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**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors - Tax ID: 04-2307216**  
**2020 Membership Application & Invoice**  
**Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2020**

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

**Membership Information**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

<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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## **FEBRUARY MEETING**

The February meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, February 26, 2020** hosted by the Wayland Fire Department courtesy of Chief Neil McPherson. We will meet in the first floor training room at the Wayland Public Safety Building, 30 Cochituate Rd. (Rt. 27). MIFDI last met in Wayland for our September 2017 meeting.

Our training program will be provided by Kelly Hagerty, Crisis Intervention Responder for the Framingham Fire Department. Kelly's presentation is on the topic of "Hoarding" and the dangers presented to firefighters when responding to fires and EMS incidents at these locations. EVERY community has one or more addresses with a hoarder. This important program will discuss some of the issues we face when dealing with these horrific conditions.

## **DIRECTIONS:**

From I-95/Rt.128 take Exit 26, Rt.20. Follow Rt.20 WEST approx 5-miles to Rt.27. Turn right on Rt. 27 and the Wayland Public Safety Building is on your right. There is parking on the Millbrook Rd. side of the complex. Try to leave the front parking spots available for department business and for any of our members with mobility issues.

## **SCHEDULE:**

0930: Coffee, 1000: Presentation, 1130: Training meeting, 1200: Lunch (off site).



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2020  
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$226.28  
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$779.17  
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance \$1,207.14  
 Total: \$2,212.59

**Bills Paid January, 2020:**

Feb. '20 Bulletin - Michael (Checking) \$120.00 - 01/31  
 TOTAL: \$120.00

50/50 Raffle = \$65.00

Winner = Steve Persson - \$30.00

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = \$35.00 Deposited

**Account Transfers:**

None

**Total active members = 95**

Dues paid thru 2025 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 2  
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 38  
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 35  
 Dues paid thru 2018 = 14  
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 4

**Mailings**

E-Mail - 58 Home - 24  
 Work - 13  
 Total: 95

**Balances as of 02/15/2020**

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 379.52  
 Less uncleared checks: \$ ( 0.00)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 379.52  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 485.17  
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,207.55  
 Total \$ 2,072.24

**Membership Totals: 95**

57 Active - 34 Retired - 4 Associate

We have no new members who joined MIFDI.

- None

**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 2020 dues were due in January, 2020.**  
**Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2020 for your 2020 dues.**
- (b) You may now use the 2020 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

02/15/2020

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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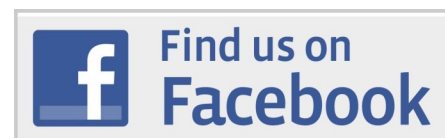
Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

**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, 2020. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renewed before April 1, 2020.**

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](http://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](http://www.mifdi.org)



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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, 2020.

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## RECALL OF MEETING #2020-01

The January meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 hosted by the National Fire Protection Association at their Headquarters in Quincy courtesy of NFPA President Jim Pauley. The training program was provided by NFPA Fire Protection Analyst Casey Grant with a fascinating program titled "The Unsolved Mystery of the Coconut Grove Fire".

Following the program, Treasurer Michael McLeieer stepped in to conduct a brief business meeting do to the passing of the mother of MIFDI President Roche. A moment of silence was offered to honor longtime MIFDI member and friend John O'Donoghue. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to our speaker Casey Grant in recognition of his upcoming retirement from NFPA. Michael made mention of the 2020 membership dues and spoke about the FDIC 2020 Conference. Bob Mackendrick provided fire prevention updates and Captain Andy Connerty updated everyone on Massachusetts Firefighting Academy items.

Members adjourned for lunch at TGI Fridays.



## EMS Run

### ***Coronavirus Awareness***

According to the CDC, common human coronaviruses usually cause mild to moderate upper respiratory tract illnesses, similar to the common cold. These illnesses usually last for only a short time. Symptoms may include;

- Runny nose
- Headache
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Generally not feeling well

Some human coronaviruses can cause lower-respiratory tract illnesses such as pneumonia or bronchitis. This can be common in people with weakened immune systems, infants and elderly.

