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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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2022 Membership Application & Invoice
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2022

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



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

Membership Information

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<u>Membership Type:</u>	<u>Send Bulletin To:</u>	<u>Membership Dues:</u>
<u>circle one</u>	<u>circle one</u>	<u>Active</u> \$ 35.00
<u>Active</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Retired</u> \$ 15.00
<u>Retired</u>	<u>Work</u>	<u>Associate</u> \$100.00
<u>Associate</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	

There is also a \$10 late fee if dues are paid after April 1st
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MEETING NOTICE

The October meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, October 27, 2021**. We will be hosted by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services and the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy courtesy of State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey. We will meet in **Classroom 125** (Check the welcome screen in the lobby in the event of a room location change).

The training program will be provided MIFDI Treasurer/P.P. Michael McLeieer offering his annual recap of the 2021 FDIC (Fire Department Instructor Conference). Those members in attendance will be provided with a copy of a USB thumb drive with many of the training presentations offered at the FDIC. Following Michael's program, member Ira Hoffman will have a brief presentation that he created titled "Surviving A Fire – Seconds Count". We also hope to get an update on happenings within DFS and the MFA.

SCHEDULE:

0900: Coffee (Available in the cafeteria), **1000:** Presentation, **1130:** Business meeting & Discussion of events, **1200:** Lunch.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM RT.128/195: Take Rt. 20 West to Rt. 27 in Wayland. Turn right on 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 on Broad St. (First traffic light), and at the second traffic light turn right on Rt.62. Continue straight until Rt. 62 takes a left towards Stow, **DO NOT TURN LEFT**, continue straight for approx 4-miles and the Academy will be on your left.

FROM RT. 495 South: Take Rt.62 (Exit 26) into Hudson Center. Continue halfway around the rotary and continue on Rt.62 East. Continue straight until Rt.62 turns left towards Stow, **DO NOT TURN LEFT**, continue straight for approx 4-miles and the Academy will be on your left.

Ample parking is available in the upper-lot on the "D-Side" of the MFA campus.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2021
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$123.03
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$386.21
 CapitalOneSav. Balance \$2,314.28
 Total: \$2,823.52

Bills Paid September 2021:
 Oct. MIFDI Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 09/30
 Market Basket - M. Roche - Pastry \$ 12.57 - 09/22
 Dunkin Donuts - M. Roche - Coffee \$ 19.98 - 09/22
 Mark Roche - Vistaprint - Bus Cards \$ 30.80 - 09/30
 TOTAL: \$183.35

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 2030 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2027 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 8
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 49
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 23

Mailings

E-Mail - 55 Home - 19
 Work - 10
 Total: 84

Balances as of 10/11/2021

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 184.82
 Less uncleared checks: \$ (30.80)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 154.02
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,467.32
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,318.13
 Total \$ 3,939.47

Membership Totals: 84

46 Active - 34 Retired - 4 Associate

There were no new members who joined MIFDI.

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 2022 will be due in January, 2022.** Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2021 for your 2021 dues
NOTE: (this fee has been waived due to COVID-19 for 2020 & 2021).
- (b) You may now use the 2022 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

10/11/2021
 by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer
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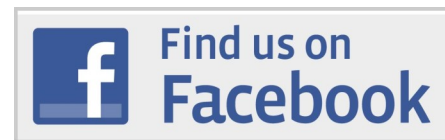
Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

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, 2021. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renewed before April 1, 2021 (the fee has been waived due to COVID-19).

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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*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, 2021.

RECALL OF MEETING #2021-09

The September meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 hosted by the North Andover Fire Department courtesy of Chief John Weir. The meeting was held in the training room of North Andover Fire HQ.

The training program was a fascinating presentation by Lawrence Chief Brian Moriarty on the Merrimack Valley Gas explosion and fires which occurred on September 13, 2018. Chief Moriarty’s power point provided us with photos, video and radio transmissions from the initial call through to the aftermath of the following days and weeks as well as lessons learned from this major incident.



Following the training program, President Roche conducted a brief business meeting as MIFDI began the start our 63rd year. Tom Curtis shared a display of many fire related post cards from the collection of late member Frank Fitzgerald. Member Bob MacKendrick spoke about the challenges posed by fires in the batteries of electric vehicles as well as residential battery storage units. Member Andy Connerty provided a brief update from the Mass Fire Training Council meeting including updates on the MFA Bridgewater campus. Members adjourned for lunch at the nearby 99 Restaurant.

