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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
 2023 Membership Application & Invoice
 Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2023**

**Your MIFDI Dues
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<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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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, March 22, 2023.** We will be hosted by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services and the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy courtesy of State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey. We last met at the fire academy for our October 2021 meeting. *(We are scheduled to meet in the Link Classroom, however, check the welcome screen in the lobby in the event of a room location change).*

We will be welcomed by State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey who will give an update on the DFS and his planned retirement this June. We also hope to meet the new Director of the Fire Academy Jeffrey Winn. A representative from the DFS Legal Council will provide a brief overview of the DFS Quick Reference Guide with common questions related to legal issues and concerns for the fire service.

SCHEDULE:

0900: Coffee (Available in the cafeteria), **1000:** Presentation, **1130:** Business meeting & Discussion of events, **1200:** Lunch.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM RT.128/I-95: Take Rt. 20 West to Rt. 27 in Wayland. Turn right on Rt. 27 and continue until Rt. 27 makes a right towards Maynard, **DO NOT TURN RIGHT**, continue straight for aprox 3-miles and the Academy will be on the right.

FROM RT. I-495 North: Take Rt. 85 (New Exit 65A / Old Exit 25) towards Hudson. At the traffic light turn left onto Rt.85. Turn right on Broad St. (First traffic light), and at the second traffic light turn right on Rt.62. Continue straight until Rt. 62 takes a left towards Stow,

DO NOT TURN LEFT, continue straight for aprox 4-miles and the Academy will be on your left.

FROM RT. I-495 South: Take Rt.62 (New Exit 67 / Old Exit 26) into Hudson Center. Continue halfway around the rotary and continue on Rt.62 East. Continue straight until Rt.62 turns left towards Stow, **DO NOT TURN LEFT**, continue straight for aprox 4 -miles and the Academy will be on your left.

Ample parking is available in the upper-lot on the "D-Side" of the MFA campus.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/03/2023
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$ 121.56
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$1,250.83
 CapitalOneSav. Balance \$2,371.06
 Total: \$3,743.45

Bills Paid February 2023:
 March MIFDI Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 02/28
 Dunkin - Coffee - M. Roche - Meeting \$ 39.98 - 02/22
 Market Basket - M. Roche - Pastry \$ 8.98 - 02/22
 TOTAL: \$168.96

50/50 Raffle = None
 Winner = N/A
 Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Account Transfers:
 None

Total active members = 94

Dues paid thru 2031 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2030 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2027 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 4
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 37
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 40
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 3
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 6

Mailings

E-Mail - 65 Home - 20
 Work - 9
 Total: 94

Balances as of 03/03/2023
 Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 607.60
 Less uncleared checks: \$ (0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 607.60
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,250.83
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,371.44
 Total \$ 4,229.87

Membership Totals: 94
 51 Active - 39 Retired - 4 Associate

We welcome this new member who recently joined MIFDI:

- None

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 were due in January, 2023.**
Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2023 for your 2023 dues
- (b) You may now use the 2023 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

03/03/2023

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, 2023. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renewed before April 1, 2023.

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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, 2023.**

RECALL OF MEETING #2023-2

The February meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday February 22, 2023 hosted by the Burlington Fire Department courtesy of MIFDI member Chief Andrew Connerty.

The training program was arranged by MIFDI Associate Member Pat O'Connor of Northeast Rescue Systems. The presenter was Eric Hoyte of INSP Group with an informative overview on a product called GREENFIRE which produces firefighting foams free of PFAS for the safety of firefighters and the environment.

