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INSTRUCTORS**

November - December
2020

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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".

THE MIFDI OFFICERS - 2019

President: Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department
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Terms Expire 2019

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**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors - Tax ID: 04-2307216
 2021 Membership Application & Invoice
 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2021**

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



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

Membership Information

Name _____
Address _____
City & State _____
Zip Code _____
Phone (Home) _____
E-mail Address _____
Fax (Home) _____

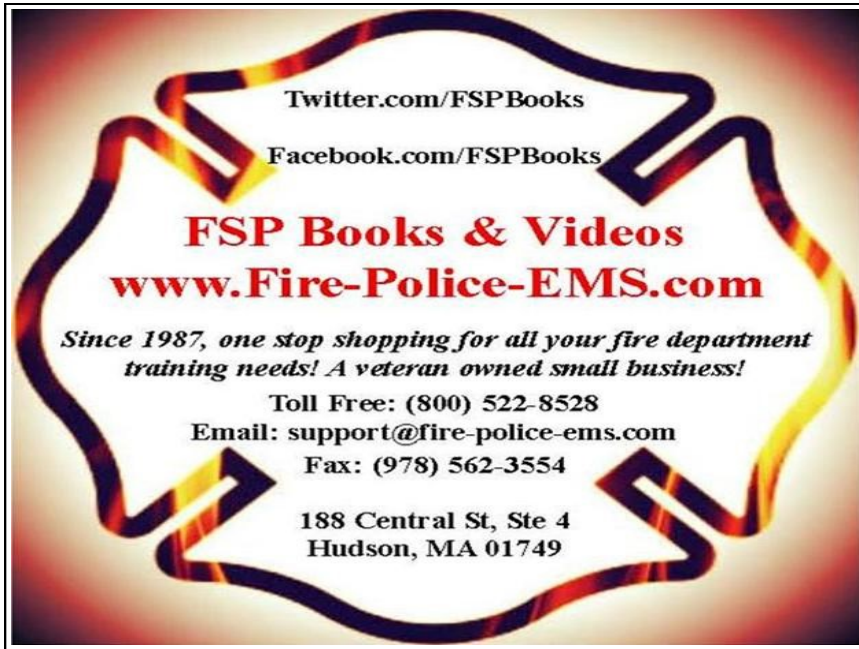
Work Information

Department _____
Rank _____
Phone (work) _____
Fax (work) _____
Address (work) _____
City & State (work) _____
Zip Code _____

<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:

MIFDI
Attn: Michael McLeieer, Treasurer
PO Box 507
Merrimac, MA 01860-0510
Phone: (978) 346-4731
E-mail: mifditreasurer@escapeinc.org



DECEMBER MEETING NOTICE

After this very difficult year, it would be nice for members to get together for the holidays. The "Holiday Social Luncheon" during the past few years has been very well received as we break bread and break some chops!

The lunch will take place on **Wednesday, December 16, 2020** at 11:45 am at the CAFÉ ESCADRILLE, 26 Cambridge St, Burlington. We will have a table reserved from 11:30-1:30 and they have a nice variety of lunch menu items reasonably priced.

I checked with the restaurant and they can safely accommodate us. We cannot have one large table as in the past but we can have 3 tables of 6-8 people in the same room. This will allow us to converse as a group. Per state protocol, face masks are required except during seating.

We hope to see many old faces attend as well as those members planning to retire in 2021 moving to a new chapter in their life. For those who wish to attend, shoot me an email at captroche@aol.com or leave me a message at [508-655-2528](tel:508-655-2528) to ensure that we have adequate seating for our group.

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt.128/I-95, take Exit 33A towards Winchester. The restaurant is located a short distance on the left. There is plenty of free parking available.



TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Bills Paid November 2020:
 December Bulletin mailed -

TOTAL: \$120.00
\$120.00

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Account Transfers:: None

Total active members = 87

Dues paid thru 2025 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 5
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 66
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 13

Mailings

E-Mail - 54 Home - 19
 Work - 14
 Total: 87

Balances as of 12/10/2020

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 123.03
 Less uncleared checks: \$ (0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 123.03
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 386.03
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,313.50
 Total: \$ 2,822.56

Membership Totals: 87

53 Active - 30 Retired - 4 Associate

There are no new members who joined MIFDI last month.

- 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 2021 dues are due in January, 2021.**
Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2020 for your 2020 dues.

(b) You may now use the 2021 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.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, late fees for dues payments will be waived.

Respectfully submitted

12/10/2020

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

978-346-4731

Email: mifditreasurer@escapeinc.org

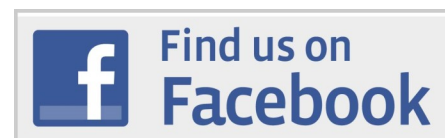
Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

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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RENEWAL of DUES or NEW MEMBERSHIPS may be addressed to:
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PO Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860-0510
Phone: (978) 346-4731

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.