For those of us responding to EMS calls for patients with cold or flu symptoms, basic common sense rules apply;

- Wash your hands frequently using soap & water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth after touching public surfaces such as door handles or stair railings.
- Ensure that the BSI Kits (Body Substance Isolation) on apparatus are well stocked.
- Apply a non-rebreather or N95 mask on patients that are coughing/sneezing.
- Always use medical gloves and when in doubt, apply N95 masks to fire & EMS members on scene of a patient with a respiratory illness.
- Always decon EMS equipment after use with disinfectant wipes. This includes handles on your jump-kits, stethoscopes, O2 equipment, even your portable radios when giving EMS a patient update using your contaminated gloves.
- Properly dispose your dirty gloves, never leave them on the floor of your apparatus!



## LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of the following Massachusetts firefighters that died in January;

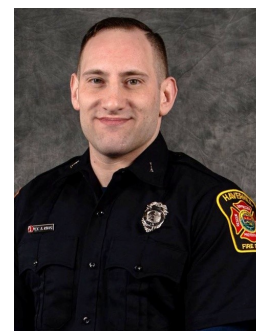
**Chief Scott H. Jepson** of the Somerset Fire Department (ACTIVE). Chief Jepson died suddenly on January 2, 2020 at age 54. He was a member of the S.F.D. for 27-years.

**Lt. Jeffery R. King** of the Haverhill Fire Department (ACTIVE). Jeff died unexpectedly on January 22, 2020 at age 32. A former member of the Amesbury Fire Department, he was appointed to the Haverhill Fire Dept. in 2012 and promoted Lieutenant in 2017.

**Firefighter Tillman J. Coy** of the Boston Fire Department (ACTIVE). F.F. Coy died suddenly on January 15, 2020 at age 60 after suffering cardiac arrest while on duty as a Fire Prevention Inspector.



**Chief Jepson**



**Lt. King**



**F.F. Coy**

***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE***

## CONGRATULATIONS

*Nothing to Report*

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 20, 2020: “Managing Fires in 2.5 Wood Frame Dwellings”  
Wayland High Auditorium (Presented by Chief Ken Galligan)  
Register on the MFA website – Catalog Search – “372”

February 24-27, 2020: Firehouse World Conference & Expo  
Las Vegas, NV [www.firehouseworld.com](http://www.firehouseworld.com)

February 26, 2020: MIFDI - Wayland

March 2-6, 2020: JEMS Conference & Expo  
Tampa, FL [www.emstoday.com](http://www.emstoday.com)

March 3-5, 2020: FCAM Professional Development Conference  
Worcester DCU [www.fcam.org](http://www.fcam.org)

March 8, 2020: Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 21, 2020: Statewide Exam – Municipal Firefighter

March 25, 2020: MIFDI – DFS/MFA

March 28, 2020: American Lung Assoc – “Fight for Air Climb”  
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have.

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## **REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

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

I thank the NFPA for again hosting our January meeting at their HQ in Quincy and thanks to our presenter Casey Grant for his fascinating program; "The Unsolved Mystery of the Cocoanut Grove Fire". I also thank our Treasurer P.P. Michael McLeieer for stepping up to fill in for me during my absence.

On a personal note, I want to express my thanks to the many members who sent cards, emails, facebook posts, memorial donations and those that attended the funeral service for my mother. Your thoughts and prayers for me and my family were truly appreciated.

It is that time when we remind members to support the organization by paying their 2020 dues. The dues allows us to continue printing and mailing the MIFDI Bulletin, maintaining the MIFDI website, and supplying coffee at the meetings. The real bargain is with the educational meetings provided each month. The dues remain at \$35 for Active, \$15 for Retired and \$100 for Assoc. Mail checks to **MIFDI, P.O. Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

I again remind everyone that we are now in the winter season. With that, we have the chance of meeting cancellations due to storms and inclement weather. Be sure to check the MIFDI website or facebook page for postings on cancellations.

Stay safe, I hope to see you at NFPA in Wayland on February 26.



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## **INSTRUCTORS CORNER:**

### ***Ice Thickness Safety***

Although we have had a mild winter thus far and have not experienced a long enough period of freezing temps, we still have until March 19 before the official arrival of spring!

