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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
 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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<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>Retired</u>	<u>Retired</u> \$ 15.00
<u>Retired</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Associate</u> \$100.00
<u>Associate</u>	<u>Home</u>	
<u>Home</u>	<u>Work</u>	
<u>Work</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, February 28, 2024** hosted by the Burlington Fire Department courtesy of MIFDI member Chief Andrew Connerty. We will meet in the training room of their Station 2 located at 114 Terrace Hall Ave near Middlesex Turnpike. MIFDI last met at this location for our February 2023 meeting.

The training program will be a presentation on PFAS in PPE. We all know that PFAS is found in most everything today but what is an unacceptable level of PFAS in PPE for the health & safety of firefighters? Those of you who are involved with the purchase of PPE for your department will want to see this presentation to gain a better knowledge on this topic.

SCHEDULE:

0930 Coffee, **1000** Presentation, **1130** Business Meeting, **1200** Lunch (off site)

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 01/02/2024
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$ 170.96
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$1,209.77
 CapitalOneSav. Balance \$2,373.44
 Total: \$3,754.17

50/50 Raffle = \$0.00

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = 0.00

Total active members = 97

Dues paid thru 2031 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2030 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2027 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2025 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 48
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 28
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 16

Balances as of 02/10/2024

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 312.47
 Less uncleared checks: \$ (0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 312.47
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 2,109.77
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,373.64
 Total \$ 4,795.88

Bills January, 2024:

Feb. MIFDI Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 01/31
 - TOTAL: \$120.00

Account Transfers:

PCU Cking to Savings - \$900.00 - 02/10/2024

Mailings

E-Mail - 70 Home - 17
 Work - 10
 Total: 97

Membership Totals: 97

51 Active - 42 Retired - 4 Associate

Please welcome these new members who recently joined MIFDI.

- David James Pierce - Cambridge - Lead Investigator (Retired)
- Michael MacNeil - Belmont - Lieutenant

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 2024 were due in January, 2024.**
Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2024 for your 2024 dues.

(b) You may now use the 2024 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.

The MIFDI website is now hosted on a new server. This transition was completed in August 2023 and you should no longer have access issues. Our new hosting site has more capacity for our members to simultaneously access www.mifdi.org. If you are having connection issues, please contact Michael.

Respectfully submitted

02/10/2024

by Michael McLeier, Treasurer - 978-346-4731

Email: mifditreasurer@escapeinc.org

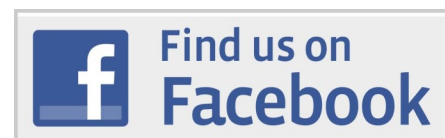
Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

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

Active Member dues is \$35 / Retired Member dues is \$15 / Associate Member dues is \$100

**** 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, 2024.**

RECALL OF MEETING #2024-01

The January meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday January 24, 2024. We were again hosted by the NFPA at their World Headquarters in Quincy.

The training was provided by NFPA Senior Fire Protection Engineer Brian O'Connor with a very informative power-point presentation on the hazards of lithium-ion batteries.

The NFPA has provided information on lithium-ion batteries and electric vehicles on their website: www.nfpa.org



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National Burn Awareness Week

FEBRUARY 4–10, 2024

THERMAL BURN

External heat sources raise the temperature of the skin and tissues causing the tissue cell death or charring.

Hot Metal, Liquids, Steams, and Flames

RADIATION BURN

Excessive exposure to ultraviolet rays or radiation exposure.

Sun, X-Ray, MRI, Medical Imaging Radiotherapy

CHEMICAL BURN

Contact to the skin or eyes

Strong Acids, Alkalies, Detergents, Solvents,

House Cleaners, Bleach, Battery Acid, Ammonia, Chlorine

ELECTRICAL BURN

Burn caused by an electrical current, altering current, or a direct current

Thankfully, nothing to report!



CONGRATULATIONS

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations and full support to **ERIC LITTMANN** upon his appointment on January 8, 2024 as the new Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

Director Littmann started his fire service career on the Cotuit Fire Department and later moved to serve on the Las Vegas Fire Department for 20-years achieving the rank of Captain/Paramedic. Upon his return to Massachusetts, he served as a member of the Medfield Fire Department. He has earned a Bachelor Degree in Fire Science, and is a Certified Paramedic, Fire Instructor, Fire Officer, Safety Officer, and Fire Prevention Officer. Eric is passionate about firefighter training and professional development. We welcome Director Littmann to this important position at the MFA and we look forward to working closely with him regarding training & safety for firefighters.



UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

February 27-28, 2024: FCAM 2024 Professional Conference
DCU Center, Worcester www.fcaml.org

February 28, 2024: **MIFDI** – Burlington

March 8, 2024: FINAL DATE TO APPLY FOR AFG FEMA GRANT
www.fema.gov/grants

March 10, 2024: Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 8-10, 2024: Northeastern Fire Summit 2024
Wells, ME

March 27, 2024: **MIFDI** – DFS/MFA Stow Campus

April 15-20, 2024: FDIC 2024
Indianapolis, IN www.fdic.com



FY 2023 AFGP Update

The FY 2023 AFG application period is OPEN through Mar. 8, 2024, at 5 p.m. ET.

The FY 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Notice of Funding Opportunity is now available under [AFG Documents](#).

REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**Captain Mark W. Roche (Ret), Newton Fire Department**

Our first meeting of 2024 was again hosted by NFPA with an informative presentation on lithium-ion battery safety. I thank NFPA President Jim Pauley for allowing MIFDI to meet at NFPA as well as Barbara Dunn for her help with arranging this meeting. Special thanks also to Brian O'Connor for providing this important presentation for MIFDI.

Another reminder for members to promptly pay their dues for 2024 to cover the operating expenses of the organization. Dues remain at: **ACTIVE \$35, RETIRED \$15, ASSOCIATE \$100**. Dues paid after April will be an extra \$10 so send your checks early. We thank those members who have already paid their dues in advance. For those members unable to attend the meetings, the monthly MIFDI Bulletin is worth the cost of the dues alone just to stay informed on training information, fire service updates and events. Dues can be paid at the meetings or mailed to: **MIFDI, PO Box 507, Merrimac MA 01860-0510**

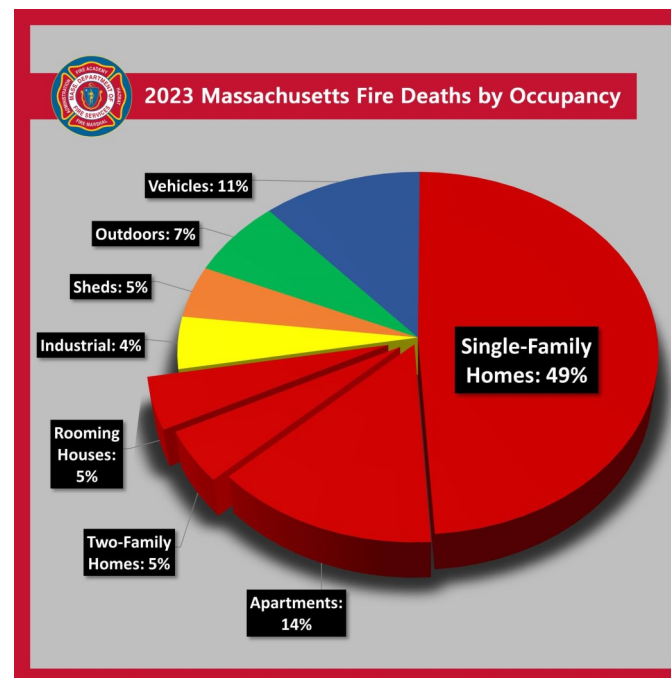
Stay safe and I hope to see you in Burlington on February 28.

A REMINDER TO CHECK THE MIFDI WEBSITE FOR MEETING CANCELLATIONS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS
www.mifdi.org or on the MIFDI Facebook page



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INSTRUCTORS CORNER***DFS 2023 Fire Fatality Report***

Nearly 75% of fire deaths in 2023 occurred in the home with more than half happening overnight between 11pm & 7am. Many occurred during the coldest months of December, January, February and March.

(Presidents Note)

The importance of properly maintained smoke alarms installed outside the sleeping areas of every home cannot be emphasized enough with reminders for the public.

Also, due to increases in the price of oil, we are seeing alternative sources of home heating, especially with the use of portable electric heaters.

These portable heaters must maintain proper clearance from combustibles and never plugged into a power strip or extension cord.