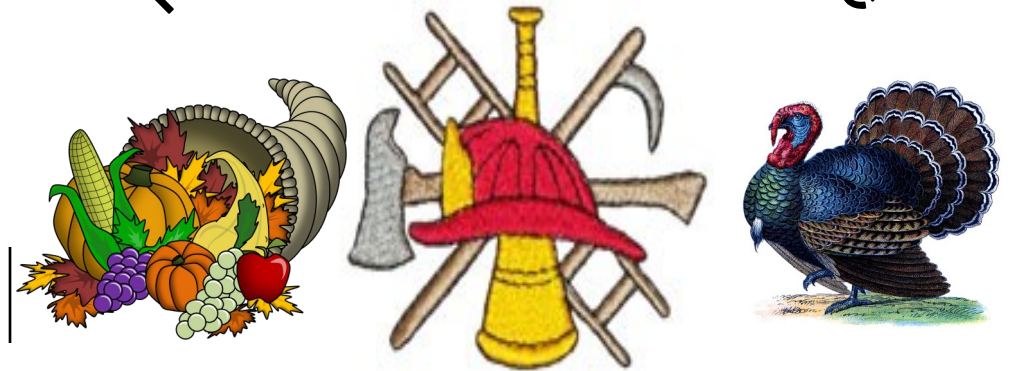


# The MIFDI BULLETIN

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OF



**FIRE DEPARTMENT  
INSTRUCTORS**

November  
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66th Year

(1959-2025)

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

**Your MIFDI Dues  
are due Jan. 1st**



**or Join MIFDI for  
the first time.**

**Membership Information**

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<b><u>circle one</u></b>	<b><u>circle one</u></b>	<b><u>Active</u></b> \$ 35.00
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<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  
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### MEETING NOTICE

The November meeting of MIFDI will be held on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024 (NOTE: THIS IS THE THIRD WEDNESDAY)**. We will be hosted by the Canton Fire Department at their HQ Station, 99 Revere St. MIFDI last met in Canton in June 2007.

Our program will be provided by Leo Reardon, EMS Coordinator for the Canton Fire Department. Leo will offer us a presentation on the Regional Field Transfusion Paramedic Program launched in March 2024. This groundbreaking new program has already helped to save patients with serious trauma by providing blood transfusion in a pre-hospital setting. If anyone is unsure about this new life-saving concept, those of you in a Command position at an incident with a patient trapped and bleeding during a prolonged extrication, you **MUST** know that this unit is an important option, **ESPECIALLY** if it is a firefighter trapped and bleeding out after a structural collapse.

**SCHEDULE:** 0930 Coffee, 1000 Presentation & Vehicle Tour, 1130 Business Meeting, 1200 Lunch (off site)

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-95 south merge onto I-93 in Canton. Directly after the merge, stay right and get off at EXIT 2A (Rt.38). Follow Rt. 38 to the first traffic light and turn right on Washington St toward Canton Center. Travel Washington St 3.1-miles and turn right onto Revere St. The firehouse will be on the right a short distance.



**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 October, 2024 - Checking:**  
 November Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 10/31  
 Mark Roche - Dunkin - Coffee Mtg. \$ 47.98 - 10/23  
 Mark Roche - Star Market - Pastry \$ 12.09 - 10/22  
 TOTAL: \$180.07

50/50 Raffle = \$30.00  
 Winner = Chris Kelly - \$15.00  
 Net Proceeds from 50/50 Raffle = \$15.00

**Account Transfers:**  
 \$120.00 - PCU Savings to Cking - 11/07/2024

**Total active members = 82**  
 Dues paid thru 2031 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2030 = 2  
 Dues paid thru 2027 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2026 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2025 = 6  
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 57  
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 14

**Mailings**  
 E-Mail - 56 Home - 16  
 Work - 10  
 Total: 82

Balances as of 11/08/2024  
 Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 176.31  
 Less uncleared checks: \$ ( 0.00)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 176.31  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,070.69  
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,374.40  
 Total \$ 3,621.40

**Membership Totals: 82**  
 44 Active - 34 Retired - 4 Associate

Please welcome these new members who recently joined MIFDI.

