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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
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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:

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MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, March 25, 2020.** We will be hosted by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services and the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy courtesy of State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey. We will meet in Classroom 127 (Check the welcome screen in the lobby in the event of a room location change).

The training program will be provided by Firefighter Daniel Rinaldi of the Providence Fire Department. Dan will share a terrifying experience and lessons learned after a "MAYDAY" during a structure fire. Dan's program has been very well received in previous presentations and is a must see for every member of the fire service.

SCHEDULE:

0900: Coffee (Available in the cafeteria), **1000:** Presentation, **1130:** Business meeting,

1200: Lunch (In the facility cafeteria on site).

DIRECTIONS:

FROM RT.128/I 95: Take Rt. 20 West to Rt. 27 in Wayland. Turn right on Rt. 27 and continue until Rt. 27 makes a right towards Maynard, ***DO NOT TURN RIGHT***, continue straight for approx 3-miles and the Academy will be on the right.

FROM RT. 495 North: Take Rt. 85 (Exit 25) towards Hudson. At the traffic light turn left onto Rt.85. Turn right on Broad St. (First traffic light), and at the second traffic light turn right on Rt.62. Continue straight until Rt. 62 takes a left towards Stow, ***DO NOT TURN LEFT***, continue straight for approx 4-miles and the Academy will be on your left.

FROM RT. 495 South: Take Rt.62 (Exit 26) into Hudson Center. Continue halfway around the rotary and continue on Rt.62 East. Continue straight until Rt.62 turns left towards Stow, ***DO NOT TURN LEFT***, continue straight for approx 4-miles and the Academy will be on your left.

Ample parking is available in the upper-lot on the "D-Side" of the MFA campus.



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

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 95

Dues paid thru 2025 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 62
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 16
 Dues paid thru 2018 = 10
 Dues paid thru 2017 = 2

Balances as of 03/10/2020

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 1,088.63
 Less uncleared checks: \$ (0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 1,088.63
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 485.39
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance: \$ 1,208.34
 Total \$ 2,782.36

Bills Paid February, 2020:

No Bulletin due to COVID-19 - No Expense -
 Dunkin Donuts - Coffee - Roche - \$36.36 - 02/26
 Staples - Roche - Postage/Supplies - \$ 9.56 - 02/26
 Sudbury Farms - Pastry - Meeting - \$14.97 - 02/26
 TOTAL: \$60.89

Account Transfers:

None

Mailings

E-Mail - 56 Home - 24
 Work - 15
 Total: 95

Membership Totals: 95

58 Active - 33 Retired - 4 Associate

We welcome these new members who joined MIFDI.

- Shaun Weigold - Captain - Shrewsbury Fire
- Matt Karasch - Firefighter - Weston Fire
- David Hayes - Deputy Chief - Norwood

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

03/10/2020

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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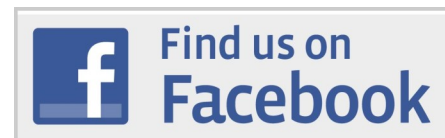
Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

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**. 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 \$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 #2020-02

The February meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 hosted by the Wayland Fire Department courtesy of Chief Neil McPherson.

Our training program was provided by Kelly Hegarty, Crisis Intervention Responder for the Framingham Fire Department. Kelly's program focused on HOARDING and the hazards presented to firefighters when responding to these locations, (We all have them in our communities). The hoarding disorder is a mental health condition which affects 4-6% of the population. Only 26% of "Heavy Content" homes have working smoke detectors and the average damage during fires in these structures is significantly greater. Fighting fires at these locations put firefighters at greater risk due to the heavy fire load and the possibility of piles of items falling over and trapping members. When the occupants are accounted for, the Incident Commander must make the tactical decision on whether to go offensive or defensive weighing the risk vs. benefit.

