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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
 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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| <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> | |

Dues increased to \$35 after April 1st for Active Members only.

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:

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OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, October 24, 2018** hosted by the Sharon Fire Department courtesy of Chief James Wright. We will meet in the new joint Public Safety Training Room located in the Police Station behind the new fire station at 211 South Main St.

Our training will be provided by Sterling Rescue Ropes courtesy of Northeast Rescue Systems. Sterling provides ropes for Bail-Out Kits, Search Kits, Tech Rescue and many other rescue ropes for the fire service. They will explain the importance of using the correct rope for the proper application with ropes made resistant to heat and abrasion.

SCHEDULE: **0930:** Coffee, **1000:** Presentation, **1130:** Business meeting followed by a tour of the training props incorporated in the new station, **1230:** Lunch (Off site).

DIRECTIONS:

Take Rt.128 south to Rt.95 south. Take the Coney St exit (Exit 10) off Rt.95. Turn left on Coney St toward Sharon. At 1st traffic light turn right on South Main St. The fire station will be approx 1-mile on the right. Turn into the driveway towards the police station and enter the front door of the police building.

There is plenty of free parking alongside the road opposite the police station and in the public works yard. There are spots behind the fire house as well for those with mobility issues.



The pumper on the right is drafting from a cistern built
In front of the new Sharon Fire Station

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2018
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$212.07
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$195.58
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance \$1,771.35
 Total: \$2,179.00

Bills Paid September 2018:
 October 2018 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 09/30
 Dunkin Donuts - M. Roche \$ 31.98 - 09/27
 TOTAL: \$151.98

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

Account Transfers:
 Preferred CU Savings to Checking - \$180.00

Total active members = 110

Dues paid thru 2021 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 5
 Dues paid thru 2018 = 58
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 42
 Dues paid thru 2016 = 2

Mailings
 E-Mail - 66 Home - 30
 Work - 14
 Total: 110

Balances as of 10/14/2018
 Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 141.92
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 141.92
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 48.76
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,201.09
 Total \$ 1,391.77

Membership Totals: 110
 65 Active - 41 Retired - 4 Associate

We welcome this new member who joined MIFDI:

- Brian Cherella - Lieutenant - Walpole

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 will be due in January, 2019. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2018 for your 2018 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

10/14/2018

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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Email: mifditreasurer@escapeinc.org <----- PLEASE NOTE NEW Email ADDRESS

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

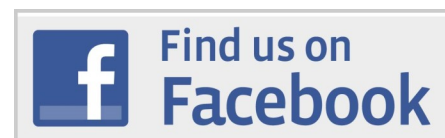
The Membership voted to INCREASE Active Member dues to \$35 effective April 1st, 2018. MIFDI will also accept credit card payments effective April 1, 2018. Contact Michael McLeieer for details.

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, 2018. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renewed before April 1, 2018.

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 \$30.00 per year for Active members *(\$45 after April 1st)**

Active member dues will increase to \$35 effective April 1st (\$45 w/late fee)

\$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).**

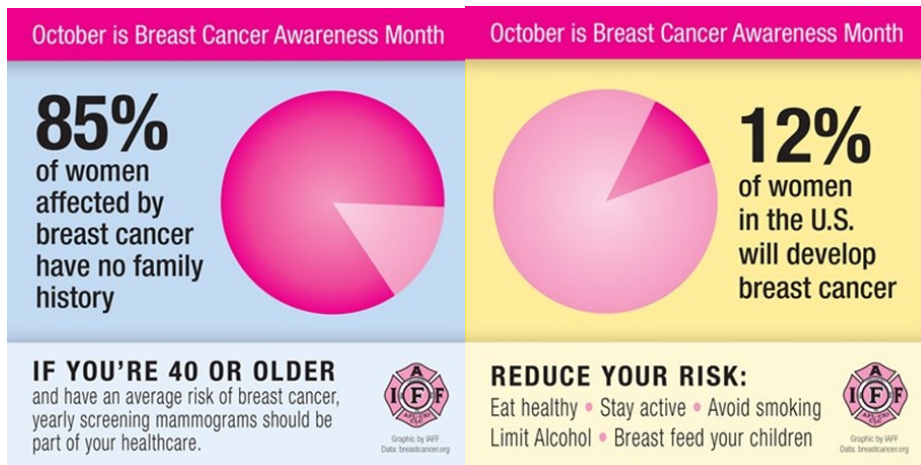
Dues are due by January 1st. Add a \$10.00 Late Fee after April 1, 2018.

RECALL

Nothing submitted by publication deadline.

