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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
are due Jan. 1st**



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

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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:

MIFDI
 Attn: Michael McLeieer, Treasurer
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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting of MIFDI will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. We will be hosted by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services and the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy courtesy of State Fire Marshal Jon Davine. We last met at the fire academy for our March 2024 meeting. *(We are scheduled to meet in Classroom 119, however, check the welcome screen in the lobby in the event of a room location change).*

We are scheduled to be provided with a look and overview of two new props offered by DFS for the fire service. One is a newly created "Incident Support Trailer", the other is a new "Rapid Intervention Prop".

SCHEDULE:

0900: Coffee (Available in the cafeteria), **1000:** Presentation, **1130:** Business meeting, **1200:** Lunch.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM RT.128/I 95: Take Rt. 20 West to Rt. 27 in Wayland. Turn right on Rt. 27 and continue until Rt. 27 makes a right towards Maynard, *DO NOT TURN RIGHT*, continue straight for aprox 3-miles and the Academy will be on the right.

FROM RT. 495 North: Take Rt. 85 (Exit 65A) towards Hudson. At the traffic light turn left onto Rt.85. Turn right on Broad St. (First traffic light), and at the second traffic light turn right on Rt.62. Continue straight until Rt. 62 takes a left towards Stow, *DO NOT TURN LEFT*, continue straight for aprox 4-miles and the Academy will be on your left.

FROM RT. 495 South: Take Rt. 62 (Exit 67) into Hudson Center. Continue halfway around the rotary and continue on Rt.62 East. Continue straight until Rt.62 turns left towards Stow, *DO NOT TURN LEFT*, continue straight for aprox 4-miles and the Academy will be on your left.

Ample parking is available in the upper-lot on the "D-Side" of the MFA campus.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2025
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$ 115.06
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$ 950.97
 CapitalOneSav. Balance \$2,374.79
 Grand Total \$3,440.82

Bills January, 2025 - Checking:
 February Bulletin - Michael \$120.00 - 01/31
TOTAL: \$120.00

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

Account Transfers:
 None

Total active members = 84

Dues paid thru 2031 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2030 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2027 = 1
 Dues paid thru 2026 = 2
 Dues paid thru 2025 = 44
 Dues paid thru 2024 = 24
 Dues paid thru 2023 = 10

Mailings

E-Mail - 58 Home - 16
 Work - 10
Total: 84

Balances as of 02/10/2025

Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 1,051.57
 Less uncleared checks: \$ (0.00)
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 1,051.57
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 950.97
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,374.99
 Grand Total \$ 4,377.53

Membership Totals: 84
 45 Active - 35 Retired - 4 Associate

We don't have any new members who 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 2025 dues are 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. Please 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).*

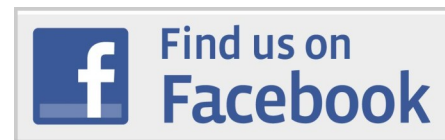
Respectfully submitted 02/10/2025
 by Michael McLeieer, Treasurer - 978-346-4731
 Email: mifditreasurer@escapeinc.org
 Thank you for your continued support and for the prompt payment of your dues!

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!**

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 #2025-01

The January meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday January 22, 2025 hosted by the National Fire Protection Association at their Headquarters in Quincy courtesy of NFPA President Jim Pauley. We were greeted by Barbara Dunn and gathered in the “Firehouse Conference Room” located on the first floor.

The training was provided by NFPA Senior Manager of Education & Development Andrew Klock with another informative presentation and update of “Emerging Issues Focusing on EV Safety”. NFPA offers many valuable resources regarding electric vehicles on their website: www.nfpa.org/EV











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EMS RUN

National Burn Awareness Week

The first week of February is dedicated to “National Burn Awareness Week”, however, the entire month should be Burn Awareness Month due to the importance of bringing awareness to this issue.