Following the program, President Roche conducted a brief business meeting. Chief McPherson was introduced and welcomed MIFDI. New member, Deputy Chief David Hayes from Norwood was introduced. Member Andy Connerty was congratulated upon his recent promotion to Assistant Chief of the Burlington Fire Department. Andy then provided an update from the Mass Fire Training Council meeting. Richard Ripley spoke briefly about Lynnfield responding to a recent fatal fire in Reading. Bob MacKendrick spoke on various fire prevention topics. President Roche made mention of the upcoming FCAM Conference & Expo at the DCU Center in Worcester.

Members adjourned for lunch at "The Local Restaurant" in Wayland



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COVID-19 Update

As of this writing there have been 28 cases of COVID-19 in Massachusetts, 1 confirmed positive and 27 “presumptive”. These numbers are expected to rise each week. Scientists throughout the world are reported to be close to eradicating this virus. The following is an update from the IAFF to protect members and the public when responding to potential COVID-19 incidents;

Dispatch call takers must inquire about flu-like symptoms, recent travel or exposure. If a patient is showing signs of flu-like symptoms, regardless of travel, dispatchers must provide instructions of “PPE Advised” to responding personnel.

When responding to a potential COVID-19 incident, members must wear appropriate PPE including; N-95 mask, gloves eye protection and placement of a surgical mask on the patient. Document all potential or confirmed exposures in accordance with your Department Exposure Reports.

Follow CDC recommendations on cleaning and disinfection of EMS vehicles, PPE and equipment after transporting a patient with confirmed COVID-19.

Insure that your department has an adequate inventory of CDC recommended PPE and monitor the availability of PPE with medical supply venders.

If a member is exposed to a confirmed positive COVID-19 patient, a member must enter a 14-day quarantine to monitor for signs & symptoms of the virus. CDC recommends exposed individuals await the onset of symptoms (fever, cough, respiratory difficulty, etc) prior to being tested. If the test results are negative, the member must remain in quarantine for the full 14-days. If it is positive, the member must be moved to isolation.

Fire departments must work closely with local health departments to establish testing protocols. The test is a nasal and throat swab. The CDC recommends the test be performed only on patients who are presenting with signs of the virus.

LAST ALARM:

Nothing to Report

CONGRATULATIONS

The officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our congratulations to **Dr. Denis Onieal** upon his retirement in February as Deputy Fire Administrator for the U.S. Fire Administration. Dr. Onieal previously served as Superintendent of the National Fire Academy from 1995-2015. We thank him for his contributions and years of dedication to the fire service.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 21, 2020: Statewide Exam – Municipal Firefighter

March 25, 2020: MIFDI – DFS/MFA

March 28, 2020: American Lung Assoc – “Fight for Air Climb”
One Boston Place www.lung.org

April 20, 2020: B.A.A. Boston Marathon

April 19-25, 2020: F.D.I.C. 2020 Conference & Expo
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April 22, 2020: MIFDI – Brookline

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

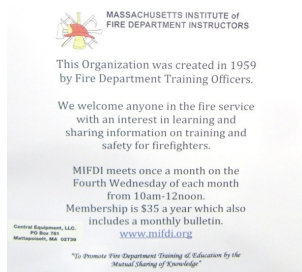
Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

I thank the Kelly Hegarty of the Framingham Fire Department for her program on the Hazards of Hoarding provided for MIFDI at our February meeting. I also thank Chief Neil McPherson and the members of the Wayland Fire Department for hosting MIFDI at their Public Safety training room.

Special thanks to Central Equipment LLC for sharing space for MIFDI at their booth during the FCAM Conference & Expo in Worcester on March 3-4. They created a large poster to help promote MIFDI along with providing table space for MIFDI applications. The display also included a photo of late MIFDI member John O'Donoghue during his visit to the FDNY last November.

A reminder for 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.**

Stay safe, I hope to see you at the Academy on March 25



MIFDI Promotional Display at the 2020 FCAM Conference & Expo

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