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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
 2022 Membership Application & Invoice
 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2022**

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



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

Membership Information

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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:

MIFDI
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EMS Run - Continued from page 5

MYTH: Covid-19 vaccines will affect my fertility.

FACT: Currently, no evidence shows that any vaccine, including Covid-19 vaccines, cause fertility problems.

MYTH: Being near someone who received a Covid-19 vaccine will affect my menstrual cycle.

FACT: Your menstrual cycle cannot be affected by being with someone who received a Covid-19 vaccine.

MYTH: Getting a Covid-19 vaccine will cause me to test positive on a viral test.

FACT: None of the authorized Covid-19 vaccines can cause you to test positive on a viral test.

MEETING NOTICE

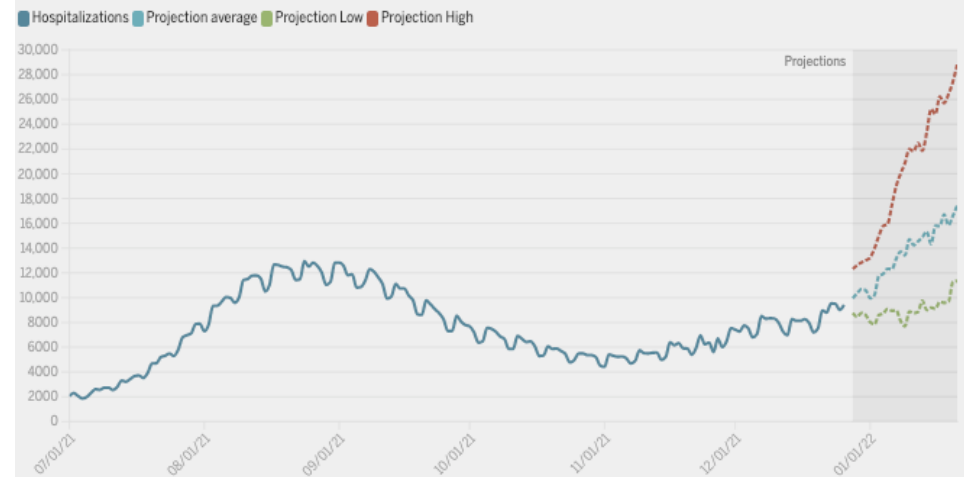
We reluctantly decided to cancel our January 26 meeting due to the recent surge in the covid variants throughout the country since the holidays.

This decision is not only for the safety of our members, it is becoming difficult to find a host community willing to allow meetings of outside groups into their facilities until the numbers level off again.

We are hopeful to get back on schedule by early spring and we can finally see an end of this dreaded pandemic in 2022.

Forecast of weekly coronavirus hospitalizations for US

Ensemble forecasts combine diverse independent team forecasts into one forecast. They have been among the most reliable forecasts in performance over time, but even the ensemble forecasts do not reliably predict rapid changes in the trends of reported cases, hospitalizations



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention • Ryan Huddle / Globe Staff

• A Flourish chart

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/03/2022
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$ 154.67
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$1,097.27
 CapitalOne Sav. Balance \$2,318.72
 Total: \$3,570.66

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Total active members = 84

Dues paid thru 2030 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2027 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 20
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 36
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 22

Balances as of 01/11/2022

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 138.86
 Less uncleared checks: \$ (0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 138.86
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 877.27
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,318.72
 Total \$ 3,334.85

Bills Paid December 2021:

Dec MIFDI Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 12/31
 Constant Contact - Michael (Annual) \$168.00 - 12/31
 1-800-Flowers Holiday DFS - Michael \$ 48.98 - 12/31
 TOTAL EXPENSES: \$336.98

Account Transfers:

PCU Savings to Checking - \$100.00 - 12/31
 PCU Savings to Checking - \$120.00 - 01/11

Mailings

E-Mail - 55 Home - 19
Work - 10
 Total: 84

Membership Totals: 84

45 Active - 35 Retired - 4 Associate

There were no new members who joined MIFDI.

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 2022 are due in January, 2022.**

Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2022 for your 2022 dues

(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

01/11/2022

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!

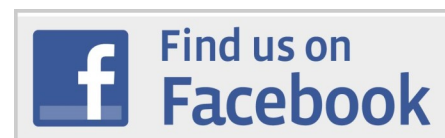
MIFDI will also accept credit card payments. Contact Michael McLeieer for details.

