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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

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**Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors - Tax ID: 04-2307216
 2022 Membership Application & Invoice
 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2022**

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



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

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<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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MEETING NOTICE

The September meeting of MIFDI will be held on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021** hosted by the North Andover Fire Department courtesy of Chief John Weir. We will meet in the Training Room at the new NAFD Fire HQ located at 795 Chickering Rd (Rt.125/133).

The training program will be provided by Lawrence Fire Chief Brian Moriarty with a fascinating presentation on the Merrimack Valley gas incident from September 13, 2018 that severely challenged the fire departments in Andover, Lawrence, and North Andover.

(Schedule) 0930: Coffee, 1000: Presentation, 1145: Business Meeting/ Discussion of Events, 1215: Lunch (Off site)

(Directions) From I-93 take Exit 35 in Wilmington. You continue on that road which is Rt.125 for approx 9-miles and you will see the NAFD on the right just past North Andover High School.

(Logistics) You will be asked to wear a face mask when entering the lobby until seated in the training room. Also, parking is tight so the chief will allow “doubling parking” in the parking lot. There is also street parking on Prescott St across from the station.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2021
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$123.03
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$386.21
 CapitalOneSav. Balance \$2,314.28
 Total: \$2,823.52

Bills Paid August 2021:

Sept. MIFDI Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 08/31
 TOTAL: \$120.00

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Account Transfers::

07/29/2021 - Checking to Savings - \$700.00

Total active members = 92

Dues paid thru 2030 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2027 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 6
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 50
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 25
 Dues paid thru 2019 = 8

Mailings

E-Mail - 58 Home - 20
Work - 14
 Total: 92

Balances as of 09/14/2021

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 207.37
 Less uncleared checks: \$ (0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 207.37
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,466.78
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,317.94
 Total \$ 3,992.09

Membership Totals: 92

53 Active - 35 Retired - 4 Associate

We welcome these new (or returning members) to MIFDI!

- FSP Books, Inc. - New Owner Steve Bankuti - Associate Member
- Mike Patterson - Chief - Burlington Fire (Welcome back!)
- Justin Mellor - Captain - Natick Fire
- Martin Conroy - Captain - Arlington 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 2021 dues are due in January, 2021.**
Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2021 for your 2021 dues
NOTE: (this fee has been waived due to COVID-19 for 2020 & 2021).

(b) You may now use the 2022 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

09/14/2021

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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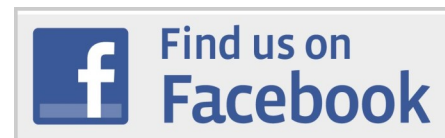
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Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

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

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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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, 2021.**

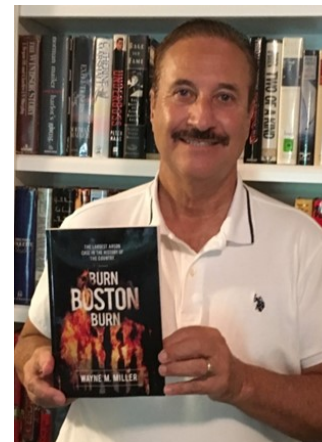
RECALL OF MEETING #2021-06

The June meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 hosted by the Lexington Fire Department courtesy of Derek Sencabaugh. The meeting was held in the training room of the new Lexington Fire HQ.

The training program opened with a presentation by Boston Firefighter Dan MacAuley with a demonstration of the FAST Extrication Device to be deployed by your RIT team for the rapid removal of a down firefighter. The device may also be utilized for water/ice rescue and for rapid removal of patients during an active shooter incident.

The second portion of the training was provided by former ATF Special Agent Wayne Miller, author of the book "Burn Boston Burn". Wayne was assisted by former WBZ Cameraman Nat Whittermore as they walked us through the investigation and ultimate arrest of the group responsible for the largest arson case in the country. The arson fires took place in Boston and surrounding areas shortly after the public safety cutbacks caused by the tax cutting measure "Proposition 2.5" in 1982.

Following this fascinating presentation, Wayne autographed copies of his book for members to purchase. Bob MacKendrick spoke about the challenges posed by fires in the batteries of electric vehicles. President Roche mentioned to those studying for promotion, FSP Books is under new ownership and now location at 433 Main St. in Hudson. The meeting ended with a tour of the impressive new Lexington Fire HQ facility which opened in October 2020. Members adjourned for lunch at Jimmy's Restaurant in Arlington.





