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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".

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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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<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
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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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 Attn: Michael McLeieer, Treasurer  
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### MEETING NOTICE

The June meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024** 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 2024 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. 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.



**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 May, 2024 - Checking:  
 June Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 05/31  
 Dunkin Donuts-Mark - Meeting Coffee \$ 45.98 - 05/22  
 Market Basket - Pastry meeting - Mark \$ 11.48 - 05/22  
 TOTAL: \$177.46

50/50 Raffle = \$0.00

Winner = N/A

Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = 0.00

Account Transfers:

\$120.00 - PCU Savings to Cking - 05/31/2024

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 = 56  
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 19  
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 16

Mailings

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

Balances as of 06/07/2024

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 147.85  
 Less uncleared checks: \$ ( 0.00)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 147.85  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,870.18  
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,374.42  
 Total \$ 4,392.45

Membership Totals: 97

52 Active - 41 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. All dues we have received were deposited 05/05/2024.**
- (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.

Respectfully submitted

06/07/2024

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!

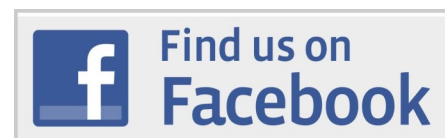
**MIFDI will also accept credit card payments. Contact Michael McLeieer for details.**

**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 #2024-05**

The May meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday May 22, 2024 hosted by the Norwood Fire Department in their Public Safety Training Room courtesy of Chief Tim Bailey.

The training was provided by KONE Elevator with a presentation on Elevator Operations and Safety. KONE Elevator Tech Greg Wilkinson offered a power-point program which included; Elevator history, various types of elevators that we encounter, Lock-out/Tag-Out, 3502 key Phase 1 & 2, and safe procedures when removing occupants.

The important "take home" points included;

- Be sure to power down the elevator before attempting a removal
- Have your Dispatch notify the elevator company ASAP, if you can hold off on removal of occupants it is safer to wait for an elevator tech to arrive
- Avoid entering the hoistway unless absolutely necessary
- Your 3502 key will also open the top hatch door of the elevator car
- When shutting down power, be sure that there is no water on the floor, always stand off to the side and look away when operating the power switch

Always use caution, **ELEVATORS CAN EASILY INJURE OR KILL YOU!**



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## EMS RUN

### ***Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke (PVH)***

As we approach the summer season, it is important to be aware that more than 965 children have died of heatstroke in the past 25 years due to being left inside a hot car. The main reasons for these preventable tragedies are; FORGOTTEN BY A CAREGIVER, GAINED ACCESS ON THEIR OWN, or KNOWINGLY LEFT BY A CAREGIVER.

#### **SOME IMPORTANT FACTS:**

- A child's body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult's.
- Heatstroke begins when the core body temperature reaches approximately 104 degrees.
- A child can die when their body temperature reaches 107 degrees.
- In 2023, 29 children died of heatstroke in vehicles.

When responding to a call from a concerned citizen about a child alone inside a car on a hot summer day, don't waste time looking for the parent or waiting for a tow company to unlock the door, use a window punch on a window furthest away from the child seat and get the child out quickly to an air conditioned ambulance for evaluation. Insurance will cover the cost of the window, a small price to pay for the safety of a child.



## LAST ALARM

*June is traditionally the month of Fire Department Memorial Services. We therefore honor and remember all of the departed members of MIFDI from the past 65-years.*



## CONGRATULATIONS

The Officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our Congratulations to MIFDI member Patrick Haverty of the Fitchburg Fire Department upon his recent promotion to Deputy Chief. Pat is among a long list of dedicated fire officers from Fitchburg who have become MIFDI members throughout the past 60-years.



## UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

June 17-19, 2024: NFPA 2024 Conference & Expo  
Orlando, FL [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

June 26, 2024: **MIFDI** – LEXINGTON - FDIC Summary

June 29, 2024: MAFAA Show & Firematic Flea Market  
Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington

August 14-16, 2024: IAFC Fire-Rescue International 2024  
Dallas, TX [www.iafc.org](http://www.iafc.org)

August 21-24, 2024: IAFF Health – Safety – EMS Conference  
Sheraton Times Sq, New York [www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org)

September 25, 2024: **MIFDI**

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**47TH ANNIVERSARY ANTIQUE  
FIRE APPARATUS PARADE**



**June 29, 2024**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Show & Firematic Flea Market**  
will be held at: 99 Fordham Rd., Wilmington, MA



**REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

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

Our May meeting was another informative presentation on Elevator Operations and Safety. I thank our presenters from KONE Elevator for this great training program. Thanks also to Chief Tim Bailey and the Norwood Fire Department for hosting MIFDI at their facility.

Stay safe and I hope to see you in Lexington on June 26. For those unable to attend the June meeting, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.



Norwood Chief Tim Bailey & MIFDI President Roche

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The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 through November 30

According to predictions, the 2024 Hurricane Season could possibly be unusually active due to warmer ocean temperatures and favorable atmospheric conditions with:

- 23 Tropical Storms (Winds 39 mph or higher)
- 11 could become hurricanes (Winds 74 mph or higher)
- 5 could be major, Category 3,4,5 (Winds 111 mph or higher)

	2023 SEASON	2024 FORECAST	AVERAGE SEASON
TROPICAL STORMS	20	23	14
HURRICANES	7	11	7
MAJOR HURRICANES	3	5	3

FOX4 2024 ATLANTIC STORM NAMES	
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