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, 2021. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renewed before April 1, 2021 (the fee has been waived due to COVID-19).

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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, 2022.**

RECALL OF MEETING #2021-12

The December meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. This was our annual MIFDI Holiday Luncheon held at Café Escadrille in Burlington. The event was enjoyed by 17-members celebrating friendships over great food and conversation before the holidays as we close out another year.





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PARATECH

EMS Run

CDC Myths & Facts about Covid Vaccines

MYTH: *The ingredients in Covid-19 vaccines are dangerous.*

FACT: Nearly all the ingredients in Covid-19 vaccines are also in many foods.

MYTH: *The natural immunity I get from being sick with Covid-19 is better than immunity from the Covid-19 vaccine.*

FACT: Getting a Covid vaccination is a safer and more dependable way to build immunity to Covid-19 than getting sick with Covid-19.

MYTH: *Covid-19 vaccines cause variants.*

FACT: Covid-19 vaccines do not create or cause variants of the virus that causes Covid-19. Covid-19 vaccines can help prevent new variants from emerging.

MYTH: *All events reported to the Vaccine Adverse Reported System are caused by the vaccination.*

FACT: Anyone can report events even if it's not clear whether a vaccine caused the problem. Because of this, the data cannot determine if the reported adverse event was caused by a Covid-19 vaccination.

MYTH: *The mRNA vaccine is not considered a vaccine.*

FACT: The mRNA vaccines work differently than other types of vaccines, but still trigger an immune response inside your body.

MYTH: *Covid-19 vaccines contain microchips.*

FACT: Covid-19 vaccines do not contain microchips. Vaccines are developed to fight against disease, not to track movement.

MYTH: *Receiving a Covid-19 vaccine can make you magnetic.*

FACT: Receiving a Covid-19 vaccine will not make you magnetic.

MYTH: *Covid-19 vaccines authorized in the US shed or release their components.*

FACT: Vaccine shedding in or outside the body can only occur when a vaccine contains a live weakened version of the virus

MYTH: *Covid-19 vaccines can alter my DNA.*

FACT: Covid-19 vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way.

MYTH: *Covid-19 vaccine can make me sick with Covid-19.*

FACT: None of the Covid-19 vaccines in the US contain the live virus and cannot make you sick with Covid-19.

LAST ALARM

NOTHING TO REPORT

CONGRATULATIONS

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and sincere thanks to DHS/FEMA Regional Fire Program Specialist David Parr upon his retirement from FEMA on December 29, 2021.

Dave provided presentations to MIFDI in the past to help explain the grant process to MIFDI members and answer questions on what items do and do not qualify for a successful grant.

There have been numerous fire departments throughout New England that have benefited by the FEMA grants allocated to provide new equipment and safer working conditions for a countless number of firefighters. It is safe to say that the fire service today is better equipped and operating much safer due to the efforts of Dave Parr.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 6, 2022: 2022 B-Fit Challenge
TD Garden, Boston

February 6-12, 2022: National Burn Awareness Week

February 23, 2022: **MIFDI**

February 23-26 2022: JEMS EMS Conference & Expo
National Harbor, MD www.emstoday.com

March 1-3, 2022: FCAM Professional Development Conference
Worcester DCU Center www.fcaml.org

March 13, 2022: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

March 23, 2022: **MIFDI**

March 22-24, 2022: Wildland-Urban Interface Conference
Reno, NV www.iafc.org



REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

Captain Mark W. Roche, Newton Fire Department (Retired)

Our December meeting in Burlington again provided members the opportunity to enjoy gathering for our Annual Holiday Luncheon. We hope to continue this tradition each year.

I reluctantly decided to cancel the January meeting due to safety concerns from the covid variant surge. I am hopeful that this is just a temporary hiccup and we can safely reconvene with our training meetings ASAP.

As many retirements occur at the beginning of the year, I again request members to spread the word about MIFDI to any newly promoted officers within your department, especially those assigned as Training & Safety Officers. Feel free to invite a guest to any meeting to allow them to learn first-hand about what this training organization has to offer.

A reminder for MIFDI members to submit your annual dues payment for 2022 (*Refer to the mailing label on your bulletin or the roster handout to check your membership status*). Dues remain at \$35 for Active, \$15 for Retired and \$100 for Associate. Dues can be paid at the meetings or mailed to: **MIFDI, PO Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

Stay safe, I wish everyone a safe and healthy New Year.

INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Cancer Awareness Month

