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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 - 2022

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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

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

Work Information

Department _____
Rank _____
Phone (work) _____
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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
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MEETING NOTICE

The March meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, March 23, 2022** hosted by the Burlington Fire Department courtesy of Chief Michael Patterson and MIFDI member Assistant Chief Andy Connerty. We will meet in the training room of their new Station 2 located at 114 Terrace Hall Ave near Middlesex Turnpike. MIFDI last met at this location for our October 2019 meeting.

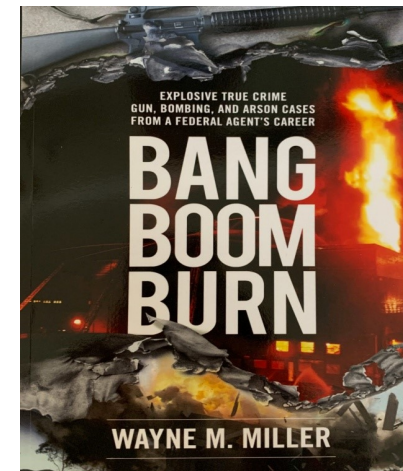
The training program will be provided by former ATF Special Agent Wayne Miller with a new program on his latest book “BANG-BOOM-BURN” which highlights some of the dramatic incidents involving explosives and firearms experienced during his career. Wayne last presented to MIFDI for our June 2020 meeting in Lexington about the Boston Arson Ring in the 80’s.

SCHEDULE:

0930 Coffee, **1000** Presentation, **1115** Book signing, **1130** Meeting & Info Sharing, **1200** Lunch

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt.128/I-95 take Exit 50-B, continue toward Burlington onto the Middlesex Turnpike. Follow Middlesex Turnpike approx 1.5-miles to Terrace Hall Ave. on your right. The Station will be on the right. The parking and entrance is on the B-side of the station.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/03/2022
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$ 154.67
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$1,097.27
 CapitalOneSav. 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 = 82

Dues paid thru 2031 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2030 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2027 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 3
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 57
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 10
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 7

Balances as of 03/11/2022
 Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 523.86
 Less uncleared checks: \$ (0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 523.86
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,877.27
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,319.10
 Total \$ 4,720.23

Bills Paid February 2022:

March MIFDI Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 02/28
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$120.00

Account Transfers:

PCU Cking to Savings - \$1,000.00 - 02/28/2022

Mailings

E-Mail - 55 Home - 18
Work - 9
Total: 82

Membership Totals: 82

45 Active - 34 Retired - 3 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 were 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.
- (c) All 2022 dues payments mailed in Dec., Jan., Feb. & early March have been deposited.

Respectfully submitted
 03/11/2022
 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!

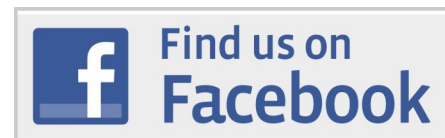
MIFDI will also accept credit card payments. Contact Michael McLeieer for details.

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, 2022. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renewed before April 1, 2022.

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 Michael

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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, 2022.**

RECALL OF MEETING

The February meeting of MIFDI scheduled for February 23, 2022 was again cancelled as a precaution due the surge in the covid variants.





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EMS Run

Faith-Based Attacks

The FBI and the Department of Homeland Security has issued warnings on attacks against churches, temples and mosques. Faith-based communities will likely remain targets for violence and recommending that state and local agencies evaluate security measures at large gathering events at houses of worship. Homeland Security and law enforcement nationwide suspect an increase in the levels of violence in the upcoming year.

(MIFDI Presidents Note)

During the month of April, Easter will be celebrated on April 17 and Passover observed on April 16. With the covid restrictions ending in many communities we will once again see a large attendance during the Holy week events. As firefighters and EMS providers, we must remain vigilant and plan for a large-scale mass casualty event. In most cases, the shooter will be gone by the time of our arrival, but never let your guard down. If there was a bomb, always suspect a secondary device focused on taking out first responders. Approach all suspicious package calls very carefully, especially close to the holidays. Have an EMS staging area in mind for each of your local houses of worship. Review the nearest MedFlight LZ to each facility. With snow covering open area fields this time of the year, many of the designated landing zones may be unusable. When responding to a “911 hang-up” or “unknown medical” or even a Master Box trip during a Holy Day event, remain alert for additional updates from dispatch during your response. Prepare donning ballistic vests while responding as information is received. Limit the amount of members entering using the 2-in/2-out rule until the scene is determined to be safe. Again, stay vigilant and never let your guard down!



LAST ALARM

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of **LT. MICHAEL D. MAHONEY** of the Brockton Fire Department. Lt. Mahoney died unexpectedly on February 14, 2022 at age 52.



May He Rest In Peace

CONGRATULATIONS

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and best wishes to the following past & present MIFDI Members on their recent retirements;



Deputy Chief Edward Morrissey
Cambridge FD (37-Years)



Chief of Ops. Keith Flaherty
Brookline FD (39-Years)



Captain David Healy
Foxborough FD (39-Years)

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

269-492-3341

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 23, 2022: **MIFDI - Burlington**

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

March 31, 2022: Overcoming Common Fireground Mistakes
Dedham AL Post 18 (See flyer below)

April 18, 2022: BAA 2022 Boston Marathon

April 25-30, 2022: FDIC Instructors Conference
Indianapolis, IN www.fdic.org

April 27, 2022: **MIFDI**

April 30, 2022: American Lung Assoc. "FIGHT FOR AIR CLIMB"
Fenway Park, Boston (Gate E) www.lung.org

Northeast Rescue Systems -and- NorthEast Squad Concepts Present



**"Overcoming Common
Engine Company
Mistakes and
Fireground Problems"**

Jason Rivera- Firefighter, New Haven, CT Fire
Department and owner of NorthEast Squad Concepts

March 31, 2022
American Legion Post 18
155 Washington St
Dedham, MA 02026

9:30-14:30

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Coffee, Pastries, and
Lunch Provided

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

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

I am delighted that we can safely resume our monthly training meetings once again. I thank members for your patients during these past few months. Hopefully we are done with this pandemic without anymore variants to challenge the world in 2022.

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 and I hope to see you in Burlington on the 23rd.



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INSTRUCTORS CORNER:

Direct Vent Pipe Hazards



When responding to CO incidents after a snow storm, be sure to do an outside visual for vents blocked by snow.

At other times of the year, vents may be blocked by vegetation or insect nests.



Another hazard to be watchful for, if you see discoloration on the vent pipe, this is a red flag that there is a gas issue causing overheating of the vent. The unit should be shut down and the gas company notified.

IN BOTH SITUATIONS, THE STRUCTURE SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY CHECKED FOR CARBON MONOXIDE WITH YOUR MULTI-GAS METERS