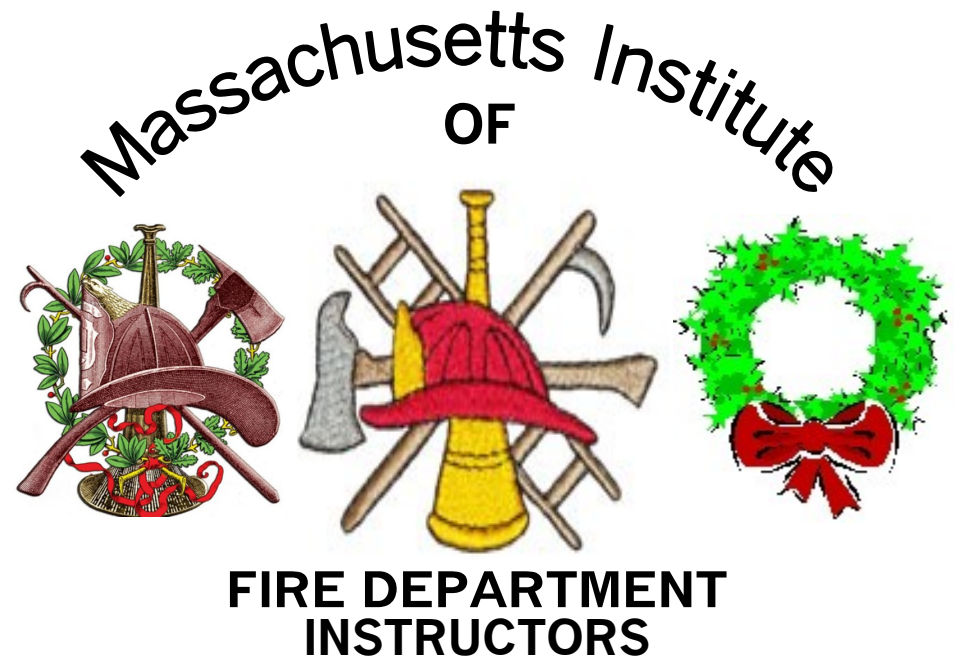


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The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors is a non-profit organization and was established on September 30, 1959. MIFDI's mission is "to promote fire department training and education by the mutual sharing of knowledge".

THE MIFDI OFFICERS - 2024

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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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<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:

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 Attn: Michael McLeieer, Treasurer
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MEETING NOTICE

The December meeting of MIFDI will be our Annual Holiday Luncheon for members to get together during the holiday season. This "Social Luncheon" during the past few years has been very well received as we break bread and break some chops!

The lunch will take place on **Wednesday, December 18, 2024 @ 11:45 am** at the CAFÉ ESCADRILLE, 26 Cambridge St, Burlington. We will have a table reserved from 11:45-1:30. They have a nice variety of lunch menu items reasonably priced.

We hope to see many old faces attend as well as those members planning to retire in 2025 and moving to a new chapter in their life. For those who wish to attend, shoot me an email at captroche@aol.com or leave me a message or text at [617-418-0895](tel:617-418-0895) to ensure that we have adequate seating for our group.

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt.128/I-95, take Exit 51A onto Rt.3 South towards Winchester. The restaurant is located a short distance on the left. There is plenty of free parking available.



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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 November, 2024 - Checking:
 December Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 11/29
 Mark Roche - Dunkin - Coffee Mtg. \$ 45.98 - 11/20
 Mark Roche - Roche Bros. - Pastry \$ 15.27 - 11/19
 TOTAL: \$181.25

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

Account Transfers:
 \$120.00 - PCU Savings to Cking - 11/29/2024

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 = 12
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 51
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 14

Mailings

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

Balances as of 11/29/2024
 Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 115.06
 Less uncleared checks: \$ (0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 115.06
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 950.69
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,374.40
 Total \$ 3,440.15

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

There were no 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 2025 dues will be due in January, 2025.**
Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2025 for your 2025 dues.
Invoices have already been sent to those members who have their department pay their dues. Watch your mail!
- (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

11/29/2024

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!

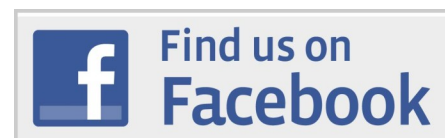
MIFDI will also accept credit card payments. Contact Michael McLeieer for details.

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, 2025. This fee does not apply to new members or for those who renew before April 1, 2025.

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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, 2025.

New members, please email your completed membership application to **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 #2024-11

The November meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday November 20, 2024 hosted by the Canton Fire Department in the training room of their HQ Station at 99 Revere St.

The training program was provided by Leo Reardon, EMS Coordinator of the Canton Fire Department. Leo offered a very informative presentation of the new Regional Field Transfusion Paramedic Program launched in March 2024. This unit is the first of its kind on the East Coast to provide blood to critically injured trauma victims in a pre-hospital setting. This groundbreaking EMS unit has already contributed to saving the lives of 15 trauma patients.

Every Incident Commander must know that this unit is an important option when operating at an incident with a severely injured patient trapped and bleeding during a prolonged extrication, especially if it is an injured firefighter trapped and injured after a structural collapse. The FTP unit will respond upon request either directly to the incident or as an intercept for an EMS unit at a location enroute to a hospital. The intercept will be quick allowing the Field Transfusion Paramedics to board the ambulance with equipment and continue without delay to the hospital.

