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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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2024 Membership Application & Invoice
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2024

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



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

Membership Information

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Address _____
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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
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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 June meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023** hosted by the Lexington Fire Department courtesy of Chief Derek Secabaugh. We will meet in the first floor training room of LFD 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 2023 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.



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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

50/50 Raffle = None

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

Bills Paid May 2023:

June MIFDI Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 05/31
TOTAL: \$120.00

Account Transfers:

NONE

Total active members = 102

Dues paid thru 2031 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2030 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2027 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 4
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 57
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 30
 Dues paid thru 2021 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2020 = 6

Mailings

E-Mail - 72 Home - 19
Work - 11
Total: 102

Balances as of 06/17/2023

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 389.85
 Less uncleared checks: \$ (0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 389.85
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,851.10
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,372.04
 Total \$ 4,612.99

Membership Totals: 102

59 Active - 39 Retired - 4 Associate

Please welcome these new members who recently joined MIFDI:

- Ace Elefteriadis - Lieutenant - Belmont
- Andrew Tobio - Assistant Chief - Belmont
- David DeStefano - Chief - Belmont

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

06/17/2023

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!

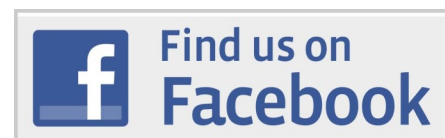
MIFDI will also accept credit card payments. Contact Michael McLeieer for details.

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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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, 2023.**

RECALL OF MEETING #2023-5

The May meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday May 24, 2023 hosted by the Waltham Fire Department courtesy of Chief Andrew Mullin and Captain John Bonadio.

The training was provided by Newton Fire Captain Phil McCully with an informative presentation on the "EMERGENCY PLUG" created to shut down power to electric vehicles thus preventing starting and sudden movement of the vehicle during emergencies. Following the program, a demonstration of the device was shown on an electric vehicle in the parking lot by Waltham Captain Bonadio. The local distributor for the Emergency Plug is available through Northeast Rescue Systems: www.northeastrescue.com

Members were also shown new Thermal Camera's with improved imagery offered by SAFEWARE: www.safewareinc.com



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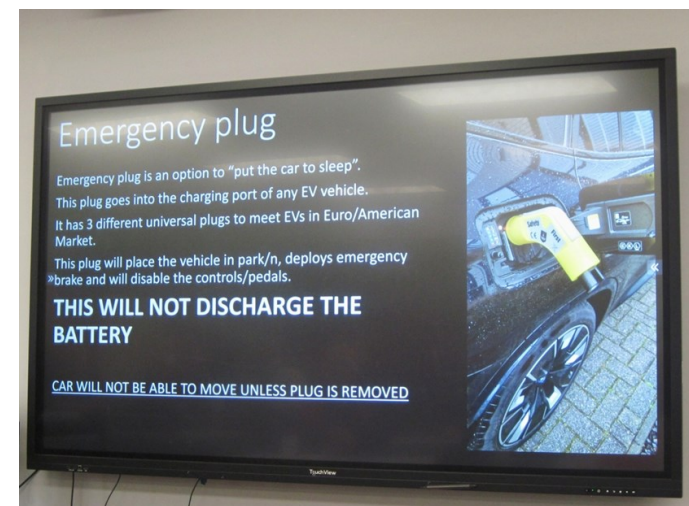










EMS Run

End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

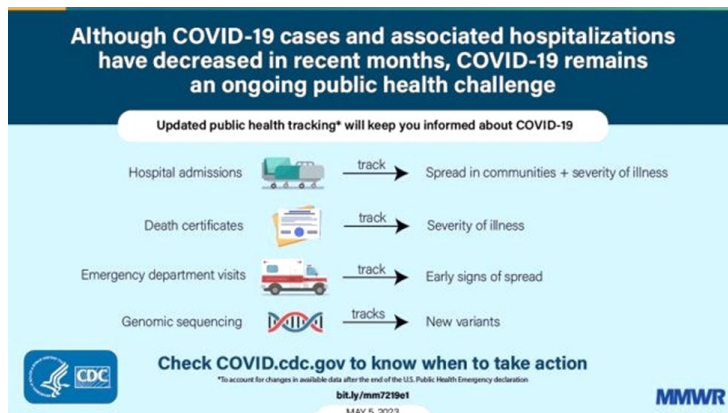
According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), May 11, 2023 marked the end of the federal COVID-19 PHE declaration. What you need to know:

Access to COVID-19 vaccines will generally not be affected for now. The government is currently distributing free COVID-19 vaccines for all adults and children.

COVID-19 home tests may not be covered by insurance providers and will no longer be required to waive the costs of free COVID-19 test kits.

Treatments will remain available. Medication to prevent severe COVID-19 will remain available for free while supplies last. After that, the price will be determined by the medication manufacturer and your health insurance provider.

National reporting of COVID-19 may change. Current data will allow CDC to monitor the virus in America in real time. All hospitals are required to report COVID-19 data through the end of April 2024.



LAST ALARM

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

Firefighter John C. Almeida Jr, ACTIVE member of the New Bedford Fire Department died unexpectedly on May 4, 2023 at age 49.

Firefighter Robert W. Halloran ACTIVE member of the Worcester Fire Department died on May 11, 2023 at age 62 due to occupational cancer.



John Almeida



Robert Halloran

May They Rest In Peace

CONGRATULATIONS

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors congratulates and welcomes **Brian J. Ingram** as the new DFS Director of the Fire Safety Division. Director Ingram has over 30-years of experience with Fire & Life Safety in various capacities. We wish him great success and look forward to working closely with him in his new position.



Belated congratulations and best wishes to MIFDI member **Chief David Hayes** of the Norwood Fire Department upon his retirement on February 28, 2023. Chief Hayes was appointed Chief of Dept. in September 2021 and was a regular attendee of nearly every monthly meeting of MIFDI. We wish Dave good health and happiness in his retirement.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Shows & Conventions

June 18, 2023: MAFAA Parade/Show/Flea Market
Shriners Hall, Wilmington

June 19-23, 2023: NFPA 2023 Convention & Expo
Las Vegas, NV www.nfps.org

June 28, 2023: MIFDI - LEXINGTON

July 12-15, 2023: SPAAMFAA Antique Apparatus Convention
Crown Plaza, Warwick RI www.spaamfaa.org

August 14-17, 2023: I.F.B.A. 2023 Convention
Milwaukee, WI www.ifba2023convention.com

August 16-18, 2023: I.A.F.C. Fire-Rescue International
Kansas City, MO www.iafc.org

August 21-24, 2023: I.A.F.F. Health & Safety / EMS Conference
New York City www.iaff.org



June is PTSD Awareness Month

REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

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

Our May training meeting provided members with a look at a new product to add to our toolbox to assist with dealing with the future challenges of electric vehicles. I thank Newton Captain Phil McCully for his informative presentation on the ELECTRIC PLUG as well as Waltham Captain John Bonadio for an actual demonstration on an EV. I also thank Robert Hamilton from SAFEWARE for attending and offering input on this new safety device.

Stay safe and I hope to see you in Lexington on June 28. If you are unable to attend the June meeting, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.



Electric Plug Demonstration

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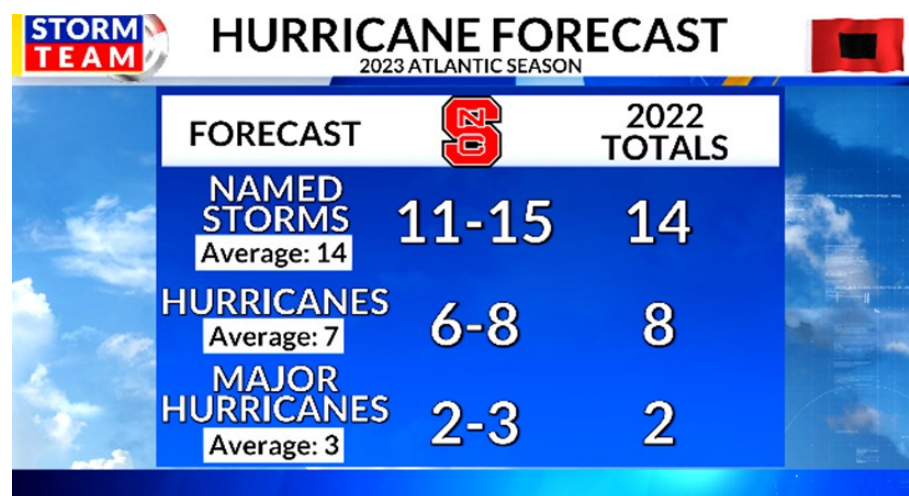
The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 through November 30

According to predictions, the 2023 Hurricane Season could possibly be a slightly below average season with;

11-15 Named Storms (Winds 39 mph or higher)

6-8 could become hurricanes (Winds 74 mph or higher)

2-3 could be major, Category 3,4,5 (Winds 111 mph or higher)



Atlantic Hurricane Season Names 2023			
Arlene	Gert	Margot	Tammy
Bret	Harold	Nigel	Vince
Cindy	Idalia	Ophelia	Whitney
Don	Jose	Philippe	
Emily	Katia	Rina	
Franklin	Lee	Sean	

* Names replaced from 2017: Harvey, Irma, Maria and Nate