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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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**2025 Membership Application & Invoice**  
**Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2025**

**Your MIFDI Dues  
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the first time.**

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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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### MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting of MIFDI will be held on **Wednesday, October 23, 2024**. We will be again hosted by the Wayland Fire Department courtesy of Chief Neil McPherson and will meet in the first floor training room of the Wayland Public Safety Building, 30 Cochituate Rd. (Rt. 27). MIFDI last met in Wayland for our November 2021 meeting.

Our training program will be provided Chief Brian Young from Lincoln who is a member of the District 14 CISM Team along with retired Chief David Flannery from Carlisle. The District 14 Critical Incident Stress Management Team is part of a Statewide Peer Support Network broken down into teams by State Fire Districts. The mission of the team is to provide peer assistance to all emergency service personnel within the Commonwealth when a critical incident occurs. If your department is faced with a critical incident such as; serious injury or death of a co-worker in the line of duty, co-worker suicide, victim known to responders, serious injury or death of a child, multiple casualty incidents, prolonged rescue or recovery, operations with intense media coverage, or any incident with a high emotional impact on responders, you need to know who to call and have a number already in your cell phone to save time with getting a support team in place.

### DIRECTIONS:

From I-95/Rt.128 take Exit 41, Rt.20 (Former Exit 26). Follow Rt.20 WEST approx 5-miles to Rt.27. Turn right on Rt. 27 and the Wayland Public Safety Building is on your right. There is parking on the Millbrook Rd. side of the complex. Try to leave the front parking spots available for department business and for any of our members with mobility issues.

### SCHEDULE:

0930: Coffee, 1000: Presentation, 1130: Training discussion, 1200: Lunch (off site).



**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 September, 2024 - Checking:**  
 Oct. Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 09/30  
 Michael McLeieer - FDIC Exp \$188.30 - 09/30  
 Michael McLeieer - FDIC USB x30 \$ 74.97 - 09/30  
 Mark Roche - Printing - Staples \$ 16.58 - 09/05  
**TOTAL: \$399.85**

**Account Transfers:**  
 \$120.00 - PCU Savings to Cking - 09/30/2024  
 \$263.27 - PCU Savings to Cking - 09/30/2024

50/50 Raffle = None  
 Winner = N/A  
 Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = N/A

**Total active members = 98**  
 Dues paid thru 2031 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2030 = 2  
 Dues paid thru 2027 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2025 = 2  
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 59  
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 17  
 Dues paid thru 2022 = 16

**Mailings**  
 E-Mail - 72 Home - 16  
 Work - 10  
 Total: 98

Balances as of 10/14/2024  
 Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 141.38  
 Less uncleared checks: \$ ( 0.00)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 141.38  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,190.69  
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,374.20  
 Total \$ 3,706.27

**Membership Totals: 98**  
 52 Active - 42 Retired - 4 Associate

As of this edition, we don't have any new members who recently joined MIFDI.

*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 2025 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.
- (c) **New members**, email your application to **MifdiTreasurer@escapeinc.org** (so we can promptly set you up to receive The Bulletin, due to mail and payment processing delays).

Respectfully submitted  
 10/14/2024  
 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](mailto: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.

New members, please email your completed membership application to [MifdiTreasurer@escapeinc.org](mailto:MifdiTreasurer@escapeinc.org) so we can promptly set you up to receive The MIFDI Bulletin (due to delays in mail processing and delay in payments received from cities and towns). Also, include your completed membership application with your payment.

### RECALL OF MEETING #2024-09

The September meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday September 25, 2024 hosted by the Needham Fire Department in the training room of their new Public Safety Building.

The training program began with a presentation by Buddy Hayes from Turtle Fire Systems. The "Turtle Nozzle" was designed to deploy water to the undercarriage of electric vehicles during firefighting operations.

The second portion of the training was provided by Seth Woelkers from J-Tech Highway Safety with a presentation on the "TMA Blocker" to protect firefighters, police officers, tow company operators and MASSDOT workers when operating at incidents on highways.

Following the classroom portions, members were offered a demonstration of the TMA truck as well as deployment of the Turtle Nozzle with a charged line.



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October is BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, an annual campaign to raise awareness of this illness. Breast cancer not only affects women, men can also develop breast cancer as well.

In 2024, it is estimated that 313,510 cases of breast cancer will be detected in the US including both women and men. An estimated 42,780 people will lose their lives to metastatic breast cancer in 2024. Again, the importance of early detection is the key for survival of this dreaded disease.



**LAST ALARM**

*Thankfully, nothing to report this month*

## CONGRATULATIONS

The Officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our best wishes to **Eric Littmann** upon his recent appointment as Deputy Chief of the Eastham MA Fire Department. Deputy Littmann had formerly served as Director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. We wish Eric continued success in his new position.



## UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

October 17 & 26: Statewide Municipal Firefighter Exam

October 16-18, 2024: Fire/Rescue/EMS Expo 2024  
Mohegan Sun, CT [www.newenglandfirechiefs.org](http://www.newenglandfirechiefs.org)

October 23, 2024: **MIFDI - WAYLAND**

November 3, 2024: End Daylight Saving Time

November 5-7, 2024: FireFusion Conference & Expo  
Charleston, SC [www.firefusionconference.com](http://www.firefusionconference.com)

November 16, 2024: Statewide Exam – District & Deputy Chief

November 20, 2024: **MIFDI - CANTON**

December 7, 2024: Statewide Exam: Fire Alarm Operator  
(Application Period from September 9 thru November 5)



**REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

The September meeting in Needham was a great double-header with two great presentations. Special thanks to Pat O'Connor of Northeast Rescue Systems for arranging these two important programs for MIFDI.

On a dimmer note, after looking over the MIFDI Roster updated in June, I am disappointed to see that we have 35 members behind with their dues still owing for 2024 and some owing for 2023. With less than 3 months remaining in 2024, I ask members who would like to continue membership to MIFDI, to catch up on their dues in addition to paying for the year 2025. With the increase in postage, printing and cost of the website server, the organization relies on the income from membership dues. MIFDI dues are still a bargain at \$35 for Active and \$15 for Retired. Don't put it off to avoid a lapse in your membership.

Stay safe and I hope to see you in Wayland on the 23rd.



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

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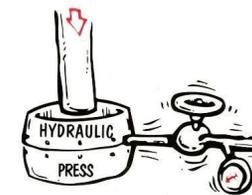
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