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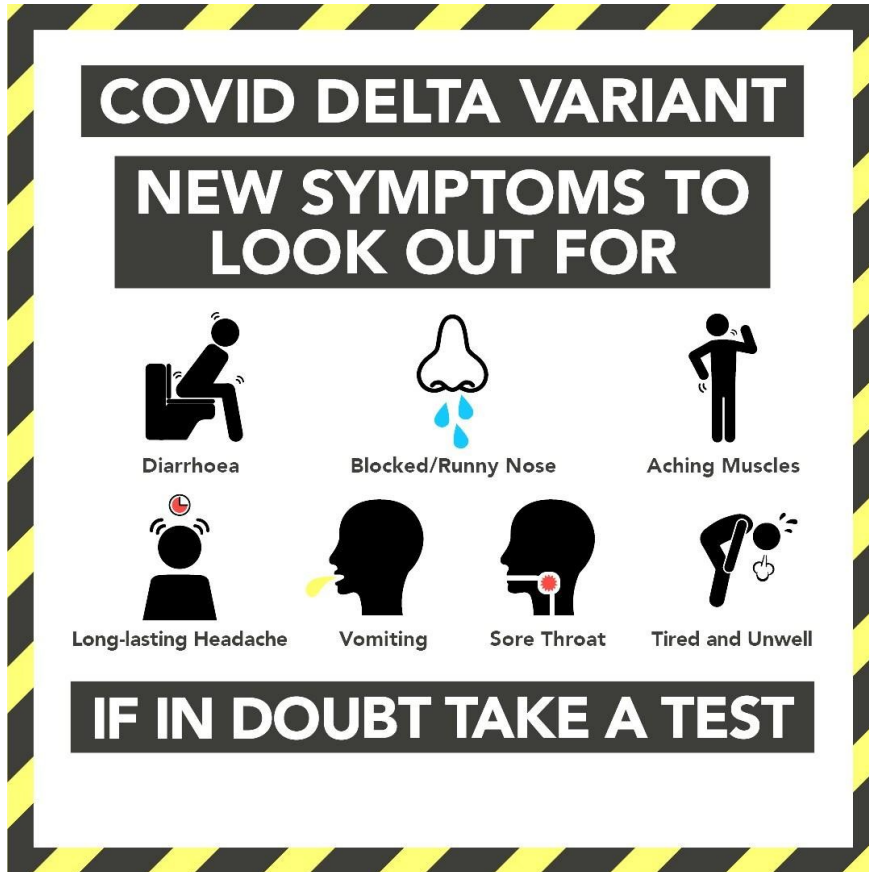
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LAST ALARM:

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of the following members of the fire service that died over the summer;

Mr. Thomas F. O'Connell died on May 8, 2021 from a recent illness at age 66. Tom's career focused on Radiation Services & Protection. He was an instructor at the Mass Fire Academy on radiation courses and was a consultant for the DFS Haz-Mat Lab.

Sandwich F.F. Donald G. Campbell (Retired) died May 29, 2021 from a recent cancer diagnosis at age 68. Many knew Tom during his years as an instructor at the Barnstable County Fire & Rescue Training Academy.

Boston Lt. Richard F. Stirling (ACTIVE) died suddenly while off duty on June 15, 2021 at age 64.

Newburyport F.F. Brett Burkinshaw (ACTIVE) died on July 1, 2021 at age 47 from occupational cancer.

Andover Lt. James A. Cuticchia (Retired) died on July 4, 2021 at age 63 from occupational cancer. Jim previously served as a member of the Massachusetts Fire Service Training Council for several years representing the PFFM.

Gloucester F.F. Gregory G. Marchant (ACTIVE) died unexpectedly from surgical complications on July 5, 2021 at age 55.

Medfield Captain Michael Harman (ACTIVE) died suddenly while off duty on July 10, 2021 at age 43.

Holyoke F.F. Jonathan Robert (ACTIVE) died unexpectedly on July 30, 2021 at age 30.

May They Rest In Peace

CONGRATULATIONS

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers congratulations to MIFDI member **Deputy Chief Brian Nardelli** of the Brockton Fire Department upon his appointment to Chief of Department effective July 18, 2021. We offer Chief Nardelli our support and best wishes for continued success in his new position.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 17, 2021: Greenwood Emergency Vehicles Open House
North Attleborough

September 18, 2021: MAFAA Parade & Flea Market
Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington

September 22, 2021: **MIFDI** – North Andover FD

October 3-9, 2021: National Fire Prevention Week

October 11, 2021: BAA 2021 Boston Marathon

October 27, 2021: **MIFDI** – DFS/MFA - Annual FDIC Summary

October 30, 2021: STATEWIDE EXAM: MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTER
Filing Deadline is September 21 www.mass.gov/civilservice

**44TH ANNIVERSARY ANTIQUE
FIRE APPARATUS PARADE**



Sept. 18, 2021
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Show & Firematic Flea Market
will be held at: 99 Fordham Rd., Wilmington, MA

Parade will start at
Shawsheen School in Wilmington
ending at the Shriner's Auditorium.

Parade line up at 9AM
Flea market vendors will be setup inside along
with hand drawn apparatus and model builders.

Handtub Competition Starts at Noon!

REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department

It was great to finally meet in-person for our June meeting in Lexington. I thank our presenter retired ATF Special Agent Wayne Miller for his fascinating program on "BURN BOSTON BURN". I also thank Boston Firefighter Dan MacAuley for displaying the "RIT Board" created to greatly assist with the removal of a down fire-fighter. Thanks also to Chief Derek Sencabaugh and the members of the Lexington Fire Department for hosting MIFDI in their impressive new facility

A reminder to those who have fallen behind, we ask members who would prefer to remain active in MIFDI to submit your dues payment for 2021 and for 2022. Many have already submitted their dues including our Associate members which is helpful for us to support the bulletin and payment for our website server each year. Again, I reassure you that MIFDI is alive and well and will continue into the future as an informative fire service training organization. Dues will remain at \$35 for Active, \$15 for Retired and \$100 for Associate. Send checks to: **MIFDI, PO Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860**. I again thank everyone for their support and patience during the difficult past few years during the pandemic.

Hope to see you in North Andover on the 22nd.



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INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9, 2021



The National Fire Prevention Week 2021 campaign:
"Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety"