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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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 2023 Membership Application & Invoice  
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<b><u>Associate</u></b>	<b><u>E-mail</u></b>	

**There is also a \$10 late fee if dues are paid after April 1st**  
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### MEETING NOTICE

The September meeting of MIFDI will be held on **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2022** in the training room of Danvers Fire HQ, 64 High St (Rt.35) courtesy of Chief Robert Amerault.

The training program will be provided by Chief Paul Parisi of the Ipswich Fire Department. Chief Parisi has a fascinating presentation of a MAYDAY incident which occurred when he was Chief of Dept. in Salem NH. This program includes audio of radio transmissions and lessons learned from this near tragedy. It is a must see for all Incident Commanders and Safety Officers.

### SCHEDULE

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

### DIRECTIONS:

From I-95, take Rt.128 north to Exit 42 (Rt.35) in Danvers. Turn left from the exit onto High St and Danvers HQ is located a short distance on the right.



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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

**Bills Paid June - August 2022:**

Sept MIFDI Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 08/31  
 ESCAPE Thumb Drives FDIC Amazon \$ 72.75 - 08/31  
 Market Basket- M. Roche - Meeting \$ 12.68 - 06/21  
 Starbucks Coffee - MIFDI Meeting \$ 42.80 - 06/22  
 TOTAL: \$248.23

50/50 Raffle = \$50.00 - 06/22/2022 - Lexington Fire

Winner = Jim Belliveau - \$25.00

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = \$25.00

**Account Transfers:**

PCU Cking to Capital One Savings - \$50.00 - 07/07

**Total active members = 91**

Dues paid thru 2031 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2030 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2027 = 2  
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 7  
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 69  
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 3  
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 7

**Mailings**

E-Mail - 62 Home - 20  
Work - 9  
 Total: 91

Balances as of 09/16/2022

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 263.17  
 Less uncleared checks: \$ ( 0.00)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 263.17  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,878.00  
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,370.28  
 Total \$ 4,511.45

**Membership Totals: 91**

52 Active - 35 Retired - 4 Associate

We welcome these new members who recently joined or rejoined MIFDI:

- Paul Barry - Deputy Chief - Walpole Fire (Welcome back!)
- Kevin Brady - Firefighter - Walpole Fire
- David Meagher - Lieutenant - Watertown
- Justin Mellor - Temporary Training Captain - Natick Fire
- Joe Nedder - Deputy Chief of Training - Mendon Fire
- Joseph Zukas - District Chief - Lynn 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 2023 will be due in January, 2023.**  
**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

09/16/2022

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**

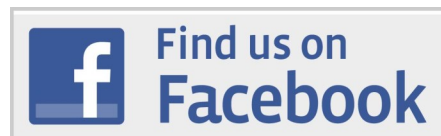
**Please remember to still add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2022. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renewed before April 1, 2022.**

**\*\* If you are a Comcast internet subscriber, you may NOT be receiving the MIFDI monthly emails.**

**Please contact me if you are not receiving your digital Bulletin and email notifications. Thanks.**

Michael

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\*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 #2022-06

The June meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday June 22, 2022 hosted by the Lexington Fire Department courtesy of Chief Derek Secabaugh. The meeting was held in the Training Room of Lexington Fire HQ.

The training program was provided by MIFDI Treasurer/P.P. Michael McLeieer. The presentation offered were highlights from the FDIC 2022 Expo. Members in attendance were provided with a zip-drive which included some of the important training presentations offered from the 2022 Training Conference.

Following the program, a brief business meeting was conducted beginning with a moment of silence for Philadelphia Fire Lt. Sean Williamson who died in the line-of-duty from a building collapse after a fire in a commercial structure on June 18. President Roche made a motion to provide a 1-year free MIFDI membership to any fire service member that provides a training presentation for MIFDI. The motion passed. Andy Connerty provided an update on the Massachusetts Fire Training Council meeting. Chris Kelly gave an update on the SPAAMFAA Convention & Expo in Wilmington. Jim Belliveau won the 50/50. Members adjourned to lunch at Jimmy's Steer House in Arlington.



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## **EMS Run**

### ***Suicide Prevention Month***

September is “National Suicide Prevention Month”, also known as “Suicide Awareness Month”. We all know someone with a family member of this cruel mental health illness. Suicide affects everyone not just the victim, it impacts family and friends long after the loss of a loved one. There is an average of 123 suicide’s each day in this country, the largest age group being 25-34. The majority of suicides are, not surprisingly, people suffering from depression.