RECALL OF MEETING #2020-06, 09



	<p>OHS Training & Consulting, Inc. 9 Faun Bar Ave. Suite #2 Winthrop, MA 02152 www.ohstrainconsult.com</p> <p>Nancy Hughes President P: 617-959-4414 F: 617-663-6677 E: Nancy.ohstc@gmail.com</p>
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EMS Run
COVID-19 Guidance

According to a letter from the Massachusetts Command Center guidance dated November 20, 2020, “EMS providers and first responders are not required to quarantine following an exposure to COVID-19 provided the EMS provider or first responder is not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms and continues to self monitor for symptoms”.

“We encourage you all to remain vigilant about using appropriate personal protective equipment, wearing face coverings, maintaining 6-feet of distance from those around you except when absolutely necessary, and staying home if you feel sick”.



Symptoms of COVID-19*

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of the following Active Firefighters we lost during the past few months;

Somerville **F.F. Joey L. Marano** (Occupational cancer) October 2, 2020 (Age 53)

Hamilton **F.F. Thomas P. Raymond** (Unexpectedly) November 3, 2020 (Age 54)



Joey Marano

Raymond



Tom

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

CONGRATULATIONS

The Officers & members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer belated congratulations to MIFDI Member **Captain Eugene Rothman** of the Natick Fire Department upon his retirement this past April. We wish you good health & happiness Gene!

Congratulations are also offered to **Chief Kevin Partridge** of the Easton Fire Department upon his retirement on October 21, 2020. Kevin has been a friend and supporter of MIFDI throughout his 36-year career in the fire service serving in various positions, including DFS Director of Homeland Security & Emergency Response from 2006-2012. We wish you good health & happiness Kevin!



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

269-492-3341

UPCOMING EVENTS: *Noting To Report*

Continued from page 7 - Report From The President:

I hope to see you for lunch in Burlington on the 16th. If you are not able to attend, I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a healthy 2021.



My younger days

“To Promote Fire Department Training & Education by the Mutual Sharing of Knowledge”

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Indications of tank failure aside from age include; rust, dents on the surface, wet spots on or under the tank, or odors of oil. A minor leak on the average basement floor may only require diking with absorbent material and notifying the heating service provider. In older homes with dirt floor basements, an oil leak could wind up being very costly due to the necessary removal of contaminated soil. A major problem occurs when the homeowner converted to natural gas and removed the oil tank but left the outdoor fill pipe and never cancelled the oil delivery. There have been incidents where basements have been filled with a large amount of fuel oil before discovery is made of the mishap. In some states, there is a public fund to assist with cleanup costs of oil leaks. In other states, private insurance or a tank protection program may assist the homeowner.

The oil heating industry has been working to ensure that tanks are safe. Above-ground tanks are tested to ensure they can withstand a severe fire without causing a leak and are designed to ensure that they will not contribute to a house fire.

The industry has been working with the NFPA and Underwriters Laboratory with regards to proper and safe installation of tanks including; fuel line protection, anti-leak devices on the lines, and installation of fill pipes and vents. Additionally, the industry is working to ensure that the oil burner techs are able to inspect the tank for any developing issues.

REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

With December closing out, it will end what has been a terrible year. Hopefully everyone remained safe and healthy as we cope with this international pandemic. I thank everyone for your patient's and understanding with hopes of returning to our "normal" monthly meetings in 2021.

On another note, I have arrived at the dreaded mandatory retirement age this month and will be retiring from my career on the Newton Fire Department effective December 30, 2020. It is indeed a bitter-sweet time as I was honored with having a job that I loved and looked forward to going to work. The fire service is the greatest and most rewarding profession in the world, I am truly blessed.

With that announcement, I expect to step down from my position as President of this great organization in 2021 and ask any of our young active members to consider stepping up. I do plan to remain active in MIFDI but I feel it is best for the organization to have an active fire service member as the President. For a young aspiring officer, serving as President of this statewide training organization looks great on a resume. The primary duty of President is to run the monthly meetings; introducing the speaker, asking for committee reports and allowing members to share announcements, events and incidents of interest. As a Past-President, I will revert to a Director and continue to assist with presentations and meeting locations. With the meeting cancellations during the past year, we have several presentations line up ready to go when it is safe to hold meetings again. So consider this opportunity to serve as President, we have a great support team in place to assist.

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INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Residential Heating Oil Tank

Due to some recent high profile incidents involving natural gas as well as reductions in the price of oil, many homeowners are holding on to their residential oil heating units this year. Oil heat is relatively safe as long as the heating unit is maintained and serviced annually by a licensed technician.

Oil storage tanks can be aboveground or belowground and usually found in one of three places;

Above ground tanks are usually in the basement, garage or utility rooms.

Some aboveground tanks may be located outdoors in the rear of side of the house.

Underground tanks are located buried in the yard in various locations.

The most common aboveground tank is 275-gallon (NOTE: The average 275 gallon tank typically holds 225 gallons). Underground tanks are usually larger holding 550-1000 gallon of fuel.

Improvements in construction of newer tanks with corrosion resistant material have reduced the chance of product leaks. The older tanks can last 15-30 years however; most recommendations require replacement between 15-20 years.

In addition to the tank, the storage system includes the fill pipe and vent. The vent pipe releases air pressure from the tank as it is being filled. The vent pipe is required to have an audible alarm to indicate when the tank reaches its fill point during a delivery.

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