- Burns happen at home with someone there during cooking or bathing
- Most Burns are caused by hot water
- Children under 5 years of age are at greatest risk for burns
- Most burns are preventable
- Burns are a serious injury, very painful and can leave scarring for life

LAST ALARM

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

Chief George W. Parrott, (Retired) of the Saugus Fire Department and MIFDI Past President (1977). George died on December 20, 2024 at age 97.

Captain Stephen A. Monteiro, ACTIVE member of the Brockton Fire Department. Steve died on January 1, 2025 at age 53 from occupational cancer.

Chief Wallace A. Howe, (Retired) of the Abington Fire Department and former MIFDI member. “Hap” died on January 11, 2025 at age 88.



Chief Parrott



Captain Monteiro



Chief Howe

May They Rest In Peace

CONGRATULATIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

February 25-27 2025: FCAM Professional Development Conference
Worcester DCU Center www.fcam.org

February 26, 2025: MIFDI-DFS/MFA

March 9, 2025: Daylight Saving Time Begins

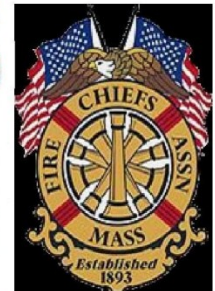
March 14-16: Northeast Fire Summit “Tactical & Leadership”
Village by the Sea, Wells ME www.nefools.org

March 26, 2025: MIFDI – Wakefield

March 27-29: Wildland Urban Interface Conference
Kansas City, MO www.iafc.org

March 29, 2025: American Lung “Fight for Air Climb”
One Boston Place www.lung.org

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REPORT of the PRESIDENT:

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

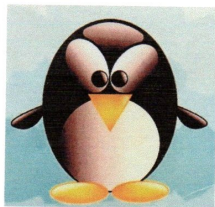
Our January meeting hosted again by NFPA was another informative presentation offered to MIFDI members. I thank the professional staff at NFPA for their hospitality and another great program.

A reminder for members to renew their annual dues to keep MIFDI operating for the future. The dues remain at; **ACTIVE \$35.00, RETIRED \$15.00, ASSOCIATE \$100.** Dues can be paid at the meetings or mailed to **MIFDI Treasurer PO Box 507, Merrimac, MA 01860-0510.**

Also, another reminder that winter 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 we hope to see you at the Fire Academy on February 26.

**WHEN THERE IS SNOW AND ICE
WALK LIKE A PENGUIN**



- Shoes should have slip resistant tread
- Always walk slowly on slippery surfaces
- Walk with arms out to the side, NOT IN YOUR POCKETS
- Take small shuffle-like steps
- Walk with feet pointing slightly outward
- Focus on your steps, especially when changing surfaces

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INSTRUCTORS CORNER

CO Alarms

Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms have been required in every residence since March 2006. The life expectancy of carbon monoxide alarms is 7-10 years depending on the alarm manufacturer. CO alarms produced after August 2009 have an end of life notification to alert the homeowner to replace the detector. The alarm will beep twice every 30 seconds or display ERR or END or EO9 message. If the device is at the end of its life, changing the battery will not stop the beeping. The life of a CO alarm begins when it is first powered up. Most CO alarms have a date of manufacture stamped on the back which can be used as a guide if the activation date was not recorded.

As a reminder, CO alarms should be installed outside of each sleeping area and at least one for each floor. It is important to remind residents that their CO alarms may be reaching the end of their lifecycles and should be replaced BEFORE the beeps indicating end of life. This also provides continuous protection against possible CO poisoning and reduces the number of false alarms to local fire departments. Since Nichole’s Law took effect in 2006 requiring CO alarms in every Massachusetts residence, many people have been saved from CO poisoning.

As a guide, a smoke alarm activation is three beeps in a row, a CO alarm activation is four beeps in a row, a single chirp indicates that the battery is low. Some newer devices may give a voice notification. There are also detectors with a strobe light for the hearing impaired.

(PRESIDENTS NOTE: When responding to an EMS call for a party not feeling well, dizziness, headache, weakness, confusion, vomiting, etc; have a member bring in the Multi-Gas Meter to ensure that they are not suffering from exposure to carbon monoxide)

