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MARCH NEWSLETTER

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
March 2022*

In the third month of 2022, the Marystown Fire Department had members attend training, continued public education and messaging, responded to emergency calls and calls for service, undertook Fire Prevention and Safety efforts, held the monthly Membership Meeting, thanked a departing member, supported a school program, conducted training, participated in emergency preplanning, supported activities of the Fire Wrens, welcomed a recruit, attended community events and appreciated the support of the public.

Our Department completed the following training in March: Powerline Hazards, Suicide Awareness for First Responders, Firefighter Level I theory (Communications, Building Construction and Fire Dynamics), Ladder Apparatus Operations and Ground Ladders, Basic Life Support CPR Re-certification, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) skills drills, Overhaul, Salvage, Scene Preservation and Thermal Imaging.

This month's Fire Safety Contest asked the public to comment with what they can do to prevent chimney fires. Congratulations to Trevor King on being this month's winner and thank you to all participants!

Thank you to Eastern Health for providing an informative online session on Suicide Awareness for First Responders on Wednesday, March 2nd.

Thank you to Freeman Beck for his service to our Department, we wish him all the best! We were happy to welcome Josh Stansford as a new recruit this month too. Josh was a former graduate of our Junior Firefighter Program - we look forward to working with you Josh!

Our members were proud to support the Breakfast Program at Sacred Heart Academy (SHA) this month through a donation. It means a lot to us in continuing to help with an important program for the children.

Thank you to the Burin Volunteer Fire Department for involving us in emergency preplanning at the Burin Peninsula Health Care Center, in relation to our mutual aid partnership. We are always there to support each other when needed.

Firefighter Rebecca Soper represented our Department on Wednesday, March 9th as one of the

speakers to Sparks from Marystown and Burin in recognition of International Women's Day. Thank you for the invitation!

The Fire Wrens, our Auxiliary, hosted an online Auction and Photos with the Easter Bunny fundraisers in March. We supported their activities and thank them for their continued efforts. A thank you is also extended to the public for supporting their activities!

Our Firefighters utilize a secondary notification app, eDispatches, a back-up to our pagers. This program provides alerts, further communication abilities and preplanning functions such as a map for points of interest like fire hydrants, fire alarm systems, etc. – another way to ensure we're always ready and prepared to serve you!

Our members have been participating in a Move Over Awareness campaign, a partnership of MUNN Insurance, the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire Services, the Paramedics Association of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC). We continue to raise awareness with this campaign as the safety of First Responders on or near the roadway is extremely important. Please move over, slow down and be ready to stop! Stay tuned for more messages from our members and fellow first responders.

Thank you to Tim Hortons for your kind gesture to our Department on March 15th, it was much appreciated!

On Sunday, March 20th at 10:37PM, we received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation on Farewell's Road. 4 Officers and 12 Firefighters answered the call during a winter storm. Upon the arrival of Officers on scene, it was determined to be a false alarm, Unit #1 returned to the Fire Hall while Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 stood down.

On Thursday, March 24th at 3:50PM, we received another notification for a residential Fire Alarm activation on Farewell's Road. 3 Officers and 7 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival of Officers on scene it was determined to be a false alarm, Unit #1, Engine

#3 and Rescue #4 returned to the Fire Hall, while Ladder #1 stood down.

Our Department attended the Rally for Health Care held at the Peninsula Mall parking lot on Sunday, March 27th. It was great to see such a good turnout from the general public around the Burin Peninsula to offer support for keeping important services available in the region. The health care system on the peninsula is important to us all!

Thank you to our community for the continued, outstanding support! Your tremendous support and contributions assist us with our operations and enables us to proudly provide emergency services to the community and surrounding area. Thank you all!

On Wednesday, March 30th at 12:31PM, we received a report of a Structure Fire at 209 Creston Blvd. 4 Officers and 11 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4, while Ladder #1 stood down at the Hall. After arrival on scene, Firefighters were met with a fully engulfed shed fire that was surrounded by a forested area. Firefighters extinguished fire in the nearby vegetation that had begun to burn along with knocking down the shed fire. 1 Officer and 5 Firefighters from Burin came to support our fire ground operation, while also ensuring we had a crew available if another emergency call was received. Once overhaul operations were completed, Firefighters cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall. During operations the road through Creston Boulevard was closed for a short period of time, thank you to the public for your understanding. Also, thank you to the Burin Fire Department for your assistance and support on this call, as well as to the RCMP and Marystown Ambulance who attended the scene too.



Photo 2. Firefighter Soper speaking to Sparks.



Photo 3. Fire Chief Justin Bolt and family in the Move Over Awareness campaign.



Photo 4. Ground Ladder training.



Photo 1. Supporting the SHA Breakfast Program.



Photo 5. Thank you Tim Hortons!



Photo 6. SCBA Skills Drill.



Photo 7. False Alarm on Farewell's Road.



Photo 8. Rally for Health Care with fellow Firefighters around the region.



Photo 9. Salvage review on Drill Night.



Photo 10. Lieutenant Justin Green and family in the Move Over Awareness campaign.



Photo 11. Structure Fire on Creston Boulevard.

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 a Fire Chief's Vehicle (Unit #1), 1 Ladder Truck (Ladder #1), 2 Pumpers (Engine's #2 & #3), 2 Rescue Vehicles (Rescue's #4 & #6), 1 Pick-up Truck (Mobile #5), a Hovercraft (Rescue #1) & 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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