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## **SEPTEMBER** **NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department  
September 2021*

During the month of September 2021, the Marystown Fire Department continued public education and the monthly Fire Safety contests, had a ticket draw for the Friends of Daffodil Place, held our monthly membership meeting, recognized a former member, began a recruitment process, responded to emergency calls, did standby during a major weather event, recognized 9/11 and Firefighters National Memorial Day, held an outdoor Memorial Service, supported the local Health Care Foundation, completed equipment maintenance and vehicle checks, conducted training, continued maintenance and upgrading efforts of our facilities, prepared for Fire Prevention Week and had the proclamation signed, welcomed a new group of Junior Firefighters, hosted a regional meeting with the Newfoundland Labrador Association of Fire Services, participated in a community event, held a boot drive for Muscular Dystrophy(MD), thanked the outgoing Town Council and congratulated the incoming Council.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during September: Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, A MOCK Structure Fire with all associated training such as Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), Searches and a MAYDAY, Fire Behavior, Fire Extinguishers, Ropes and Knots, and Trench and Confined Space Rescue.

Over the last couple months our members were selling tickets in aid of the Friends of Daffodil Place. The ticket sale concluded and the draws were made on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone for your support!

Thank you to Blake Colbran for his service to our Department and we wish him all the best with his studies and future endeavors!

Are you interested in serving our community? We are currently recruiting and applications are available on our social media, website or at the Fire Hall. Completed applications can be emailed to [jbolt@townofmarystown.ca](mailto:jbolt@townofmarystown.ca) or dropped off at the Fire Hall.

On the night of September 10<sup>th</sup> and into the early morning of September 11<sup>th</sup>, our community experienced a major weather event in Hurricane Larry. While the hurricane passed through, several of our members remained on stand-by at the Fire Hall in case our assistance was needed and everyone was on-call via pager. During the course of the hurricane, we were called out for 2 assistance calls, both being non-emergency calls. Thank you to our members for your commitment throughout the night!

At 8:20AM on the morning of September 11<sup>th</sup>, we received notification of trees on powerlines on Old Road in Spanish Room. All available Firefighters responded to the Fire Hall and a crew of 1 Officer and 3 Firefighters was dispatched with Unit #1 and Engine #2. Upon arrival, our crew monitored and secured the area until Newfoundland Power arrived, then they returned to the Fire Hall.

On September 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:31PM, we received notification of a Residential Fire Alarm activation on Farewell's Road. 4 Officers and 6 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon an Officers arrival on scene, it was determined to be a false alarm. Ladder #1 and all responding units stood down and returned to the Fire Hall.

A Memorial and Monument Rededication Service honoring deceased past members was held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at our Heritage Monument at the Fire Hall. This was the same day as the Firefighters National Memorial Day. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to Pastor/Firefighter Soper, Pastor Warren, Patsy Green, Wiseman's Funeral Homes/Family Memorials and the Heritage Committee for making this possible as we paid tribute to past community friends, family members, and fellow firefighters no longer with us.

We continue to support the efforts of the Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation, and on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> during their Radiothon fundraiser, a contribution was passed along on behalf of our members.

At 5:57PM on September 12<sup>th</sup>, we received a Request for Assistance from the Burin Fire Department. All available Firefighters responded to the Fire Hall and a crew of 2 Officers and 4 Firefighters was dispatched to the Burin Fire Hall with Engine #2 and Rescue #6. Our crew was on standby at Burin's Fire Hall while most of their members were actively involved in an emergency call. Once their members cleared the scene and returned to their Fire Hall, our members returned to our community.

At the regular Council Meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Prevention Week Proclamation was signed by outgoing Mayor Synard, officially proclaiming Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week in the Town of Marystown. Thank you to the Town in continuing to support our Fire Prevention activities and helping the community to "Learn the sounds of Fire Safety!"

With last year's program was suspended due to the ongoing global pandemic, the Junior Firefighter committee, headed by Lieutenant Paul Snook, were excited to kick off this year's program on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to the 2021 Junior Firefighters who began the program and thank you to all sponsors and supporters of the program. The Juniors completed lessons in Orientation to the Fire Service, Health and Safety, Fire Behavior, Fire Extinguishers, Ropes and Knots, Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization during September.

This month's Fire Prevention Contest asked the community to respond to our post with the 2021 Fire Prevention Week Slogan. Victoria Walsh was the September winner with her correct answer of "Learn the sounds of Fire Safety!"

On September 19<sup>th</sup> a regional meeting with Director Tony Snook of the Newfoundland Labrador Association of Fire Services, Region 2, was held. Thank you, Tony - it was a great afternoon of collaboration among attending departments, updates, and discussions for further teamwork.

The Fire Department participated in the Take Back the Night event hosted by the Grace Sparkes House and Burin Peninsula Voice Against Violence on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We are proud to continue our support for this annual initiative!

On September 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:16PM, we received notification of a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) on Route 220 in Black Brook. 6 Officers and 11 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #6. Once on scene, Firefighters assisted the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Wildlife and Marystown Ambulance. Once all hazards were mitigated, all units cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:29AM, we received notification of a Structure Fire at 388 Ville Marie Drive. 4 Officers and 12 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3, and Rescue #4, while Ladder #1 stood down at the Fire Hall. Once on scene Firefighters made quick work knocking down a fire that started on the outside of an outbuilding on the property. After overhaul tasks had been completed, all units cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall. The RCMP also attended the scene.

The Muscular Dystrophy committee, headed by Firefighter Walter Vallis, held its annual Boot Drive on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 locations - Sobeys, No Frills and Walmart. It was a beautiful day on the boot and was another outstanding success in filling the boot. Thank you to all who supported the cause, the businesses who provided locations, and to our Firefighters and Junior Firefighters for your time!

On September 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00AM, we received notification of a MVA on Route 210 in lower Mooring Cove. 5 Officers and 11 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival on scene Firefighters mitigated hazards, preformed traffic control, and assisted the RCMP as well as Marystown Ambulance. Once the vehicle removal was completed, all units cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall.

The Fire Wrens, our auxiliary, as hosting a Virtual Fall Extravaganza (Fair) from October 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned to their social media accounts for more information!

Congratulations to the Town Council of 2021-2025 following the municipal election on September 28<sup>th</sup> – we look forward to working with you! To the previous Council, thank you for your support of our Fire Department in the past four years, it was greatly appreciated!



**Photo 1.** Memorial and Monument Rededication Service.



**Photo 2.** Fire Prevention Week proclamation signing.



**Photo 6.** Fire Behaviour with the Junior Firefighters.



**Photo 3.** 2021 Junior Firefighters and Instructors.



**Photo 7.** Fire Extinguisher Training with the Junior Firefighters.



**Photo 4.** MOCK Structure Fire.



**Photo 8.** Structure Fire (shed) on Ville Marie Drive.



**Photo 5.** MVA in Black Brook.



**Photo 9. Annual Boot Drive.**



**Photo 12. MVA in lower Mooring Cove.**



**Photo 10. Confined Space Rescue Training.**



**Photo 13. Equipment Familiarization with the Junior Firefighters**



**Photo 11. Trench Rescue Training.**

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

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