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**2026 Membership Application & Invoice**  
**Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2026**

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**There is also a \$10 late fee if dues are paid after April 1st**  
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### **MEETING NOTICE** **Note Location Change**

The June meeting of MIFDI will be held on **WEDNESDAY JUNE 24** hosted by the **Woburn Fire Department** at their new HQ Station located at 731 Main St (Rt.38) courtesy of Chief George Poole. We will meet in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor training room, enter from the "Bravo" side.

Our training program will be provided by MIFDI Treasurer/Past President Michael McLeier. The presentation will feature highlights of some of the great topics covered during the 2026 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: PROGRAM: 1100: BUSINESS MEETING: 1130: STATION TOUR, 1200: LUNCH (Off Site)**

### **DIRECTIONS:**

The station is easy to get to, located on Rt.38 directly off I-95 (Exit 53). Travel East a short distance and the station is on the left. There is plenty of parking on the "BRAVO" side.



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balances for 01/02/2026  
 Preferred C.U. Checking \$ 259.13  
 Preferred C.U. Savings \$ 870.37  
 CapitalOneSav. Balance \$2,377.17  
 Grand Total \$3,506.67

Bills May 2026 - Checking:  
 June Bulletin - McLeieer \$120.00 - 05/31  
 Dunkin - Roche—Coffee - Meeting \$ 54.11 - 05/27  
 Market Basket - Roche - Pastry \$ 11.88 - 05/27  
 TOTAL: \$185.99

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

Account Transfers:  
 PCU Savings to Cking - \$120.00 - 06/09/2026

Total active members = 68  
 Dues paid thru 2031 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2030 = 1  
 Dues paid thru 2027 = 5  
 Dues paid thru 2026 = 52  
 Dues paid thru 2025 = 10

Mailings  
 E-Mail - 45 Home - 16  
 Work - 8  
 Total: 69

Balances as of 06/09/2026  
 Preferred C.U. Checking: \$ 124.69  
 Less uncleared checks: \$ ( 0.00)  
 PCU Cking. Balance: \$ 124.69  
 PCU Savings Balance: \$ 1,250.58  
 Capital One Sav. Balance: \$ 2,378.15  
 Grand Total \$ 3,753.42

Membership Totals: 69  
 33 Active - 32 Retired - 4 Associate

Welcome to this new MIFDI Member:

- Robert Paul - Captain - Burlington Fire Department

Treasurer Notes:

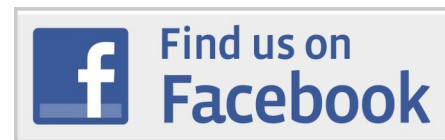
- Please remember to look at your mailing label for the PAID THROUGH date. Thank you to all of you who have paid your dues. **Your 2026 dues were due in January, 2026. Please add \$10.00 for late renewals paid after April 1, 2026 for your 2026 dues. Invoices have already been sent to those members who have their department pay their dues. Please watch your mail!**
- You may now use the 2026 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).
- Some members have had their dues returned or have not received their monthly Bulletin. Please let me know if you are experiencing issues receiving the MIFDI Bulletin.— Michael

Respectfully submitted 06/09/2026  
 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!  
 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, 2026.

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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, 2026.

**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 #2026-5

The May meeting of MIFDI was held on Wednesday May 27, 2026 hosted by Boston MedFlight at their new facility at Hanscom Field in Bedford.

Members were given an informative presentation on MedFlight operations and safety procedures for firefighters and other emergency personnel at landing zones as well as what the pilot requires for support when landing and taking off from a scene. Following the presentation, members were given a tour of the MedFlight facility including; the sim-lab, dispatch, maintenance, and a close-up look at one of their medical transport helicopters.





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Now that we are in the summer months, there is generally an increase in Anaphylaxis reactions due to bee stings or with families dining on shellfish when at the beach. A patient having an allergic reaction can spiral down real fast when their airway begins to swell so we must act fast to treat this severe life-threatening allergic reaction.

It is important to check the expiration date of your Epi-Pens and review proper procedures for using this important life-saving tool.