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Breast Cancer In Men

For men, the lifetime risk of getting breast cancer is about

1 in 833

Less than 1% of all breast cancer develops in men; however, men carry a higher mortality rate due to lack of awareness

BREAST SIZE
Because men have very little breast tissue, it is easier for men and their health care professionals to feel small masses (tumors). On the other hand, because men have so little breast tissue, cancers do not need to grow very far to spread to nearby tissues or lymph nodes.

It is estimated that among U.S. and Canadian men in 2021, there will be

2,650 NEW CASES OF BREAST CANCER & **240** BREAST CANCER DEATHS

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Breast Cancer In Women

In 2021, it is estimated that among U.S. and Canadian women there will be

288,950 NEW CASES OF BREAST CANCER & **54,390** BREAST CANCER DEATHS

1 in 8 women will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime.

When detected and treated early, 5-year relative survival for localized breast cancer is **99%**

REMEMBER TO GET AN ANNUAL MAMMOGRAM, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE OVER THE AGE OF 40.

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LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of the following members of the fire service who both died on 9/11;

LENOX Captain James E. Terry died from cancer on September 11, 2021 at age 49.

RUSSELL F.F. David M. Walczak died unexpectedly on September 11, 2021 at age 51



May They Rest In Peace

CONGRATULATIONS

Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers congratulations to MIFDI member **Deputy Chief David J. Hayes** of the Norwood Fire Department upon his appointment to Chief of Department effective September 10, 2021. We offer Chief Hayes our support and best wishes for continued success in his new position.



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have.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 7, 2021: Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 13, 2021: Statewide Exam: Fire Lieut. & Captain
GOOD LUCK! www.mass.gov/civilservice

November 17, 2021: **MIFDI** –

December 15, 2021: **MIFDI** – Holiday Social Luncheon



REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department (Retired)

Our September meeting was very informative as Lawrence Chief Brian Moriarty presented a great program on the Merrimac Valley gas incident from September 2018. I also thank Chief John Weir and the members of the North Andover Fire Department for hosting MIFDI at their facility.

MIFDI is now at the start of our 63rd year since its creation in September 1959. I thank all who continue to keep this important fire service training organization strong and professional including; VP Chris Kelly, Treasurer Michael McLeieer, Bulletin Editor Scott Maker, Secretary Ted Quinn and the members of the Board of Directors. This organization was created by Training Officers with a focus on training and safety for firefighters as well as sharing educational information and knowledge through experience. I again thank everyone for their support and patience during the difficult past few years with the pandemic.

Another reminder for members who would like to remain active in MIFDI to submit your annual dues payment for 2022 and also for 2021 if you have fallen behind. Many have already submitted their dues including our Associate members which is helpful for us to support the bulletin and payment for our website server each year. Dues remain at \$35 for Active, \$15 for Retired and \$100 for Associate. Send checks to:

MIFDI, PO Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860.

Stay safe and I hope to see you at the Academy on the 27th



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INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

DFS Mobile Extraction Unit

The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services has placed a new “Mobile Extraction Unit” (MEU) used to clean the PPE of the instructors and recruit firefighters and reduce exposure at all three MFA campuses. The truck is a 2021 Peterbilt with a cargo type body. The unit was outfitted by Red Line Gear Cleaning of Marlborough and includes two extractors, a tumble dryer, two drying cabinets and an ultrasonic cleaner for tools and SCBA brackets. The unit’s water supply is self contained in two 599 gallon tanks for clean and contaminated water. It is estimated the MEU can clean up to forty sets of PPE.

This unit will be housed in Stow and will be available for communities on an emergency basis if a fire department has an incident with a large amount of contaminated PPE. A fire inside a fire station when 4 groups in a multi-company station with two sets of gear each are contaminated could lead to a real challenge for a fire department to quickly return the gear back into service, the MEU would be a great asset in a situation as that.

Funding for this new unit was supplied through the 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). This MEU will have a major impact on the health & safety of thousands of firefighters throughout the years by providing the ability to clean and dry the PPE of firefighters during training.

