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MAY NEWSLETTER

Marystown Volunteer Fire Department May 2018

In May, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department assisted with a program at the local primary-elementary school, participated in and supported community events, hosted regional training, conducted the Monthly Meeting, responded to emergency calls, completed a Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance and Inventory Drill, conducted training, conducted a fire prevention activity, attended training, attended provincial training, began annual Fire Hose Testing, and continued working on upcoming events and programs.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during May: Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, Pump Operations, Hose Lays and Loads, and Hose Appliances.

Firefighters assisted with the Breakfast Program at Sacred Heart Academy from Monday, April 30th to Thursday, May 3rd, the second time providing assistance this school year. Our Department is proud to continue providing assistance to this valuable program that benefits children for healthy learning!

The Marystown McDonald's, owned by McRoberts Enterprises, celebrated McHappy Day on Wednesday, May 2nd. McHappy Day is an annual fundraising event hosted by the fast food chain to generate funds for the Ronald McDonald House Newfoundland and Labrador and other children's charities, locally and internationally. Fire Chief Alex Coady and Assistant Fire Chief George Shave, joined Lieutenant and Store Manager Jordan Hannam and the staff, at their restaurant on McGettigan Boulevard to provide assistance for a hour of the day. It is an honor for us to be invited each year to assist with the fundraiser which benefits people from our area and abroad!

The Fire Department hosted NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level I - Module I(Theory) training which was completed over the last weekend of April and the first weekend of May. Firefighters Leo Green, Justin Green, Mark Coady, Troy Mayo, and Richard Nolan attended from our Department, along with two Firefighters from Winterland. The theory module is part 1 of 2 in the Firefighter I Program. Part 2 is six days of practical training, which will be completed at a later date. Congratulations to all

Firefighters on completing the module, and thank you to the Instructors for your assistance with offering the training!

The 2018 National Emergency Preparedness Week ran from Sunday, May 6th to Saturday, May 12th. The theme for the annual campaign this year was "Be Emergency Ready." Once again this year, the Fire Department engaged in a social media campaign through our Facebook and Twitter platforms to help promote Emergency Preparedness.

Lieutenant Daniel Kelly and a group of ladies representing the Salvation Army - Marystown Faith and Hope Corps visited the Fire Hall before our regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, May 7th with some refreshments and snacks for the Firefighters in attendance. The organization wanted to do the thoughtful gesture for us during Emergency Preparedness Week. Thank you for thinking of us, and we appreciate your support and all you do for our community!

On Wednesday, May 9th at 12:37PM, the Fire Department received notification from 911 Dispatch of a Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) north of Marystown on Route 210 - The Kaetlyn Osmond Way. Before units were dispatched out of town, it was confirmed that our assistance was not required, and all incoming Firefighters were notified and cancelled.

On Sunday, May 13th at 2:25AM, the Fire Department received notification of a Structure Fire on Walsh's Road in Little Bay. 3 Officers and 12 Firefighters answered the call and responded to the location with Ladder #1, Engine #3, Rescue #4 and Mobile #5. Upon arrival, Firefighters were met with heavy fire and smoke. Fire attack commenced immediately from the exterior of the old structure, and no one was home at the time of the blaze. Firefighters remained on scene extinguishing the fire and completing overhaul until 6:20AM. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP) and Newfoundland Power also attended the scene.

Later the same day, at 4:00PM, the Fire Department was notified that the earlier Structure Fire on Walsh's Road had began to rekindle. 5 Officers and 11 Firefighters returned to the scene with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Firefighters once again extinguished the burning

material, and ensured no fire was present before standing down. The Fire Department cleared the scene at 5:09PM. Thank you to our Firefighters for their efforts on Mother's Day, and a special note of thanks to our partners for your understanding of our service!

We teamed up with Sobeys again on Wednesday, May 16th for a Fire Drill at their store, followed by a Fire Extinguisher presentation and practical session for their employees. The effort was coordinated and led by our Fire Prevention Committee. Awesome job by all involved, and thank you to the Sobeys management and staff for their commitment to Fire Safety!

On Wednesday, May 16th at 9:45AM, the Fire Department was notified of a fire behind the Town's Municipal Depot on McGettigan Boulevard. Workers were doing work on a steel berm and a small amount of furnace oil that was remaining in the berm ignited. Firefighters who were at the Fire Hall responded with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. The fire was contained and extinguished quickly.

On Thursday, May 17th at 9:36AM, the Fire Department received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 61 Hollett's Road. Before any units were dispatched, the alarm monitoring company notified us that the activation was a false alarm, and all incoming Firefighters were cancelled.

Firefighters Colin Farewell, Richard Nolan and Tyler Byrne attended a Traffic Control Person(TCP) training course on Thursday evening, May 17th.

On Monday, May 21st at 12:14AM, the Fire Department was notified of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 176 McGettigan Boulevard. Engine #3 arrived on scene, only to be notified that the activation was a false alarm. The message about the false alarm was then relayed, and Rescue #4 and all incoming Firefighters were cancelled en route.

