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**FIRE DEPARTMENT  
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 2019 Membership Application & Invoice  
 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2019**

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



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

**Membership Information**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
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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
<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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## **JANUARY MEETING**

Our January meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 23, 2019** hosted once again by the National Fire Protection Association, located at One Batterymarch Park, Quincy courtesy of NFPA President Jim Pauley. MIFDI was last hosted at NFPA for our January 2018 meeting.

NFPA Fire Protection Engineers always provide informative presentations from their in-depth research of fires throughout the country.

## **SCHEDULE:**

**0930:** Coffee (Provided), **1000:** Program, **1130:** Business meeting, **1200:** Lunch.

## **DIRECTIONS:**

From Rt. 128 (I-93), take Exit 6 which is Rt.37. At the end of the exit head EAST toward Quincy. Travel 3 traffic lights (approx 1-mile). At the third light, turn right on Batterymarch Park. The NFPA is in Building 1.

**NOTE: Be sure to have some type of photo identification with you for security purposes.**



***A REMINDER THAT DURING THE WINTER MONTHS TO BE SURE TO CHECK THE MIFDI WEBSITE FOR MEETING CANCELLATIONS DUE TO STORMS***

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2019  
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$389.96  
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$ 48.77  
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance \$1,202.30  
 Total: \$2,179.00

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

Total active members = 98

Dues paid thru 2021 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 3  
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 18  
 Dues paid thru 2018 = 54  
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 22

Balances as of 01/14/2019  
 Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 269.96  
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 329.96)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: (\$ 60.00)  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 48.77  
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,202.30  
 Total \$ 1,191.07

Please welcome these two new members who joined MIFDI:

- Thomas Bower - Waltham - Firefighter
- Mark McCabe - Braintree - A/Lieutenant

*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 2019 dues are due in January, 2019.**

**Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2019 for your 2019 dues.**

(b) You may now use the 2019 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

01/14/2019

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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

**The Membership voted to INCREASE Active Member dues to \$35 effective April 1st, 2018. MIFDI will also accept credit card payments effective April 1, 2018. Contact Michael McLeieer for details.**

**Retired Member dues will remain \$15**

**Associate Member dues will remain \$100**

**Please remember to still add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2019. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renewed before April 1, 2019.**

### Bills Paid December 2018:

January 2019 Bulletin - Michael	\$120.00	- 12/31
Café Escadrille-Holiday Lunch-Mike	\$105.00	- 12/19
1800Flowers - DFS Kerry Weihn-Mike	\$ 52.48	- 12/12
1800Flowers - MFA Sue Neaz-Mike	\$ <u>52.48</u>	- 12/12
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$329.96</b>	

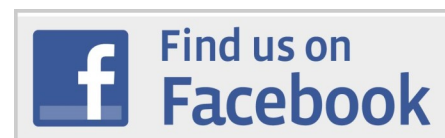
### Account Transfers:

None

### Mailings

E-Mail - 64	Home - 25
	Work - <u>9</u>
	<b>Total: 98</b>

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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, 2019.**

**RECALL OF MEETING #2018-10**

The December meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the Café Escadrille in Burlington. This was our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Luncheon attended by 21 members for an enjoyable gathering with great food and a few laughs.

It was decided last year that due to December being a busy month for everyone and the fact that many people take vacation the week before and during Christmas week making it difficult to secure presentations and meeting locations.

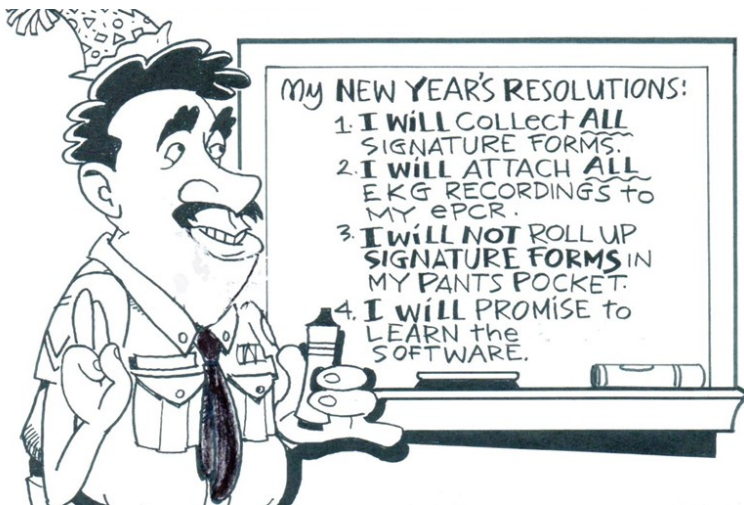
The December Holiday Luncheon has proven to be a great tradition for members to get together and break bread (and break some chops) before the holidays!



