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## **FEBRUARY** **NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department  
February 2018*

In the month of February, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department conducted the Monthly Meeting, hosted training for a College class, attended and supported community events, responded to emergency calls, hosted a family event, completed training, completed Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance and Inventory, hosted training, carried out a random act of kindness, and continued advertising and planning for the 2018 Junior Firefighter Program.

This month, our in-house training consisted of the following: Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, Health Care Provider Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation(CPR) re-certification, and Pre-Incident Planning at Kiewit Offshore Services Cow Head Facility.

Keyin College's Occupational Health and Safety(OHS) Class visited the Fire Hall on Wednesday, February 7th. The class first received a lesson on Workplace Fire Prevention and Safety, then Fire Extinguishers. The students completed a practical session with portable Fire Extinguishers using our Fire Extinguisher Training Unit, before finishing their visit with a tour. This session was part of their semester on Fire Protection and Prevention. Thank you for your interest in Fire Safety, and excellent work on the use of Fire Extinguishers!

The Salvation Army hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Supper for their community supporters on the evening of Wednesday, February 7th. As a supporter of their Food Bank, representatives of our Department were invited to attend. Our Fire Department and other Emergency Services organizations from the community hosts a Food Drive each year before Christmas in support of their Food Bank and another local food bank. We are proud of our partnership to give back to the residents who need the service, and great work to the Salvation Army and their community support network for the tremendous work you do!

On Thursday, February 8th at 3:23PM, the Fire Department was notified through 911 of a single-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) on Route 210 - The Burin Peninsula Highway, north of Marystown at Red Harbour Hill. 6 Officers and 11

Firefighters answered the call, and a crew of 2 Officers and 5 Firefighters was dispatched to the scene with Engine #2 and Mobile #5. Once on scene, Firefighters assisted Marystown Ambulance with patient care and removal. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP) and Fewer's Ambulance also attended the scene. Our crew returned to the Fire Hall at 4:50PM.

The Family Events Committee hosted a Valentines Party for our children and grandchildren on Sunday, February 11th. The afternoon of crafts and snacks was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Committee for hosting another gathering for our families!

The Marystown Central High School Clippers Male Hockey Team returned home with the Confederation Cup on Sunday, February 11th, following a weekend of hockey competition. The team was met by supporters as they returned home and were escorted through town by a motorcade, which we proudly participated in. Way to go Clippers!

On Sunday, February 11th at 9:36PM, the Fire Department received notification of a Chimney Fire at 656 Ville Marie Drive. 6 Officers and 11 Firefighters responded to the residence with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, Firefighters confirmed the fire had been extinguished and that the situation was clear, then returned to the Fire Hall at 10:04PM.

Later the same night, at 11:42PM, the Fire Department received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation on Crocker's Point Road. However, before any units were dispatched, the activation was confirmed to be false and all incoming Firefighters were cancelled.

The Fire Department hosted a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus(SCBA) Course for the region on the weekend of February 17th and 18th. Firefighters from Baine Harbour, Come By Chance, Fortune, Garnish, Grand Bank, Terrenceville, Winterland and our Department attended the training. Firefighters Colin Farewell, Troy Mayo, Shawn Allen, Richard Nolan and Tyler Byrne participated in the training from our Department.

The two(2) days of training began with in-class lessons on SCBA's, then moved into practical sessions including Inspections, and Donning and Doffing. On the second day, the Firefighters met at the Training Grounds for a full-day of scenarios in the Smoke House. The day of scenarios included SCBA Familiarization, Search Patterns, Primary and Secondary Searches. A great job was done by all - Congratulations to the participants on the course completion and thank you for your commitment to serving your communities! A thank you is extended to everyone who assisted with the training in any way!

Our Department took the opportunity to do a random act of kindness to the Fire Wrens on Sunday, February 18th. Firefighters visited the ladies auxiliary before their Monthly Meeting to show appreciation for all of their work and support to our Department. We started a tradition of showing a random act of kindness during the annual recognition week, after an act of Kindness was shown to us by the Kinettes over six years ago. We hope everyone enjoyed the snack and thank you for all of your efforts in supporting us!

Our ladies auxiliary ran an Online Auction Fundraiser from Monday, February 19th to Sunday, February 25th. Thank you to all businesses and everyone who donated to the auction or bid on the items available! The fundraiser was another success for the Fire Wrens, and we would like to let the Fire Wrens know we appreciate all of their support!

Our Demolition Derby is on Sunday, August 5th! In preparation for the upcoming Derby, we are looking for cars you no longer use and would like to donate. We are also looking for drivers for the Derby(Driver's license required). If you have a car to donate or you're interested in driving a car, please contact the Fire Hall at 279-2226 or Colin Farewell at 277-5428. Stay tuned for further updates!

The Fire Department continues to advertise and plan for the 2018 Junior Firefighter Program which will start in September. The Program is for local high school students attending Grade's 11 or 12, and applications are now being accepted. The Junior Firefighter Program covers topics such as: Fire Extinguishers, Ground Ladders and Ladder Operations, Portable Pumps, First Aid and Patient Packaging, Fire Hose and Nozzles, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus(SCBA), Pump Operations, Vehicle Extrication and Stabilization, Rescue, Hazardous Materials(HazMat), Ropes and Knots, and Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization. The Junior Firefighters complete a drill on each designated Drill night once the Program begins, while assisting the Department with other support as required. They are also asked to attend and provide assistance at

Department and Community Events as deemed appropriate. The course is a tremendously rewarding experience for all participants, with a great sense of community pride. Completed applications can be dropped off to the Town Hall(addressed to the Fire Department) or emailed to [justinbolt11@hotmail.com](mailto:justinbolt11@hotmail.com). Keep following our Facebook, Twitter and Website for updates!



**Picture 1. Fire Extinguisher Training with Keyin College's Occupational Health and Safety Class**



**Picture 2. Fire Prevention and Safety Training with the Occupational Health and Safety Class**



**Picture 3. Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) on Route 210 at Red Harbour Hill**



**Picture 4. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation(CPR) Re-Certification Training**



**Picture 8. SCBA Regional Training**



**Picture 5. SCBA Regional Training**



**Picture 9. SCBA Regional Training**



**Picture 6. SCBA Regional Training**



**Picture 10. Random Act of Kindness to the Fire Wrens**



**Picture 7. SCBA Regional Training**



**Picture 11. Preplanning at Kiewit Offshore Services' Cow Head Facility**

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*\*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](http://www.marystownvolunteerfiredept.com), or you can also visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MystVolFireDept](http://www.facebook.com/MystVolFireDept) and Twitter @MYSTVolFireDept.\**

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