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

Membership Information

Name _____
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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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JUNE MEETING NOTICE

The June meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022** hosted by the Lexington Fire Department courtesy of Chief Derek Secabaugh. We will meet in the first floor training room of their fire HQ located at 45 Bedford St (Rt.4/225).

Our training program will be provided by MIFDI Treasurer/Past President Michael McLeieer. The presentation will feature highlights of some of the great topics covered during the 2022 FDIC held in April. Those in attendance will be provided with a zip-drive downloaded with many of the training programs offered at this year's conference.

SCHEDULE:

0930 Coffee, 1000: Training Presentation, 1130: Meeting/Discussions, 1200: Lunch (off site).

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt.128/I-95, take Exit 49A (This is a new Exit Number for Rt. 4/225). Head east on Bedford St and the fire HQ will be located approx 1-mile of the left. There is parking in the rear and if you have a "company vehicle", you can park in the Walgreen's lot across from the firehouse.



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 = 86

Dues paid thru 2031 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2030 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2027 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 4
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 62
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 8
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 7

Balances as of 06/11/2022

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 181.40
 Less uncleared checks: \$ (25.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 156.40
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,877.55
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,319.69
 Total \$ 4,353.64

Bills Paid May 2022:

June MIFDI Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 05/31
 Heav'nly Donuts - M. Roche - Meeting \$ 42.78 - 05/25
 Star Market - M. Roche—Meeting \$ 12.09 - 05/25
 Belliveau Mother's Memorial Donation \$25.00 - 05/17
 TOTAL: \$199.87

Account Transfers:

None

Mailings

E-Mail - 58 Home - 19
Work - 9
 Total: 86

Membership Totals: 86

47 Active - 35 Retired - 4 Associate

We welcome these new members who recently joined MIFDI:

- Paul Guttadauro - Deputy Chief - Tewksbury Fire
- Alan Rosemond - Training Lieutenant - Tewksbury 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 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. & March have been deposited..

Respectfully submitted

06/11/2022

by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer

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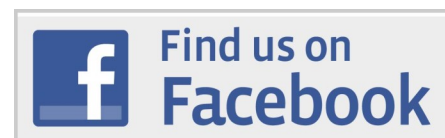
Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

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

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 tablet, phone 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, 2022.

RECALL OF MEETING #2022-05

The May meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday May 25, 2022 hosted by the Wilmington Fire Department courtesy of Chief William Cavanaugh. The meeting was held in the Training Room of the Wilmington Public Safety Building

The training program was provided by MIFDI P.P. Norm Aubert. Norm offered a fascinating presentation titled; **TAKING ACTION AGAINST CANCER IN THE FIRE SERVICE**. This informative program is offered through the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy for fire departments throughout the Commonwealth. We were grateful to have this shared with MIFDI members.

Following the program, a brief business meeting was conducted beginning with a moment of silence for the victims of the school shooting in Uvalde TX. One new member was introduced. Condolences were offered to members Jim & Brien Belliveau of the recent loss of their mother Jean. Condolences were also offered to member Bob MacKendrick of the loss of his father Harlan at age 102. MFTC Rep. Andy Connerty reported that Chief Tim Nelson from Amherst has been selected as the new Chairman of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council due to the retirement in April of Lt. Paul Medeiros from Hyannis. Members adjourned to lunch at nearby Rocco's Restaurant.



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EMS Run

Monkeypox?

According to the CDC, scientists are tracking cases of monkeypox in countries that don't normally have monkeypox, including the United States. As of this writing, there are 12 cases reported in the US including one in Massachusetts.

It is not clear how individuals were exposed to monkeypox but the CDC is urging healthcare providers in the US to be alert for patients with rash illnesses. Some of the red flags include anyone who;

- Traveled to West Africa or parts of Europe where monkeypox has been reported.

- Have had contact with a person confirmed or suspected with monkeypox.
- Is a man who had intimate contact with other men.

The symptoms of monkeypox are similar but milder than symptoms of smallpox. The main difference is that monkeypox causes the lymph nodes to swell, smallpox does not. The illness begins with: FEVER, HEADACHE, MUSTLE ACHES, BACKACHE, SWOLLEN LYMPHNODES, CHILLS, EXHAUSTION.

Within 1-3 days of the fever, the patient develops a rash beginning on the face and then spreading to other parts of the body. LESIONS will then progress throughout the body before turning to scabs and falling off. The illness can last 2-4 weeks.

Transmission of the virus occurs when a person comes in contact with the virus from an animal, human, or contaminated materials with the virus. The virus enters the body through broken skin, respiratory tract, or mucous membranes.