## EMS Run

### *EMS Reporting*

- Both EMS Tech's are responsible for the accuracy of the patient EMS report.
- You may be considered liable for the mistakes in the patient EMS report once you cosign.
- Most of the programs used for reporting have spell check to clean up grammatical wording and fix spelling mistakes.....use it.
- Rushing to complete reports in the middle of the night or during meal time can cause omissions and careless errors.
- Omissions in documentation equate to omissions in patient care.
- The law views EMS partners as a team, you are both responsible for what is documented in your reports.
- Any report that you sign off on, you own it weather you wrote it or not.
- Work together and cover each other's back. Always review what has been written by your partner and encourage your partner to review what you wrote.



## LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors also offers condolences to the family and friends of the following members who died during another difficult past month;

**Firefighter Christopher Roy**, ACTIVE member of the Worcester Fire Department (Ladder 4) died in the line-of-duty on December 9, 2018 after becoming trapped while battling a fire in a 3-story 6-unit apartment house at 7 Lowell St. Firefighter Roy was 36 years old with 2-1/2 years of service with the W.F.D.



**Firefighter Valentin Ramos**, ACTIVE member of the Fitchburg Fire Department (Engine 2). Firefighter Ramos died suddenly from a heart attack on December 18, 2018 at age 49. He had 25-years of service with the F.F.D.





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## CONGRATULATIONS:

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our congratulations to Thomas A Turco III who was sworn in as Secretary of Public Safety for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on December 5, 2018.

Secretary Turco, a native of Auburn, formerly served as Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Corrections. He replaced Secretary Daniel Bennett of Sherborn who served in that position since January 2015.

We offer Secretary Turco our full support and we thank Secretary Bennett for his service for the safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth.



Governor Baker swears in Commissioner Turco as  
Secretary of Public Safety.  
Lt. Governor Polito and former Secretary Bennett look on.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 20-24, 2019: FDSOA Seminar  
Orlando, FL

[www.fdsoa.org](http://www.fdsoa.org)

January 23, 2019: MIFDI - NFPA

January 27, 2019: B-Fit Challenge

TD Garden [www.bostonbruins.com/firstresponderchallenge](http://www.bostonbruins.com/firstresponderchallenge)



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Firefighter/Merrimac Fire Department, with any questions you may  
have.

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**REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

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

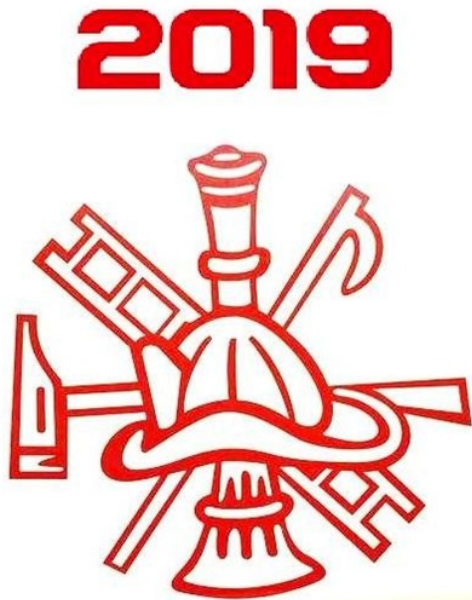
Happy, healthy & safe 2019 to everyone.

Our December meeting was our annual Holiday Luncheon at Café Escadrille in Burlington. It was a great social event for members to gather before the holidays to share good food with friends and some light hearted moments of good natured jabs.

A reminder for members to pay your dues for 2019. The price of \$35 for active and only \$15 for retired is a great investment for the training and knowledge shared through MIFDI.

Mail to: MIFDI, P.O. Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860

Stay safe, I hope to see you at NFPA on January 23.



**AS WE APPROACH THE WINTER SEASON, CHECK THE MIFDI WEBSITE FOR MEETING CANCELLATIONS DUE TO SNOW STORMS AND INCLIMATE WEATHER ([www.mifdi.org](http://www.mifdi.org))**

**INSTRUCTORS CORNER:**

***Firefighter dies after a fall from a bridge***

FDNY Firefighter Steven Pollard, age 30, assigned to Ladder Co. 170 in Brooklyn, died on Sunday, January 6, 2019 after falling through a 3-foot gap on a bridge.

His company stopped on one side of the Belt Parkway to reach the victims inside an overturned vehicle on the bridge. As Firefighter Pollard stepped over the concrete barrier separating the east and westbound lanes, he fell through the dark opening to his death 52-feet below.

The bridge was rebuilt in 2017 and previously did NOT have the separation. May his death not be in vain and help to prevent other firefighters from injury or death by being aware of separations and other hazards when operating on bridges. *MAY HE REST IN PEACE*