- Matt Pacheco - Captain - Newton Fire
- David Flannery - Retired Chief - Carlisle Fire

*Treasurer Notes:*

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

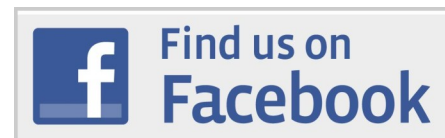
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 11/08/2024  
 by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer - 978-346-4731  
 Email: [mifditreasurer@escapeinc.org](mailto:mifditreasurer@escapeinc.org)  
 Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

**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](http://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](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 #2024-10

The October meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday October 23, 2024 hosted by the Wayland Fire Department in the training room of their Public Safety Building.

The training program was provided by retired Chief David Flannery, a member of the Massachusetts Fire District 14 Critical Incident Stress Management Team (C.I.S.M.). The District 14 Team is part of the Statewide Peer Support Network to provide peer assistance to all emergency personnel within the Commonwealth, during or after a critical incident. Chief Flannery offered an informative presentation on the services offered, either one on one or as a group. Examples of a Critical Incident include: Serious injury or death of a co-worker, Co-worker suicide, Victims known to responders, Serious injury or death of a child, Multiple casualty incidents, Prolonged rescue/recovery operations, Operations with intense media coverage, or any incident with high emotional impact on responders.

Every Incident Commander should have this number in their cell-phone to get a support team activated when members are struggling with any of the above mentioned incidents, **508-820-2000**

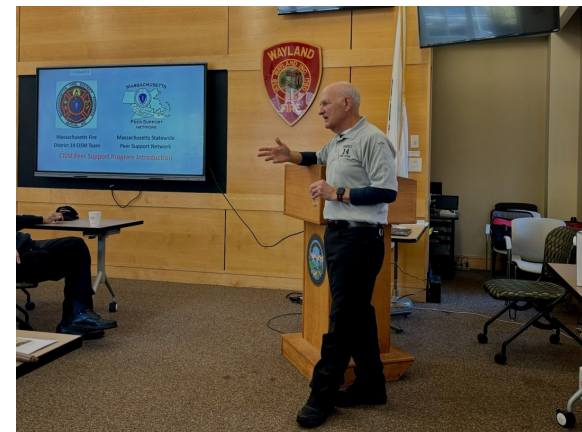
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**EMS RUN**

***IV Fluid Shortage***

Baxter International in Marion NC is one of the country's largest suppliers of intravenous fluids. The facility supplies 60% of IV fluids for hospitals throughout the US. The factory is now shut down due to damage caused by Hurricane Helene with no timeline when the facility will be back to full operation. Work is currently continuing to get the factory cleaned up and restored as quickly as possible.

IV fluid is formulated liquids injected through a vein to treat dehydration, electrolyte imbalances or patients undergoing surgery. The four common types of IV include; Normal Saline, Half-Normal Saline, Lactated Ringers, and Dextrose.

Hospitals are suggested to reevaluate protocols regarding administration of IV fluids for patients who truly need additional fluid such as burn victims or those in Intensive Care. Some hospitals have postponed elective surgeries until the shortage is resolved.

Patients transported to the Hospital Emergency Department with dehydration due to nausea, vomiting and diarrhea would normally be treated with a bag of IV fluid for hydration are now in some cases given anti-nausea medication along with a bottle of Gatorade or other sports drink to rehydrate.

Those of us in EMS must remain mindful of the IV fluid shortage and stay updated with any OEMS protocol changes over the next few months until IV supplies are fully restored.



**LAST ALARM**

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

**Captain Jason Gould**, retired member of the Brockton Fire Department. Captain Gould died from injuries received a decade ago while performing the rescue of a woman from an apartment fire. During the rescue, his facepiece became dislodged but he and another firefighter continued to push through the heavy smoke and heat to bring the woman to safety. His lungs were severely damaged forcing him to retire in 2023. He underwent two lung transplants and died from complications after the second procedure on September 8, 2024 at age 46.




*May He Rest In Peace*

## CONGRATULATIONS

The Officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our congratulations to MIFDI member **Captain Anthony O'Brien**, of the Everett Fire Department upon his Ordination as a Deacon for the Archdiocese of Boston. Tony will be serving at his local Parish in North Reading. Great accomplishment Deacon Tony!



