

# The MIFDI BULLETIN

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OF



**FIRE DEPARTMENT  
INSTRUCTORS**

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65th Year  
(1959-2024)

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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".

### THE MIFDI OFFICERS - 2023

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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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Department \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
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City & State (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

<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:

MIFDI  
 Attn: Michael McLeieer, Treasurer  
 PO Box 507  
 Merrimac, MA 01860-0510  
 Phone: (978) 346-4731

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### **MEETING NOTICE**

The next meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, March 27, 2024**. We will be hosted by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services and the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy courtesy of State Fire Marshal Jon Davine. We last met at the fire academy for our March 2023 meeting. *(We are scheduled to meet in Classroom 125, however, check the welcome screen in the lobby in the event of a room location change).*

We will be greeted by Deputy Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier and the new MFA Director Eric Littmann to offer some visions and updates on the DFS and the MFA. The training will be an overview of the ASHER Program created to assist firefighters and other agencies with dealing with Active Shooter Hostile Event Response in this new world of increased violence.

### **SCHEDULE:**

**0900:** Coffee (Available in the cafeteria), **1000:** Presentation, **1130:** Business meeting, **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 approx 3-miles and the Academy will be on the right.

FROM RT. 495 North: Take Rt. 85 (Exit 65A) 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 approx 4-miles and the Academy will be on your left.

FROM RT. 495 South: Take Rt. 62 (Exit 67) 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 approx 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 01/02/2024  
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$ 170.96  
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$1,209.77  
 CapitalOneSav. Balance \$2,373.44  
 Total: \$3,754.17

Bills February, 2024 - Checking:  
 March Bulletin - Michael (Savings) \$120.00 - 02/29  
 Dunkin - Meeting Coffee - Roche \$ 43.18 - 02/28  
 Roche Bros - Meeting Pastry - Roche \$ 13.98 - 02/28  
 TOTAL: \$177.16

50/50 Raffle = \$0.00

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = 0.00

Account Transfers:  
 None

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

Mailings

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

Balances as of 03/17/2024

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 255.31  
 Less uncleared checks: \$ ( 0.00)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 255.31  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,989.77  
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,373.83  
 Total \$ 4,618.91

Membership Totals: 97

51 Active - 42 Retired - 4 Associate

There were no new members who recently joined MIFDI.

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*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

03/17/2024

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!

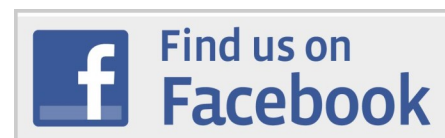
**MIFDI will also accept credit card payments. Contact Michael McLeieer for details.**

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

**\*\* 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**

**Please remember to still add a \$10 late fee for renewal dues paid after April 1st, 2024. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renew before April 1, 2024.**

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](http://www.mifdi.org)



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Phone: (978) 346-4731

**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, 2024.**

## RECALL OF MEETING #2024-02

The February meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday February 28, 2024. We were hosted by the Burlington Fire Department in the training room of their Station 2 courtesy of Chief Andrew Connerty.

The training was provided by Jason Burns with a very informative presentation on the excessive amount of PFAS found in the moisture barrier of firefighting PPE.

For those looking for additional information on this topic or with further questions about the presentation, Jason shared his contact with MIFDI; [jasonjburns@comcast.net](mailto:jasonjburns@comcast.net) or cell # 774-319-9570.



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When it comes to stroke, **BE FAST**

<b>B</b>	<b>Balance</b> Sudden difficulty with balance
<b>E</b>	<b>Eyes</b> Sudden problems with vision in one or both eyes
<b>F</b>	<b>Face</b> Face or smile droops on one side
<b>A</b>	<b>Arms</b> Sudden weakness in arm or leg
<b>S</b>	<b>Speech</b> Unable to repeat a simple sentence, or slurred words
<b>T</b>	<b>Time</b> If you observe any of these symptoms, call 911 immediately

**LAST ALARM**

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our condolences to MIFDI Treasurer/PP Michael McLeieer on the passing of his mother **MARIE E. McLEIEER** on January 11, 2024 at age 93. Marie spent many years of her life helping others as a devoted and compassionate nurse.

A Scholarship has been established in her memory to impact future generations of the nursing profession. Donations can be made to: **"MARIE E. McLEIEER, RN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP"** and mailed in care of: **ESCAPE Inc. PO Box 2977, Kalamazoo MI 49003-2977**

**The Nightingale Tribute**

*Nursing is a calling; It is giving of one's self to enhance the lives of others.*

*Nursing is a service profession that cannot be lived in isolation.*

*Nurses rely on each other for the synergistic effect of team work in our efforts of care giving.*

*It is appropriate that we honor our colleagues not only during their career, but also at the end of life's journey.*

## CONGRATULATIONS

*Nothing to Report*

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

April 13, 2024: Seminar: "Taking Care of Our Own"  
DFS Springfield Campus

April 15, 2024: BAA 2024 Marathon



April 15-20, 2024: FDIC 2024

Indianapolis, IN

[www.fdic.com](http://www.fdic.com)

April 24, 2024: MIFDI

April 27, 2024: Statewide Exam – Lieutenant & Captain



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Targeted for all fire service personnel, this course covers pre-incident planning, survivor notification, family and coworker support, and benefits and resources available for survivors.

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**WHEN:** Saturday, April 13, 2024

**TIME:** 0830-1600 hours

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**LOCATION:** Department of Fire Services, Springfield Campus

100 Grochmal Avenue, Springfield, MA 01151

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**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

For more information, contact Christopher Norris at [cnorris@easthamptonma.gov](mailto:cnorris@easthamptonma.gov)

**REGISTRATION (LIMITED TO FIRST 75 PEOPLE):** To register use the following link:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/649f30c1-6900-4f9a-9237-ecb166b9ca5a/summary>



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

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

Our February meeting was hosted by the Burlington Fire Department with an informative presentation on the excessive amount of PFAS found in the moisture barrier of firefighter PPE. I thank MIFDI member Chief Andy Connerty for again hosting MIFDI at Station 2. Special thanks to Jason Burns for sharing 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**

Stay safe and I hope to see you at the Mass Fire Academy on March 27.

***A REMINDER TO CHECK THE MIFDI WEBSITE FOR MEETING CANCELLATIONS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS [www.mifdi.org](http://www.mifdi.org) or on the MIFDI facebook page***



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