- Common symptoms of an anaphylaxis reaction include; swelling of the lips, tongue, throat and around the eyes. There may also be a rash, hives and itching as well as a wheezing sound during breathing.
- Hold the Epi-Pen tightly with your fist with the blue cap facing up; just remember “Blue to the sky, Orange to the thigh”.
- Remove the blue safety cap and jam the orange side into the middle of the outer thigh. You will hear a click indicating that the Epi-Pen is working and then hold it in place for 3-10 seconds to allow the medication to be delivered. Do not waste time removing clothing; the epi-pen is designed to penetrate jeans or other clothing.
- Adults require a dose of .3mg. A 2<sup>nd</sup> dose may be administered after 5 minutes if there is little change in the patient condition. For pediatric patients over 6-months, use an “Epi-Jr” with a dose of .15mg. A second dose may NOT be given to a pediatric patient without approval from local Medical Control.
- Refer to State OEMS Protocols for any updates or changes with administering the Epinephrine Auto-Injector.



**LAST ALARM**

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

- F.F. Robert T. Kilduff, Jr** of the Boston Fire Department. Bob died in the Line-of-Duty at a 3-alarm fire on May 23, 2026 at age 53.
- Lt. James D. McLachlan** of the Methuen Fire Department. Jim died on May 8, 2026 from occupational cancer at age 57
- F.F. Neil Leonard** of the Quincy Fire Department. Neil died on May 12, 2026 from occupational cancer at age 61.
- F.F. James D. Emerton** of the Sterling Fire Department. Jim died on May 16, 2026 from occupational cancer at age 64.
- Lt. Paul J. Smyth** of the Braintree Fire department. Paul died on May 21, 2026 from occupational cancer at age 64.



*Jim McLachlan*



*Neil Leonard*



*Jim Emerton*



*Paul Smyth*

*May They Rest in Peace*

## CONGRATULATIONS

The Massachusetts Institute of Fire Department Instructors offers our congratulations to MIFDI member **Captain Mark Cedrone** of the Burlington Fire Department upon his appointment to Assistant Chief on May 4, 2026. Mark previously served as the BFD Training Officer for the past 9-years. We wish him great success in his new position.



## UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

June 22-24, 2026: NFPA 2026 Conference & Expo  
Las Vegas, NV [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

June 24, 2026: MIFDI – Lexington Woburn - FDIC 2026 Highlights

August 12-14, 2026: IAFC Fire-Rescue International  
Kansas City MO [www.iafc.org](http://www.iafc.org)

August 26-28, 2026: NEAFC Fire-Rescue 2026 EXPO  
Mohegan Sun [www.newenglandfirechiefs.org](http://www.newenglandfirechiefs.org)

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**REPORT of the PRESIDENT:**

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

The month of May 2026 turned out to be one of the cruelest months for public safety in recent years. It began on May 6 when Massachusetts State Police Trooper Kevin Trainor was killed at age 30 by a wrong-way driver on Rt.1 in Lynnfield. On May 16, a devastating explosion in Searsmont ME killed Morrill ME Firefighter Andrew Cross, age 30, and severely injured several additional firefighters from the area that responded on mutual aid. On May 23, Boston Firefighter Robert Kilduff died in the line of duty at age 53 during a 3-alarm fire in Dorchester. Also on May 23, Boston EMS active Superintendent-In-Chief John Gill died at age 61 after a battle with cancer. Additionally, Massachusetts lost FOUR active firefighters in May due to occupational cancer. Finally on May 28, an explosion at a shipyard in Staten Island NY injured 30 FDNY firefighters including 2 in critical condition.

There are no easy answers to all of these tragedies other than to realize that nothing is routine, sudden explosions can occur unexpectedly and with little warning. The increase in cancer rates among firefighters appears to be getting worse every year and is now the number one killer of firefighters. SCBA may seem cumbersome to work with during overhaul but we MUST remain on air during the final stages of the fire. Many firehouses are thankfully now equipped with PPE extractors and dryers to properly wash the deadly contaminants from our gear. Apparatus exhaust recovery systems are one of the greatest safety items added to firehouses that I have seen during my career but make sure that they are always attached to the rig. Finally and most importantly, schedule periodic cancer screenings, early detection is the key for survival.

Never forget those members who made the ultimate sacrifice and continue to support their families in the weeks and months ahead. Also, pray for the recovery of those injured members still recovering in burn centers and in rehab units due to the severe injuries received during the performance of their duties.

Stay safe!

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**INSTRUCTORS CORNER**

The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 through November 30

According to NOAA, the 2026 Hurricane Season is predicted to be relatively quiet and below normal from previous years with;  
8-14 Tropical Storms (Winds 39 mph or higher)  
3-6 could become Hurricanes (Winds 74 mph or higher)  
1-3 could be major, Category 3,4,5 (Winds 111 mph or higher)

