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**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors - Tax ID: 04-2307216  
 2018 Membership Application & Invoice  
 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2018**

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



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

**Membership Information**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
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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>	

**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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**Attn: Michael McLeieer, Treasurer  
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## JUNE MEETING

The June meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, June 27, 2018** hosted by the Lynnfield Fire Department courtesy of Chief Mark Tetreault. We will meet at Lynnfield Station 2, 600 Salem St, South Lynnfield. MIFDI last met in Lynnfield for our June 2017 meeting.

The training presentation will be offered by Alex McCurdy of Fire Department Support Systems of New England (FDSS). This company offers hands-on training for pump operators as well conducting the NFPA & ISO recommended annual pump service testing for fire apparatus.

## DIRECTIONS:

From I-95/Rt.128, take Exit 43. At the traffic light turn left onto Salem St. Follow Salem St approx 1-mile and the fire station will be on your left at the intersection of Summer St. There is plenty of free parking in the rear of the station.

## SCHEDULE:

0930: Coffee, 1000: Presentation & demonstration, 1130: Business meeting, 1200: Lunch.



**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 May 2018 (Checking):**  
 June 2018 Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 04/30  
 (Voted) FDIC Hotel Reimbsmnt. - Michael \$574.80 - 04/30  
**TOTAL: \$694.80**

50/50 Raffle = \$55.00

Winner = Ira Hoffman - FSP \$30.00

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = \$25.00 deposited 06/01/2018 to Preferred CU Cking.

**Account Transfers:**

Capital One Savings to Preferred CU Cking \$574.80

**Total active members = 109**

Dues paid thru 2021 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 2  
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 5  
 Dues paid thru 2018 = 57  
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 42  
 Dues paid thru 2016 = 2

**Mailings**

E-Mail - 66 Home - 30  
 Work - 13  
**Total: 109**

Balances as of 06/06/2018

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 353.90  
 Less uncleared checks: (\$ 0.00)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 353.90  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 73.67  
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,199.47  
**Total \$ 1,627.04**

**Membership Totals: 109**

64 Active - 41 Retired - 4 Associate

**Let's Welcome These Members to MIFDI:**

- Robert Cole - Chief - Billerica Fire (Welcome Back!)
- Christopher Ford - Assistant Chief - Lexington Fire (Welcome Back!)
- Tim Pratt - Deputy Chief - Waltham Fire

**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 2018 dues were due in January, 2018. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2018 for your 2018 dues.**
- (b) You may now use the 2018 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

06/06/2018

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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

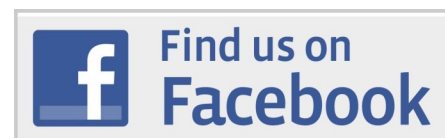
**The Membership voted to INCREASE Active Member dues to \$35 effective April 1st, 2018. MIFDI will also accept credit card payments effective April 1, 2018. Contact Michael McLeieer for details.**

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

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Phone: (978) 346-4731

**\*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 OF MEETING #2018-05**

The May meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 hosted by the Merrimac Fire Department courtesy of Acting Chief Greg Hagood.

The training was provided by MIFDI Treasurer Michael McLeieer with the annual recap of the 2018 FDIC held in Indianapolis. Members were offered short presentations on some of the high-lights of programs at this year's FDIC. Those present were also provided CD's with many of the training presentations.

Following the training portion, President Roche conducted a brief business meeting. Members voted to allow Treasurer McLeieer to represent MIFDI again at the 2019 FDIC. Members also voted to approve reappointment of Andy Connerty as MIFDI representative on the MFTC for another term. Member John O'Donoghue made mention of the development of pneumatic elevators for residential use not to exceed two floors. Member Ira Hoffman offered reading list information for the promotional exams in November 2018. Ira also spoke about H-2481 offering a local option for residential sprinklers.

Following the business meeting, members were offered a look at Merrimac's "new" pre-owned KME 102' Tower-Ladder recently purchased from the Holtsville Fire Department on Long island in New York.

Members adjoined for lunch at Brown's Seafood in nearby Seabrook.



**EMS Run****CDC Coordinated Efforts to Address the Opioid Crisis****A rise in opioid overdoses is detected. What now?****LAST ALARM:**

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **Firefighter Thomas A. Cannon** of the Attleboro Fire Department (Engine 5). Tom died at the Rhode Island Hospital on May 14, 2018 at age 63 after collapsing while on duty in the firehouse the day before. He was a 30-year member of the department and was instrumental in establishing the Juvenile Fire Setting Program for the department.

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## CONGRATULATIONS:

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our congratulations to **Chief Ralph W. Spencer** upon his retirement from the Merrimac Fire Department on May 14, 2018 after 41-years service. Chief Spencer has been a great friend and supporter of MIFDI for many years. We wish him good health & happiness.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 11-14, 2018: NFPA Conference & Expo  
Las Vegas, NV

June 21-23, 2018: New England Fire Chief's Expo  
Foxwoods Resort-Casino

June 27, 2018: MIFDI – Lynnfield

September 26, 2018: MIFDI

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## **REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

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

Our May meeting once again offered members a look at some of the high-lights of the 2018 Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) held annually in Indianapolis. I thank Michael McLeieer for sharing the important training information provided each year at the FDIC. Special thanks to Acting Chief Habgood and the Merrimac Fire Rescue for again hosting MIFDI at their facility. Finally, I want to thank Chief Ralph Spencer for his support and friendship throughout the years and wish him good health and happiness upon his retirement.

Stay safe, I hope to see you in Lynnfield on June 27. For those unable to attend our June meeting, I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you at our meeting on September 26 as we begin the 59<sup>th</sup> year of MIFDI.



## **INSTRUCTORS CORNER:**

### ***2018 Hurricane Season***

June 1 marks the beginning of the 2018 Atlantic hurricane season which ends on November 30. The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Prediction Center reports the hurricane season will be near or above normal this year.

Due to the devastating season of 2017, advances have been made in hardware and computing to assist the ability of NOAA scientists to predict the path of storms and warn those who may be in harm's way.

Forecasters predict a 70% likelihood of 10-16 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 5-9 could become hurricanes (winds 74 mph or higher), and 1-4 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4, or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher). The average hurricane season produces 12 named storms of which 6 become hurricanes, including 3 major hurricanes.

*Remain prepared and be safe!*