The Unit is dispatched through the Norfolk County Control Center. Your local Dispatch can call the Norfolk County Control Center directly or radio through your local Mutual Aid Control Center to contact Norfolk County and request the Canton FTP.



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EMS RUN

Covid/Flu/RSV

Now that we are in the winter months, respiratory illnesses such as influenza (Flu) and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) are common during this time of the year. We can now add Covid-19 to this list of respiratory illnesses every year. All of these are highly contagious and present with similar symptoms including; fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, runny nose, and generally feeling like crap. These respiratory illnesses can spread easily through contact or by coughing and sneezing.

Thankfully covid is no longer at the level of the pandemic, it does however continue to be a major health concern for the very young and the elderly population as well as those with serious health issues.

The important thing for us as first responders is to protect ourselves when responding to calls for respiratory distress. Always keep a mask in your pocket, wear medical gloves on all calls, use hand sanitizers after every call, clean your equipment with sanitizing wipes, and don't leave your dirty gloves on the floor of the apparatus!



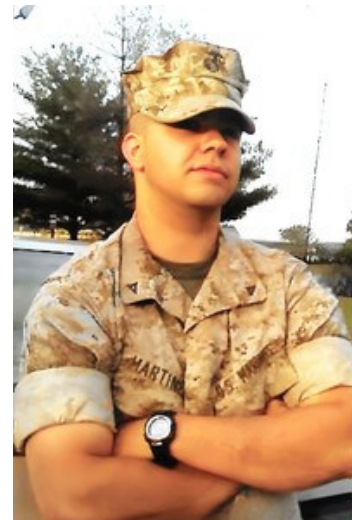
A – Knee pads
B – Heavy duty gloves
C – Nitrile gloves
D – Safety glasses
E – Face shield
F – N95 respirators
G – Disposable surgical mask
H – Reusable face covering

LAST ALARM

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

Firefighter Nathan M. Martinez, ACTIVE member of the Lowell Fire Department. Nathan died unexpectedly on November 3, 2024 at age 38. Nathan was a member of the Lowell FD for 12-years and served our country in the US Marines with tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mark C. Foster, former Director of the Massachusetts Task Force-1, died on November 3, 2024 at age 75 after a period of declining health. In 1990, Mark founded Mass Task Force-1 out of Beverly as part of the 28 FEMA teams throughout the country. We were honored to have Mark as a guest at the June 2024 meeting of MIFDI in Lexington where he spoke briefly about his career and sold copies of his publication "The First Eight Days at Ground Zero".



May They Rest In Peace

CONGRATULATIONS

The Officers and members of the Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offer our congratulations to past MIFDI member **Deputy Chief James Potts** of the Swampscott Fire Department upon his recent retirement after 40-years of service. Jim was the creator of the very first MIFDI webpage back in 1999. He also served as past Editor of the MIFDI Bulletin. We wish Jim good health and happiness in his retirement and thank him for his service to MIFDI.



UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

January 5-7, 2025: Chief's Summit Symposium
Islamorada, FL www.chiefssummit.com

January 13-16, 2025: Fire Dept Safety Officer Conference
St. Pete, FL www.fdsoa.org

Jan.13- Feb.11, 2025: Application Period for April 12 LT/Capt Exam

January 22, 2025: **MIFDI**

REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

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

The November meeting in Canton was an excellent and very informative presentation on the Canton Regional Field Transfusion Program. I thank Canton Fire EMS Coordinator Leo Reardon for providing MIFDI with an in-depth understanding on this lifesaving unit.

A reminder as we are officially in winter as of December 21, meeting cancellations are strictly for the safety of our members and presenters. We use the same cancellation guideline as the Mass Fire Academy and we will post cancellations on the MIFDI website at www.mifdi.org

Stay safe and I hope to see you in Burlington on the 18th. For those unable to attend, I wish each of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or “Festivus” if you so choose. We hope to see you in 2025!



*In Memory of the Worcester-6 on the
25th Anniversary of this tragic incident*

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

INSTRUCTORS CORNER

What is “BERDO”

The term BERDO stands for “Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance”. It is a locally imposed mandate for building owners to report energy consumption and report greenhouse gas emissions for state and federal emissions reduction goals. It is estimated that one-third of the carbon emissions in Massachusetts comes from buildings.

As of now, BERDO is only a local ordinance with a focus on large buildings for owners to report their annual energy and water consumption. The requirement also applies to public buildings as well. Thus far only Boston and Cambridge have this requirement in place with other communities expected to follow. BERDO applies to the following buildings; Residential buildings with 15 or more units, Non-residential buildings 20,000 sq ft or larger, any parcel with multiple buildings that sum up to 20,000 sq ft or 15 units. The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) will most likely be the agency to oversee this requirement.

So why do we in the fire service need to know this? Actually we don’t, however, it is important for us to understand what it is and what it means when asked about this requirement from citizens or developers during pre-planning and building inspections should your communities adopt the ordinance. It’s always better to have the answers rather than the standard; “I’ll have to get back to you on that”.

