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(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".

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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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**Rank** \_\_\_\_\_

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<b><u>Membership Type:</u></b>	<b><u>Send Bulletin To:</u></b>	<b><u>Membership Dues:</u></b>
<b><u>circle one</u></b>	<b><u>circle one</u></b>	<b><u>Active</u></b> \$ 35.00
<b><u>Active</u></b>	<b><u>Home</u></b>	<b><u>Retired</u></b> \$ 15.00
<b><u>Retired</u></b>	<b><u>Work</u></b>	<b><u>Associate</u></b> \$100.00
<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**  
**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**

*Also email application to Michael McLeieer at*  
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PROPERTIES

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friends?



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text and let's  
talk about  
finding you a  
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REALTOR

### MEETING NOTICE

The April Meeting will be another change of venue. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday April 24, 2024 at 11:30 AM** (**NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME**). The Training program will be a 90-minute presentation on local gas pipeline and distribution systems with a focus on proper operations during emergencies. For those who attended this informative presentation last April, it is worth seeing again. Those who missed it should take the time to attend this training. The seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 55 Ariadne Rd, Dedham off Rt.1 at Rt. I-95. The program is Free and includes a buffet lunch afterwards. Coffee will be provided at the beginning for those arriving early.

**NOTE:** They ask that you register by April 19 to ensure enough seating and food is available. You can register on-line at [www.pdigm.com](http://www.pdigm.com) and use Web Code: **3E7A-F2FK**. If you have a problem with registration, send President Roche an email and he will register you: [captroche@aol.com](mailto:captroche@aol.com)

**DIRECTIONS:** Take I-95 to Rt.1 south (Exit 29A). When entering Rt.1, move to the left lane to turn left at the first traffic light onto Elm St. Follow Elm St a short distance to the traffic light and turn left on Washington St. Then take the very first light on Ariadne Rd. There is plenty of free on-site parking.



**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 March, 2024 - Checking:  
 April Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 03/31  
 Marie McLeieer RN Scholarship \$100.00 - 03/31  
 TOTAL: \$220.00

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 = 2  
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 55  
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 20  
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 16

Mailings

E-Mail - 71 Home - 16  
Work - 10  
 Total: 97

Balances as of 04/12/2024

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 390.31  
 Less uncleared checks: \$ ( 100.00)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 290.31  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,990.18  
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,374.03  
 Total \$ 4,654.52

Membership Totals: 97

52 Active - 41 Retired - 4 Associate

Please welcome this new member who recently joined MIFDI.

- Jeff Ricker - Deputy Chief of Operations - Sharon 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 2024 were due in January, 2024.**  
**Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2024 for your 2024 dues. All dues we have received were deposited 04/05/2024.**

(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.

Thank you to the membership for your condolences on the loss of my mother in January. I also want to thank those of you who have generously donated to the nursing scholarship my sister and I established in her name.—Michael

Respectfully submitted

04/12/2024

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.**

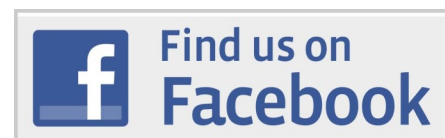
**Active Member dues is \$35 / Retired Member dues is \$15 / Associate Member dues is \$100**

**\*\* 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.**

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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). **Late fee does not apply to new members.**

**\* 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 #2024-03

The March meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday March 27, 2024 hosted by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services at the Stow Campus of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. We were welcomed by MFA Director Eric Littmann who gave a brief update on future programs and certifications offered through the Academy.

The training was provided by ASHER Director W. Scott Cluett with a very informative presentation on the Massachusetts ASHER program designed to support various local and state agencies to train and operate together when dealing with active shooter incidents in our communities.

For those looking for additional information on this topic or have further questions about the presentation, Scott shared his contact is: [williamscluett@mass.gov](mailto:williamscluett@mass.gov)

ASHER Resources shared include:

[www.theiacp.org/after-action-review](http://www.theiacp.org/after-action-review)

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**EMS RUN**

***Autism Awareness***



April is  
**NATIONAL AUTISM  
AWARENESS MONTH**

**Did you know?**

- Every 20 minutes someone is diagnosed with autism
- Autistic individuals (speaking and non-speaking) may use a variety of different and unique ways to communicate
- Many individuals on the spectrum stay in school until they are 21
- People with autism have very special gifts and talents!

The Autism Society has a resource for support called Autism Source.  
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***Learn more about Autism and dealing with  
Autism patients during emergencies***

**[www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org)**

**LAST ALARM**

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

Princeton Firefighter **PATRICK C. CUMMING** died unexpectedly on March 17, 2024 at age 23

Boston Firefighter **JOHN J. MAGUIRE** died suddenly on March 23, 2024 at age 64



***May They Rest In Peace***

**CONGRATULATIONS**

*Nothing to Report*

**UPCOMING EVENTS 2024**

April 14-20: National Public Safety Dispatchers Week

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 - Dedham

April 27, 2024: Statewide Exam – Lieutenant & Captain

May 17, 2024: America's Funniest Firefighter

Florian Hall, Boston

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

May 19-25, 2024: National EMS Week 2024

May 20-24, 2024: New England Fire Investigation Seminar

Manchester, CT

[www.newenglandfire.org](http://www.newenglandfire.org)

May 22, 2024: MIFDI



## **REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

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

Our March meeting was hosted by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services at the Stow Campus of the Mass Fire Academy. I thank MFA Director Eric Littmann for welcoming MIFDI and thanks also to Scott Cluett for his informative presentation on ASHER.

This past March, the fire service in Massachusetts lost a great friend and supporter of firefighters and their families, Mr. Norman Knight. Norman died on March 9, 2024 at age 99. He was founder of the 100 Club of Massachusetts, a charity organization that offers assistance to the families of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty. He was also a director of the Massachusetts Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee which created the Fallen Firefighter Memorial at the State House in Boston. His charitable foundation is also credited with establishment of a Hyperbaric Medicine Center at the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary to help victims recover from severe smoke and carbon monoxide poisoning. Firefighters throughout the Commonwealth owe this humble and generous man our gratitude for his contributions to the fire service. Thank you Norman, May you now Rest in Peace.

Stay safe and I hope to see you in Dedham on April 24.



**NORMAN KNIGHT**

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

## **INSTRUCTORS CORNER**

### ***Thousands of cars in Mass recalled due to fire risk***

According to the auto company Carfax, the number of "Park Outside" recall warnings from Federal Regulators and auto makers has increased by 40 percent nationally and 45 percent in Greater Boston during the past year.

The warnings recommend NOT parking the recalled vehicle inside a garage or within 50-feet of a structure. More than 72,000 vehicles in Massachusetts are under a "park outside" recall. That is a staggering number of vehicles at risk!

Carfax said owners should not ignore recall notices and to pay close attention to the vehicle maintenance requirements. People unsure if their vehicle has a recall should check the **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration** website.