Members can learn more about GREENFIRE at
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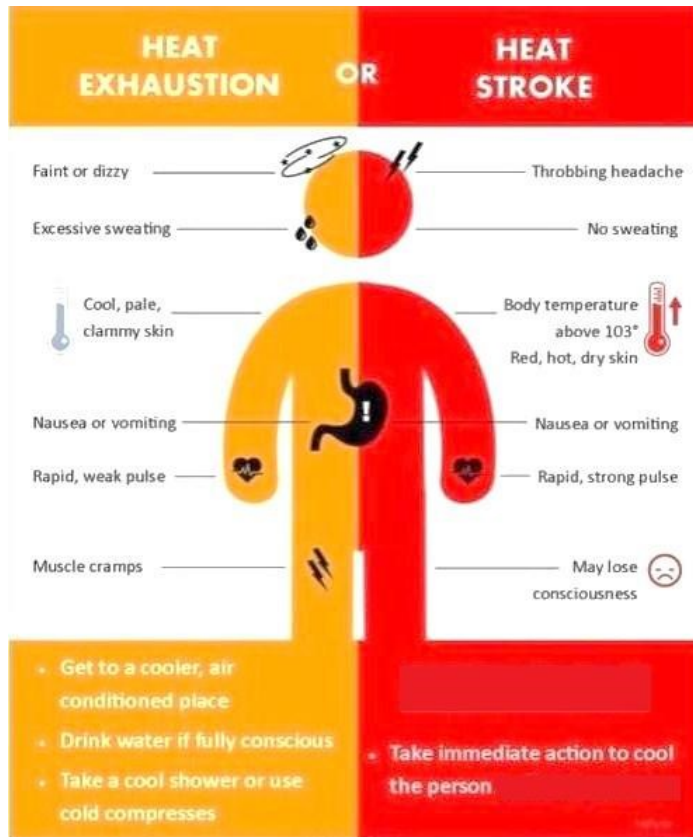


PARATECH



EMS Run

Heat Exhaustion/Heat Stroke



PRESIDENTS NOTE: With over 20-thousand runners participating in the 2023 BAA Marathon on April 17, members serving in communities along the Marathon route have seen the toll that heat has on those running the 26.2-mile course regardless of the outside temperature. Be aware of the symptoms and be prepared to quickly cool and hydrate these runners showing heat related signs

LAST ALARM

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to the family and friends of the following;

Acting Lieutenant Christopher J. Clark, ACTIVE member of the Dedham Fire Department. Chris died tragically on February 15, 2023 at age 59 due to injuries received from an MVA while off duty.

Firefighter Paul R. Cloutier, ACTIVE member of the Webster Fire Department. Paul died suddenly while preparing to respond to an incident on February 21, 2023 at age 52.

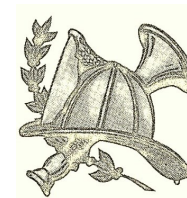


Chris Clark



Paul Cloutier

May They Rest In Peace



CONGRATULATIONS

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and best wishes to MIFDI member **CAPTAIN TODD MUNSON** upon his retirement from the Weston Fire Department on January 31, 2023 after over 32-years of service.

We wish you good health and happiness in your retirement Todd!



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have.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12, 2023: Daylight Saving Time begins

March 22, 2023: **MIFDI – DFS/MFA**

March 25, 2023: Statewide Exam: Fire Captain & Lieutenant
RESCHEDULED FROM NOVEMBER 2022

April 17, 2023: Boston Marathon

April 24-29, 2023: FDIC 2023
Indianapolis, IN

www.fdic.com

April 26: **MIFDI**



REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

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

Our February meeting provided important answers regarding PFAS in firefighting foam; “What should we be using?” “How do we dispose of the old foam?” “What about the foam tanks on the apparatus?” Our presenter from GREENFIRE provided us with solutions for these questions. I thank Eric Houte for this important program. I also thank Pat O’Connor from Northeast Rescue for his help with arranging this presentation. Thanks also to Chief Andy Connerty and the members of the Burlington Fire Department for again hosting MIFDI at their facility

Another reminder for members to not delay sending your annual dues payments for 2023. With increasing costs of printing, postage, website fees and other expenses, this organization relies on the support of our membership to allow MIFDI to continue our mission to provide presentations and information to educate and inform us as fire service professionals. Dues remain at: \$35 Active, \$15 Retired, \$100 ASSOCIATE. Checks can be mailed to: **MIFDI, P.O. Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860**

Stay safe and I hope to see you at the Mass Fire Academy on March 22.

NOTE: We are not finished with winter quite yet, be sure to check the MIFDI website for meeting cancellations due to inclement weather: www.mifdi.org



How many remember riding the tailboard in the winter

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Good advice for all new fire officers

