fire Station Open Houses and other public events that have promoted fire safety due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

We can continue to get the word out about fire safety through social media and other virtual venues to ensure that our residents understand the importance of fire safety, prevention, creating escape plans, checking smoke alarms and CO detectors, having chimneys and heating systems cleaned and checked before winter, and reducing clutter in homes and businesses.



**REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

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

We struggled again this month on the decision to cancel our September (and October / November) meetings to be on the side of safety. We are making decisions on a month-by-month basis. I thank everyone for your patient's and understanding as we all deal with avoiding any risk of this pandemic.



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**INSTRUCTORS CORNER:**

***School Bus Safety***

September is the time for a new school year. Many communities are dealing with a very different school season due to the current pandemic. A problem that we in the fire service must be aware of is that some schools are using a staggered schedule for students, which means that school bus pick-up and drop-off times may be very different from what we are accustomed to in the past.

Officers and apparatus drivers must remain vigilant for school bus pick-up and discharge points in your districts when responding to incidents. Speed of apparatus must be reduced in designated areas along school bus routes and be aware of the last minute children running to catch the bus. Fire department drivers are reminded that they are subject to all Registry of Motor Vehicle Regulations.

**CHAPTER 90 General Laws:** When approaching a vehicle which displays a sign bearing the name SCHOOL BUS with front and rear signal lamps flashing and stopped to allow passengers to board or discharge, the apparatus driver shall bring the vehicle to a COMPLETE STOP (except on a divided highway), and shall not proceed until the warning lights are deactivated, or directed to the contrary by the police or duly authorized traffic control officer.