Those of us as EMS first responders can remember every call for a suicide in our career, especially if it is a young person. They can also be very gruesome if the person has been hanging for a while or have used a shotgun to end their suffering. We take these calls home with us and try to bury the flashbacks of these incidents and the agony of seeing their loved ones hysterical upon finding the victim. We too are affected by these tragedies.

There appears to be an increase in EMS runs for mental health issues in the past few years. The pandemic as well as financial strains due to the economy have pushed people beyond their coping levels. Those diagnosed with terminal illness can be suicidal to end their suffering and to not burden family with long-term care for them. The bullying of children at school and on social media sites can create depression and thoughts of suicide with young people. Lost love or a person jilted by a lover has always been a trigger for suicide.

The focus of Suicide Awareness Month is to understand behavioral signs of those with suicidal thoughts. Identifying depression can be difficult, not all with depression show signs. People that do talk about killing themselves is a red flag to have them seek treatment before they act upon it.

Families can seek access to resources on suicide prevention through the “National Alliance on Mental Health Illness” website at [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org). The National Suicide Prevention Hotline is **800-273-TALK (8255)**. There is also a newly created “SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE”, those in need of help can now call “**9-8-8**”

## **LAST ALARM**

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of the following firefighters that we lost during the summer;

**Fire Lieutenant/EMT-P Paul J. Wood** of the Auburn Fire Department. Lt. Wood died unexpectedly from a medical emergency while off duty on July 8, 2022 at age 41.

**Firefighter Gary A. Gentile, Jr** of the Newton Fire Department. Gary died from injuries sustained from an MVA while off duty on August 23, 2022 at age 46.



*Lt. Paul Wood*



*F.F. Gary Gentile*

***May They Rest In Peace***

## CONGRATULATIONS

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and support to MIFDI member **Deputy Chief Andrew Mullin** of the Waltham Fire Department upon his appointment to Chief of Dept. on August 1, 2022. Congratulations Randy!



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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 17, 2022: National Firefighter Memorial  
Colorado Springs, CO [www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org)

September 19-23, 2022: Heavy Rescue Conference 2022  
Syracuse Downtown Marriott [www.takethedoor.com](http://www.takethedoor.com)

September 21-22, 2022: Mass. DFS Fire & Life Safety Conference  
Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center [www.mass.gov/dfs](http://www.mass.gov/dfs)

September 23, 2022: Greenwood EV Open House  
North Attleborough [www.greenwoodev.com](http://www.greenwoodev.com)

Sept 27-Oct 1, 2022: FireHouse EXPO 2022  
Columbus, OH [www.firehouse.com](http://www.firehouse.com)

September 28, 2022: **MIFDI Danvers**

October 9-15, 2022: National Fire Prevention Week

October 15, 2022: 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Truck Pull for Special Olympics  
Xfinity Center, Mansfield [www.mansfieldfiretruckpull.com](http://www.mansfieldfiretruckpull.com)

October 10-14, 2022: EMS World Expo 2022  
Orlando, FL [www.emsworldexpo.com](http://www.emsworldexpo.com)

October 26, 2022: **MIFDI**





### **REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

As we begin “Year-64” of MIFDI, I again want to thank all those who continue to keep this great organization moving forward as an important tool for training, education and fire service information to maintain our skills and be the best we can be in our profession.

I thank our June presenter, P.P./Treasurer Michael McLeieer for again sharing some of the highlights of programs offered at the 2022 FDIC in Indianapolis.

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 Danvers on September 28.



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

### **INSTRUCTORS CORNER**

#### ***School Bus Safety***

Officers and apparatus drivers are again reminded to remain vigilant for school bus pick-up and discharge points in your districts when responding to incidents. Speed of apparatus must be reduced in designated areas along school bus routes and be aware of the last minute children running to catch the bus. Fire department drivers are reminded that they are subject to all Registry of Motor Vehicle Regulations.

**CHAPTER 90 General Laws:** When approaching a vehicle which displays a sign bearing the name SCHOOL BUS with front and rear signal lamps flashing and stopped to allow passengers to board or discharge, the apparatus driver shall bring the vehicle to a COMPLETE STOP (except on a divided highway), and shall not proceed until the warning lights are deactivated or directed to the contrary by the police or duly authorized traffic control officer.

