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INSTRUCTORS**

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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".

THE MIFDI OFFICERS - 2019

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**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors - Tax ID: 04-2307216
 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

Name _____
Address _____
City & State _____
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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
 Please mail completed Application with check or money order payable to:

MIFDI
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MEETING NOTICE

The December meeting of MIFDI will be our Annual Holiday Luncheon for members to get together during the holiday season. This "Social Luncheon" during the past few years has been very well received as we break bread and break some chops!

The lunch will take place on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021** at 11:45 am at the CAFÉ ESCADRILLE, 26 Cambridge St, Burlington. We will have a table reserved from 11:45-1:30. They have a nice variety of lunch menu items reasonably priced.

We hope to see many old faces attend as well as those members planning to retire in 2022 and moving to a new chapter in their life. For those who wish to attend, shoot me an email at captroche@aol.com or leave me a message at [508-655-2528](tel:508-655-2528) to ensure that we have adequate seating for our group.

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt.128/I-95, take Exit 51A towards Winchester. The restaurant is located a short distance on the left. There is plenty of free parking available.



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

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 84

Dues paid thru 2030 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2027 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 12
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 45
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 22

Balances as of 11/27/2021

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 129.67
 Less uncleared checks: \$ (25.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 104.67
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,096.96
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,318.33
 Total \$ 3,519.96

Bills Paid November 2021:

Nov MIFDI Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 11/27
 Peabody Community Life Center - for \$ 25.00 - 11/26
 - Edward Quinn (Ted Quinn's Father)
 Market Basket-Pastry Meeting-Roche \$ 12.57 - 11/17
 Dunkin Donuts-Coffee Meeting-Roche \$ 42.78 - 11/17
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$200.35

Account Transfers::

None

Mailings

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

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

11/27/2021

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!

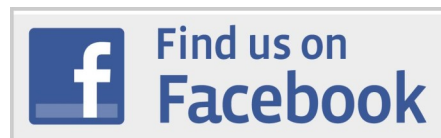
MIFDI will also accept credit card payments. Contact Michael McLeieer for details.

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, 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).

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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, 2021.**

RECALL OF MEETING #2021-11

The November meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 hosted by the Wayland Fire Department courtesy of Chief Neil McPherson.

The training program was provided by Bob Mitchell of Mitchell Associates. Bob conducted a very informative power-point presentation on the proper design of a PPE decon area and work uniform laundry facilities for firehouses. Bob also shared some important tips in regards to reducing cross-contamination as a result of firefighting and EMS incidents.

Members were provided with copies of a publication titled "HEALTHY IN/HEALTHY OUT" outlining the best practices for reducing firefighter risk of exposure to carcinogens.



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EMS Run

Hospitals are FULL

In most hospitals throughout the Commonwealth beds are at full capacity, and not with covid patients. It appears that many sick patients have put off surgeries and other medical treatments during the pandemic and the delay in care has caused their conditions to worsen. Some hospitals have postponed minor procedures to free up beds for more serious cases. Patients are also occupying beds longer because they are now sicker.

To make matters worse, some hospitals are also dealing with a shortage of nurses since many have left the nursing profession due to “burnout” during the pandemic.

This situation with hospitals can place a strain on the EMS system due to delays in the ER as crews are standing by waiting for a bed. There is also an increase in hospital transfers by EMS providers due to hospitals unable to provide emergency procedures for those most critical.

Our EMS incidents have seen a significant increase over the past two years with little sign of this trend turning around. We are seeing a lot more ambulance mutual aid to other communities due to multiple EMS runs. Some temporary solutions include manning an additional ambulance during peak periods with members on overtime funded through the EMS revenue account. Other options are to staff an “EMS Fly Car” with a medic and basic in an SUV to free up fire companies waiting on ambulances. Hopefully the covid numbers will continue to decline in 2022 to relieve this burden overwhelming our EMS system.



LAST ALARM

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Patrick R. Corbett** of the Billerica Fire Department. F.F. Corbett died on November 16, 2021 at age 39 due to occupational cancer.



May He Rest In Peace

CONGRATULATIONS

The 32nd Annual Firefighter of the Year Awards Ceremony was held on November 23, 2021 in Worcester.

We congratulate the 2021 recipients from the following departments:

New Bedford, Attleboro, Sutton, Brockton, Dartmouth, Harwich, Kingston, Lynnfield, Brewster, Springfield, Saugus, and the Department of Fire Services.



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have.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 9-12, 2022: Chief's Summit Leadership Conference
Islamorada, FL (Florida Keys) www.chiefssummit.com

January 12-13, 2022: FDSOA Health & Safety Conference
Scottsdale, AZ www.fdsoa.org

January 26, 2022: **MIFDI**

February 6, 2022: 2022 B-Fit Challenge
TD Garden, Boston

February 6-12, 2022: National Burn Awareness Week

February 23, 2022: **MIFDI**

February 23-26 2022: JEMS EMS Conference & Expo
National Harbor, MD www.emstoday.com

REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

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

Our November meeting in Wayland provided important information for fire departments on proper decon facilities for PPE as we all deal with the challenge of reducing the exposure risk of carcinogens to firefighters. I thank Bob Mitchell for providing this excellent presentation for MIFDI. I also thank Chief Neil McPherson and the Wayland Fire Department for again hosting MIFDI at their Public Safety Building.

I again request members to spread the word about MIFDI to any newly promoted officers within your department, especially those assigned as Training & Safety Officers. Feel free to invite a guest to any meeting to allow them to learn first-hand about what this training organization has to offer.

A reminder for MIFDI members to submit your annual dues payment for 2022 (*Refer to the mailing label on your bulletin or the roster handout to check your membership status*). 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. Dues can be paid at the meetings or mailed to: **MIFDI, PO Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

Stay safe and I hope to see you in Burlington for our Annual Holiday Luncheon on the 15th. For those unable to attend, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy Holiday.



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INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

AFG Application Period 11-8-21 to 12-17-21



FEMA

Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program

Assistance to Firefighters Grants

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations.

Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

FY20 AFG Funding

As of Sept. 21, 2021, FEMA has made 1,887 awards totaling \$319.5 million.



APPLICATION PERIOD: 11/8 - 12/17/2021 at 5PM ET