On Friday, May 25th at 2:00PM, the Fire Department was notified of a Vehicle Fire on Ducey's Lane. 3 Officers and 8 Firefighters responded to the incident with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, the vehicle was fully engulfed, but our crew made quick work of extinguishing the fire. The Fire Department cleared the scene at 2:32PM.

The Fire and Emergency Services - Newfoundland and Labrador Annual Training School is being hosted by Grand Falls-Windsor and surrounding communities from Saturday, May 26th to Friday, June 1st. The following is a summary of the training completed or being completed at the Annual Fire School by our Firefighters: Captain Wayde Clarke and Lieutenant Jordan Hannam - Respiratory Protection Program, NFPA 1403 - Conducting Live Fire Training, and Fire Department Incident Safety

Officer, Firefighter Justin Bolt - Respiratory Protection Program and NFPA 1403 - Conducting Live Fire Training, and Firefighter Walter Vallis - NFPA 1006 - Vehicle Rescue Level I. Fire Chief Alex Coady, Captain Wayde Clarke and Lieutenant Jordan Hannam also attended Hazmat Emergency Response Training by the Chlorine Institute in Grand Falls - Windsor on Friday, May 25th prior to the official start of Fire School. Fire Chief Alex Coady assisted with instruction of courses throughout the week-long training program. The knowledge & skills acquired through the courses listed above will better prepare our Firefighters for emergency situations we encounter in our community and surrounding area. Thank you to the Grand Falls - Windsor and neighboring Fire Departments for hosting, Fire and Emergency Services for coordinating and funding the school, and all instructors for making this training possible!

As a way of showing our appreciation to the public for their tremendous support, the Fire Wrens and the Fire Department sponsored and served a Community Soup Kitchen. The event was on Saturday, May 26th at The Merge, a place where many groups sponsor soup kitchens and other events for the public. The Merge is owned and operated by the local Penecostal Church as a community center. Thank you to the Merge for their significant community outreach, and we hope all who attended enjoyed their lunch!

The Fire Department provided an annual donation to the Kin and Friends Radiothon in support of the Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation again this year. This year's radiothon, held on Sunday, May 27th, was in support of the new mental health and addictions campaign. The Marystown Fire Department is a proud supporter of the Foundation and health care services on the Burin Peninsula!

The Junior Firefighter Committee is still recruiting for the September 2018 Program. Interested students need to be attending Grade 11 or 12 this coming September. Applications are being accepted until the deadline on Friday, June 8th. Applications are available at our Fire Hall or on our website, and completed applications can be dropped off to the Marystown Central High School(MCHS) Main Office, the Town Hall(addressed to the Fire Department) or emailed to justinbolt11@hotmail.com. More information about our Junior Firefighter Program can be viewed on our website, under the About tab, Junior Firefighters!

The 2nd Annual Show Your Ride(Car Show) is being hosted by our Fire Department on Saturday, July 14th at the Marystown Track and Field Complex on Harris Drive.(Alternate Date: Sunday, July 15th).

The event will feature our 1967 Dodge Fire Truck - Engine #1, along with vehicles from the past and present. A parade will follow the show. The Show will run from 1PM to 4PM, and admission is \$2 /person or goodwill offering. Registration for vehicles is \$10, and we encourage you to register early - please contact Justin Nolan - (709)276-0073, Rodney Nolan - (709)277-5755, or Perry Brushett - (709)277-4506. Come along and bring the family to view the vehicles on display, and enjoy the other attractions we have planned for you!

In less than three(3) months on Sunday, August 6th, we will be hosting the 12th Annual Demolition Derby! The event will take place at the pit in Black Brook, on the highway between Burin and Marystown. Are you interested in driving a vehicle in the Derby(license required)? Do you have a vehicle you no longer use and would like to donate? If you answered yes to either of the questions above, please contact the Fire Hall at (709)279-2226 or Fundraising Chairperson Colin Farewell at (709)277-5428. We look forward to hearing from you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

* **Wednesday, June 6th, 2018** - Assisting at Camp Day at the Tim Hortons on Columbia Drive.

* **Saturday, June 23rd, 2018** - Participation in the 13th Annual Burin Peninsula Cancer Relay at the Marystown Track & Field Complex. Details to follow.



Picture 3. McHappy Day at the local McDonald's



Picture 4. Breakfast Program at Sacred Heart Academy



Picture 1. Breakfast Program at Sacred Heart Academy



Picture 5. Thank you to the Salvation Army



Picture 2. Breakfast Program at Sacred Heart Academy



Picture 6. Fire Extinguisher Training at Sobey's



Picture 7. Fire Extinguisher Training at Sobey's



Picture 8. Hazardous Materials Training Session



Picture 11. Vehicle Rescue Training



Picture 9. Community Soup Kitchen



Picture 10. Incident Safety Officer Training

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/MystVolFireDept and Twitter @MYSTVolFireDept.****

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