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JANUARY **NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
January 2018*

During the first month of 2018, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department conducted the Annual General Meeting and Elections, completed a Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance and Inventory Drill, conducted training, hosted training, supported a community event, responded to emergency calls.

In January, our in-house training consisted of the following: Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, Traffic Management, and Loss Control.

In the previous year, the Marystown Fire Department responded to 70 Emergency Calls. Firefighters also completed over 4,000 Training Hours in 2017, not to mention the involvement with many more Department and Community activities. A special thank you to our Volunteer Firefighters for their dedication to our community and surrounding areas 365 days of the year! We must recognize our families too, as they support us as we serve - thank you!

We held our Annual General Meeting and Elections for the new year on Sunday, January 7th. In addition to the regular Department business, elections were conducted for the Executive, Committee Chairpersons, and the Liaison. The results for the election of the Executive, Committee Chairpersons, and the Liaison are as follows: Fire Department Chairperson/Muscular Dystrophy - Justin Green, Treasurer/Firefighter Assistance - Terry Price, Secretary/Public Relations/Junior Firefighters/Policy and Changes - Justin Bolt, Fire Prevention/Family Events - Jordan Hannam, Social Room/Firefighters Banquet - George Shave, Fundraising/Liaison for the Firefighters - Colin Farewell, Fire Hall & Training Grounds - Mark Coady, and Heritage - Wayde Clarke. Our Officers are now beginning year 2 of their 2-year terms.

Congratulations to all members who have accepted new positions or are returning to positions they held previously. Thank you to those who have previously served, and given commitment and dedication to an elected position(s)!

Our ladies auxiliary, the Fire Wrens, held their Annual General Meeting and the Elections for

the 2018 Executive on Sunday, January 14th. Congratulations to the Wrens Executive for the year ahead: President - Makaila Farrell, Vice-President - Melissa Saint, Secretary - Victoria Lambert, Treasurer - Geraldine Martin, and Public Relations - Kyla Nolan. Members of the Wrens also includes Genevieve Murphy, Nicole Keating, Peggy Clarke, Jessica Vallis, Jennifer Dicks and Stephanie Keating. All the best for 2018, we look forward to working with all of you, and thank you to the Fire Wrens for your support of our Department each and every year! Check out the Fire Wrens Website Page, under the About tab on our website, for their history and more!

The Fire Department hosted a regional Defensive Firefighting Course from Saturday, January 27th to Sunday, January 28th. Firefighters were in attendance from Departments around the Burin Peninsula, including Baine Harbour, Grand Bank, Terrenceville, Winterland and our Department. Firefighters Shawn Allen, Tyler Byrne and Richard Nolan attended from our Department. Over the two(2) days, Firefighters completed lesson on topics such as Fire Service History, Fire Extinguishers, Fire Hose, Personal Protective Equipment, Water Supply, and more. The course aims to be an introduction for those entering the Fire Service, and provides insight into the duties of a Firefighter. In addition to the theory, the Firefighters completed a variety of practical sessions like Fire Hydrant Setup and Ground Ladders, and concluded the course with a Vehicle Fire Scenario. Congratulations to all course participants, and thank you to everyone who provided assistance with the course including Fire Chief Leo Cox(Terrenceville), Fire Chief Tony Snook(Grand Bank) and Training Officer Cyril Drowns(Garnish)!

The Marystown Kinetite Club hosted a Coats for Families event on the afternoons of Saturday, January 27th and Sunday, January 28th. Our Fire Department was happy to assist with the event, which took place at the Summer Games Building(Track and Field Complex) on Harris Drive. Captain Wayde Clarke and Fire Chief Alex Coady split the duties of attending with a truck at the weekend events.

On Sunday, January 28th at 12:32PM, the Fire Department received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 18 Ville Marie Drive. 5 Officers & 15 Firefighters responded to the address with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, the activation was confirmed to be a false alarm, and we returned to the Fire Hall at approximately 12:50PM.

On Monday, January 29th at 6:04PM, the Fire Department received a request for assistance from Marystown Ambulance at a residence on Ville Marie Drive. Available Firefighters responded to the location to assist Ambulance Personnel.



Picture 3. Defensive Firefighting Training

UPCOMING EVENTS:

* **Saturday, February 17th to Sunday, February 18th, 2018** - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus(SCBA) Course at the Marystown Fire Hall. The course is open to all Firefighters in the region. Applications must be forwarded to Fire and Emergency Services - NL..

* **Saturday, February 24th, 2018** - Ice Fishing Derby in conjunction with the Lions Club for their Annual Community Winter Carnival at Linton Lake(Butler's Pond) from 10AM to 3PM. Admission is \$5 and there are awesome prizes. Alternate Date: Saturday, March 3rd, 2018.



Picture 4. Defensive Firefighting Course Participants



Picture 1. Defensive Firefighting Training



Picture 2. Coats for Families

To schedule a demonstration, presentation or tour, call us at (709)279-2226 or email marystownfiredept@nf.aibn.com

****The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department serves approximately 5400 residents from the centrally located Fire Hall at 97-105 McGettigan Boulevard. The Fire Department has 30 very dedicated firefighters and a fleet of 1 Ladder Truck(Ladder #1), 2 Pumpers(Engine's #2 & #3), 2 Rescue Vehicles(Rescue's #4 & #6), 1 Pick-up Truck(Mobile #5), 1 SUV, a Hovercraft(Rescue #1), Hazmat Unit & Antique Pumper(Engine#1). Visit our website at www.marystownvolunteerfiredept.com, or you can also visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/MystVolFireDept and Twitter @MYSTVolFireDept.****

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