In Thanksgiving  
for the Ordination of  
**DEACON  
ANTHONY O'BRIEN**  
to the order of Deacon  
September 21, 2024



*"For who is greater:  
the one seated at table  
or the one who serves?  
Is it not the one seated at table?  
I am among you as the one who serves."  
Luke 22:27*

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

November 4 – December 10, 2024:  
FY25 SAFE & Senior SAFE Grant Application Period  
[www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov)

November 16, 2024: Statewide Exam – District & Deputy Chief  
*Good Luck!*

November 18, 2024: Mass Firefighter of the Year Awards  
Mechanics Hall, Worcester

November 20, 2024: MIFDI – CANTON

December 18, 2024: MIFDI HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



**35<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Firefighter of the Year  
Awards**

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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

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**MECHANICS HALL**  
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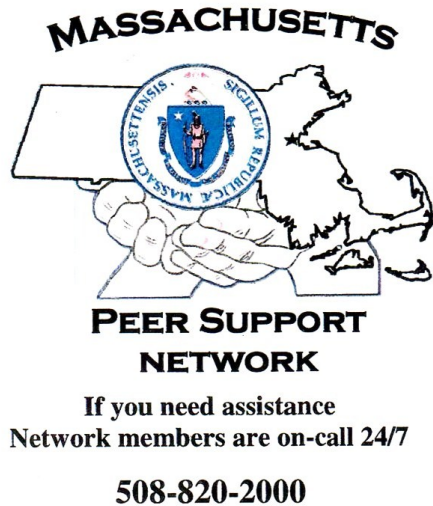
**10:00 A.M.**  
**HEROIC AWARDS CEREMONY**

**REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

The October meeting in Wayland was in important program on Critical Incident Stress Management for First Responders. I thank Chief David Flannery for providing this presentation to MIFDI. I also thank Chief Neil McPherson and the Wayland Fire Department for again hosting MIFDI at their Public Safety facility.

After this beautiful fall with such mild weather, I regretfully remind members that winter officially takes place one month away on December 21. We have thankfully avoided meeting cancellations for the past two years but living in New England you just never know. Meeting cancellations are strictly for the safety of our members and presenter’s, we use the same cancellation guideline as the Mass Fire Academy and we will post it on the MIFDI website at [www.mifdi.org](http://www.mifdi.org)

Stay safe and I hope to see you in Canton on the 20th.



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

**INSTRUCTORS CORNER**

Massachusetts Task Force-1 is part of the FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Team. They are currently accepting applications for those interested in becoming a member of this highly trained rescue team. This is a serious commitment for those interested; however it can be very rewarding and beneficial to increase your rescue skills as a professional firefighter.

For those interested, go to [www.matf.org](http://www.matf.org) to learn more

**THE APPLICATION WINDOW IS OPEN NOVEMBER 1ST THROUGH DECEMBER 1ST 2024**

**POSITION DESCRIPTIONS**

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL US AT [INFO@MATF.ORG](mailto:INFO@MATF.ORG)**

RECRUIT APPLICATION

Open Letter to Applicants:

Thank you for your interest in applying for a position on MA-TF1. We anticipate that the recruitment that opens on November 1, 2024 will be highly competitive. The managers of each discipline have assessed the individual personnel needs for those disciplines and will make selections based on needs. Applicants are allowed to apply for up to 2 disciplines during this recruitment process.

In the New England tradition of the Minuteman, MA-TF1 is a volunteer organization. All training and service hours are unpaid. In the event of an activation members are paid either through their home agency or as a contract member.

Membership on MA-TF1 is a commitment & requires active participation by members. To be deployable with the task force, members are required to maintain 40 hours of "team training", and 20 hours of "team service time" in the prior 12 months. If a member does not maintain these requirements and maintain the position specific and general training requirements, that member will be separated from the team.

When the recruitment information is released, please pay special attention to the dates of the mandatory recruitment training. Attendance is required for ALL the dates. The only date that is not required of all recruits is the final day of Technical Rescue Skills Set. This date is for members that do not have prior training in rope rescue and basic rescue skills. If you cannot commit to the predetermined training days your application will not be processed. If you are accepted as a recruit and fail to attend any of these dates, you will be separated from the recruitment process.

The purpose of this letter is to provide prospective members with an accurate and honest level of expectation before applying for membership.

Applicants should be honest and accurate when describing their levels of certification. (Awareness, Operations, Technician and Specialist) Not all certifications require an upload during the initial application, if you are accepted as a recruit, you will need to upload all relevant certifications during a very short time window so have an electronic version of all your certificates prepared and available.