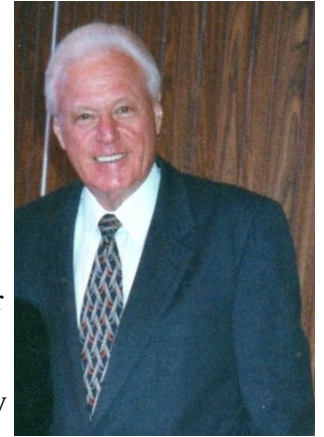
EMS Run

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month



LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors also offers condolences to the family and friends of former Massachusetts State Fire Marshal **Joseph G. Sneider**. Marshal Sneider died on September 13, 2018 at age 91. He was appointed State Fire Marshal by Governor Francis W. Sargent in 1972 and served through 1976. He was replaced in 1977 by Fire Marshal Joseph O'Keefe who passed away on September 14, 2015, almost 3-years to the day.



Joe was affectionately referred to as "The Candy Man" because he operated a large candy distribution company in Brockton. The Chelsea fire of October 14, 1972 occurred during his first year as Fire Marshal but he jokingly told me that he was home sick in bed that day!

As Fire Marshal he fought the major oil companies against the implementation of self-serve gas stations in the Commonwealth and held off on approval until agreement was made to install automatic suppression systems for all self-serve fuel pumps. Joe resided in Newton and was a true gentleman. May he now Rest In Peace.

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CONGRATULATIONS:

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our congratulations to MIFDI member **Joseph P. Guarnera** upon his appointment as Chief of the Athol Fire Department effective October 8, 2018. Joe formerly served as a member of the Revere Fire Department and most recently as Assistant Chief on the Berlin Fire Department. Joe is an Instructor & Program Co-coordinator at the MFA and is a member of the FEMA MATF-1. We wish him continued success in his new position.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 24, 2018: MIFDI - Sharon

November 4, 2018: End of Daylight Saving Time
Change Clocks/Change Batteries/Check Alarms

November 8, 2018: 18th Annual EMS Region IV Award Ceremony
American Legion Post 440, Newton www.mbemsc.org

November 17, 2018: Statewide Exam Fire Lieutenant & Captain
Good Luck!

November 28, 2018: MIFDI – Waltham

December 19, 2018: MIFDI – Holiday Luncheon



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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

Our first meeting of the season offered members a look at hydrogen powered vehicles and the new hydrogen refueling stations currently in service in Massachusetts as well as proposed sites for the future. I thank Roy Bant and Charles Myers from AirLiquid for providing this very informative presentation for MIFDI. Special thanks also to Chief Bruce Proia of the Newton Fire Department for hosting MIFDI at the new Emergency Operations Center located in Newton Fire Headquarters.

A reminder to members that it is not too early to pay your dues for 2019. I do find it troubling that 57 members still owe for 2018 and 42 owe for 2017! The organization operates on revenue from dues and ads from the bulletin and website. Take a minute to look at the “dues date” on your bulletin or on the roster. If there is doubt, you can always reach out to Treasurer McLeier to find out your status. The price of \$30 for active and only \$15 for retired is a great investment for the training and knowledge shared through MIFDI.

Stay safe, I hope to see you in Sharon on October 24.



Hydrogen vehicle & refueling station emergency response training

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Ricin

A piece of mail was delivered to the Pentagon recently that has been tested positive for ricin. According to reports, the package never entered the Pentagon due to the mail facility located in a separate building on the Pentagon grounds. The FBI arrested a Navy veteran from Utah suspected of mailing the envelopes containing the deadly poison.

RICIN is a type of toxin that falls under the categories of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD's) known as CBRNE; chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high-yield explosives. Toxins are one of the common types of biological agents in addition to bacteria, viruses, rickettsia, fungi, and infection pathogens. Ricin is a Category B agent which consists of second priority agents that are moderately easy to spread, result in moderate illness rates, low death rates and enhanced disease monitoring. Ricin is contained in castor beans, a species of perennial flowering plant which, when purified, less than a pinpoint can kill a human if ingested, injected, or inhaled.

There have been 16 cases of attempted attacks using ricin in the U.S. since 2004. In August, the FBI issued a National Situational Informational Report (NSIR) to warn law enforcement agencies of multiple cases throughout the U.S. indicative of the attempted production of biological toxins. According to an FBI report, between October 2017 and August 2018 public health and local law enforcement agencies reported a total of “12 incidents related to biological toxin production and exposure”, the most common being ricin. In 11 of these 12 cases an individual was either self admitted or transported to a local hospital after displaying symptoms consistent with being poisoned.

