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May 2023 **NEWSLETTER**

In the month of May, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department continued public messaging, gathered for the Monthly Membership Meeting, responded to emergency calls, conducted community education and outreach activities, held a fundraiser, continued training our Firefighters, completed maintenance and inventory activities, began annual fire hose testing, hosted the Town Council for the annual meeting, had Firefighters attend the annual Fire and Emergency Services Training School, supported a local cause, and had representatives attend a celebration event.

The Department's training this month included Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR/AED and recertification, Hose Testing, Pump Operations, Hose Appliances, Hose Lays and Loads, Fire Streams, Fire Hydrant Operations, Driver-Operator, and Ladder Operations.

May 1st to September 30th is Forest Fire Season. Please use caution with backyard fires and outdoor activities to prevent fires. Contact Forestry for burning requiring permits and check the daily fire rating before having any outdoor fires.

On May 1st, Firefighters gathered for the Monthly Membership Meeting.

On Tuesday, May 2nd at 1:41PM, we responded to a Report of a Fire on Janie's Place. Engine #3 attended the scene, while Ladder #1 and Rescue #4 were stood down. All incoming Firefighters were notified and stood down.

Also on May 2nd, Firefighters visited the Kinsmen Manor for a fire safety and emergency preparedness talk with the residents. Thank you for your interest and time!

May 4th we celebrated International Firefighters Day. We would like to thank all past and present members for their commitment and sacrifices they have given to the Department.

Saturday, May 6th we held a car wash fundraiser with all proceeds supporting equipment upgrades and the purchase of new equipment. Thank you to the general public and businesses who supported this effort!

On May 8th, Firefighters gathered for the Monday evening Training Drill. Firefighters were involved in maintenance and inventory activities, while another crew of Firefighters were upgrading to BLS CPR.

We continued the Monthly Fire Safety Contest in May focusing on preventing wildfires, thanks to Home Hardware. Congratulations to Cyril Baker for winning this month's contest and thank you to all participants!

On May 15th at the Monday evening Training Drill, Firefighters began annual Hose testing with associated training, while another crew of Firefighters completed BLS CPR/AED recertification and upgrading. A group of Firefighters also trained in Ladder Operations.

On May 16th the Department recognized Police Week and extended a

thank you to the Burin Peninsula RCMP for their working relationship and support. We are proud to work beside them in the community.

On May 21st, in honor of Paramedic Services Week, we extended our appreciation to Marystown Ambulance for their service to the community and recognized working together.

Home Fire Sprinklers are a relatively new fire safety concept. If interested when building or renovating, reach out to us for more information on the life saving equipment.

On May 23rd, we met with the Town Council for our annual meeting. Thank you to the Town Council for meeting with us and always supporting the Department!

On May 26th, our membership made an annual donation to the Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation's (BPHCF) Radio-thon. Thank you to the BPHCF for all their great work supporting health care on the Burin Peninsula!

On May 26th, we had Firefighters travel to the annual provincial Training School. On the weekend of May 27th-28th, a group of Firefighters (Lieutenant Mark Coady, and Firefighters Richard Nolan, Jody Nolan and Gerard Whittle) attended Marine Firefighting for Land-Based Firefighters. This portion of the training was held in Tizzard's Harbour. Another crew of Firefighters (Rebecca Soper, Jared Synard and Jessie Miller) were in Grand Falls-Windsor where the Respiratory Protection Program, Electrical Safety, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, Firefighter Hygiene and Decon, and Emergency, Fire and Falls Prevention courses were completed during the week-long event. Fire Chief Bolt attended the school as an instructor. Thank you to the Fire and Emergency Services Divisions for providing this training, the host communities for the hospitality, the

instructors and our Firefighters for their time. Congratulations to our Firefighters and all participants following the completion of your courses!

On May 28th, the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corp (RCSCC) 121 Mary Rose held their 70th Annual Ceremonial Review. Captain Wayde Clarke and Firefighter Chris Emmink attended on our behalf. Congratulations on this achievement and thank you for your investment in the youth of our community!

On May 29th at the weekly Training Drill, Firefighters continued hose testing with associated training like Pump Operations, plus maintenance activities.

On Wednesday, May 31st at 3:25PM, we received a residential Fire Alarm activation for 152 Creston Boulevard. Upon arrival of Engine #3 and Rescue #4, it was determined no response was required, Ladder #1 and incoming Firefighters were stood down.

We are hosting Emergency Services Division courses in November. For more information, please visit our social media or contact Fire Chief Bolt.



Photo 1. Firefighters having a safety talk at the Kinsmen Manor.



Photo 2. Firefighters washing cars at the Department's car wash fundraiser.



Photo 5. Firefighters doing BLS CPR recertification.



Photo 3. Car wash fundraiser.



Photo 6. Firefighters attending the RCSCC 121 Mary Rose 70th Annual Ceremonial Review.



Photo 4. Firefighters conducting hose testing and training.



Photo 7. Firefighters training in Marine Firefighting for Land-Based Firefighters.



Photo 8. Firefighters attending the Marine Firefighting for Land-Based Firefighters course.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department serves approximately 5,400 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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Photo 9. Firefighters attending the Training School in Grand Falls-Windsor.



Photo 10. Pump Operations training.