The key to prevention for us as EMS First Responders is the same as we have become accustomed to when dealing with COVID: Practice good hygiene by washing with soap and water and use alcohol-based hand sanitizer. **MOST IMPORTANTLY**, use PPE including masks, gloves, eye protection and gowns when handling infected patients.

Currently there is no specific treatment for the monkeypox virus infection. The antiviral developed for patients with smallpox may prove to be beneficial with treating monkeypox. Massachusetts General Hospital is one of the first medical facilities in the country to currently research a treatment for monkeypox.

For more information on monkeypox, refer to the CDC website. If you suspect a patient is infected with the monkeypox virus, contact the **CDC Emergency Operations Center at (770-488-7100)**

LAST ALARM

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of the following firefighter that we lost in May;

Firefighter John D. Reidy of the Scituate Fire Department. F.F. Reidy died on May 4, 2022 from occupational cancer.



May He Rest In Peace

CONGRATULATIONS

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and support to MIFDI member **Chief James Vuona** of the Shrewsbury Fire Department upon being sworn in as the President of the Fire Chief's Association of Massachusetts (FCAM) on May 18, 2022. Great achievement Mr. Prez!



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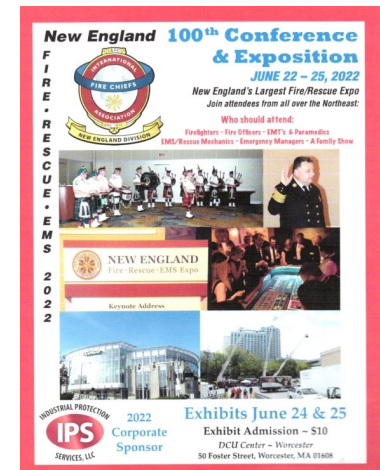
June 17, 2022: 50th Anniversary - Hotel Vendome Tragedy Ceremony @ 11am, Commonwealth Ave & Dartmouth St

June 22-25, 2022: New England FIRE-RESCUE-EMS 2022 Worcester DCU www.newenglandfirechiefs.org

June 22-25, 2022: IFBA - SPAAMFAA Convention & Muster Crown Plaza, Woburn & Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington

June 22, 2022: MIFDI – Lexington

August 4-26, 2022: IAFC FIRE-RESCUE Conference San Antonio, TX www.iafc.org



REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

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

I thank our May presenter P.P. Norm Aubert for his informative presentation on "TAKING ACTION AGAINST CANCER IN THE FIRE SERVICE". Every firefighter needs to hear this message about the cancer risk in the firefighting profession and ways to help protect yourself during your career. I also thank Chief Bill Cavanaugh and the members of the Wilmington Fire Department for again hosting MIFDI at their facility.

As many retirements occur in July, 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.

Stay safe and I hope to see you in Lexington on June 22. For those unable to attend the June meeting, I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer and we hope to see you on September 28 at the start of "Year 64" for MIFDI.



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INSTRUCTORS CORNER *(Hurricane Season 2022)*

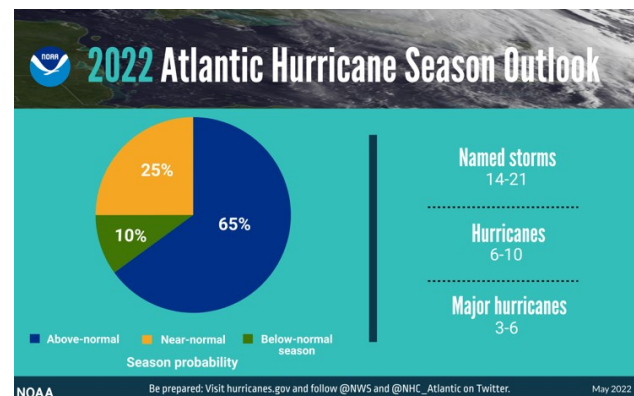
The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 through November 30.

According to the National Weather Service - NOAA Climate Prediction Center, the 2022 Hurricane Season could possibly be the 7th above average season on record with;

14-21 Named Storms (Winds 39 mph or higher)

6-10 could become hurricanes (Winds 74 mph or higher)

3-6 could be major, Category 3,4,5 (Winds 111 mph or higher)



Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Alex	Hermine	Owen
Bonnie	Ian	Paula
Colin	Julia	Richard
Danielle	Karl	Shary
Earl	Lisa	Tobias
Fiona	Martin	Virginie
Gaston	Nicole	Walter

Names provided by the World Meteorological Organization.

NOAA Be prepared: Visit hurricanes.gov and follow @NWS and @NHC_Atlantic on Twitter. May 2022