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JULY NEWSLETTER

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
July 2018*

In the month of July, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department participated in and supported community events, responded to emergency calls, conducted training, continued preparations for upcoming events, and completed a Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance and Inventory Drill.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during the month of July: Pump Operations, Fire Hydrant Operations, Hose Lays, Hose Loads, Hose Appliances, First Aid, Patient Care, Patient Packaging and Removal, and Equipment and Vehicle re-familiarization.

On July 1st, Firefighters participated in the Burin-Marystown Canada Day and Memorial Day Parade and Service which was held in Burin this year. We joined many residents of our communities, community officials and groups to remember those who sacrificed their lives, those who have served and those who serve today for our province and the nation - thank you!

In the afternoon of Canada Day, Firefighters and Sparky participated in the Town of Marystown's Canada Day festivities at the Track and Field Complex. The children enjoyed a visit to see their favorite fire safety dog and our Ladder Truck among other attractions, and we enjoyed seeing them too! Kudos to the organizers and volunteers for a great afternoon of activities for the kids. Unfortunately, the Fireworks Show had to be cancelled due to the weather on Canada Day, but it went ahead Wednesday of the same week and we provided support.

Our summer Weekend Duty schedule came into effect the last weekend of June/start of July. The schedule is comprised of three(3) teams who rotate and cover 3 weekends each during the busy summer months. The schedule ensures there is adequate service coverage for our town at all times. Thank you to our Firefighters for your commitment to the residents and businesses of the Town of Marystown!

The Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of the Burin Peninsula North Special Olympics Team took place on the evening of Wednesday, July 4th. Firefighters Jerry Hanrahan and Colin Farewell attended the event on our behalf with Ladder #1. We joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP), the Special Olympics Team, family and

community members as they paraded along Columbia Drive from Sobeys to the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena. Thank you for the invitation to participate!

On Sunday, July 8th at 2:11PM, the Fire Department was notified of a Brush Fire on Garnish Pond Road. 5 Officers and 15 Firefighters answered the call, and 3 Officers and 9 Firefighters responded to the wooded cabin area outside the community with Engine #2 and Mobile #5, while the other Firefighters were on stand-by. Firefighters arrived to a growing fire, immediately began suppression, contacted and requested assistance from the provincial government's Department of Fish and Land Resources(Forestry). The Fire Department and Forestry worked in unison upon their arrival, and the Fire Department cleared the scene at 3:57PM, while Forestry remained on-scene. The RCMP also attended the scene.

On Monday, July 9th at 12:35PM the Fire Department was dispatched to a single-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) on Creston Boulevard. 3 Officers and 7 Firefighters responded to the accident with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Firefighters assisted Marystown Ambulance personnel as extrication was not required, and the RCMP also attended the scene. The only occupant of the vehicle was transported to the Burin Peninsula Health Care Center in Burin by ambulance. The Fire Department cleared the scene at 12:55PM and returned to the Fire Hall.

Later on the evening of Monday, July 9th at 7:40PM, while our Firefighters were at the Weekly Drill, 911 dispatched us to a Brush Fire on Mount Vincent Crescent. 6 Officers and 12 Firefighters responded with Engine #2, Engine #3, Rescue #4 and Mobile #5. Firefighters made quick work in extinguishing the fire and returned to the Fire Hall at 8:14PM. The RCMP and Marystown Ambulance also attended the scene.

The Fire Department was proud to provide support to the motorcade for the Marystown Mariners Under 12 Softball Team as they returned home with the gold on Sunday, July 15th. The team earned the provincial championship title in Carbonear, playing against our neighbouring town of Burin, and this was the first time a Marystown minor softball team participated in the softball provincials

in fifteen(15) years. Congratulations team, way to go!

Our Firefighters assisted with and participated in the Pride Parade on Thursday, July 19th, hosted by the Burin Peninsula Voice Against Violence(BPVAV) group. The parade began at the YMCA parking area and proceeded up McGettigan Boulevard to the Town Hall for a community gathering. We are glad the weather cleared off for your event and it was nice to see a great turnout. Thank you for the invitation to assist with your event!

On Monday, July 23rd, at 3:51PM, the Fire Department was notified of a residential Fire Alarm activation at McCauley Place, just off of Ville Marie Drive. 6 Officers and 6 Firefighters responded to the location with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, the activation was confirmed to be a false alarm, and we cleared the scene.

On Thursday, July 26th at 8:21AM, the Fire Department was notified of a single-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) on Route 210 - The Grand Bank Highway between the Creston North intersections. 5 Officers and 10 Firefighters responded to the scene with Ladder #1, Engine #3, Rescue #4 and Mobile #5. Upon arrival, Firefighters completed extrication and assisted Marystown Ambulance personnel. The RCMP also attended the scene, and the Fire Department returned to the Fire Hall at 9:15AM.

On Saturday, July 28th at 10:38PM, the Fire Department was notified of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at the Marystown Retirement Center on Mount Vincent Crescent. 4 Officers and 8 Firefighters responded to the alarm with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, Firefighters addressed an issue, and then cleared the scene at 11:00PM.

Our 12th Annual Demolition Derby is just days away on Sunday, August 5th and we have a great lineup for you to watch this year! The event starts at 2PM in the Black Brook Pit Area on Route 220(Highway to Burin). Admission for the Derby is \$5 per person, and there will also be a concession stand and 50/50 Ticket Sale. If you have any questions, please contact Fundraising Committee Chairperson Colin Farewell at (709)277-5428. Parking areas are provided off of the highway, and Traffic Control will be assisting with directing you to those areas. These designated parking areas are for the increased safety of the spectators. We look forward to your support and seeing you at the Derby!

Upcoming Events:

* **Sunday, August 5th, 2018** - 12th Annual Demolition Derby fundraiser beginning at 2:00PM at the Black Brook Pit on the

Highway between Burin and Marystown. Admission is \$5 per person.

* **Monday, August 6th, 2018** - Participation in the Shining Seas Festival Opening Parade and Marystown Day activities beginning 1PM, and assistance with the Marystown Day fireworks show at 10PM(More details to follow).



Picture 1. Canada Day Service Wreath Laying



Picture 2. Canada Day Festivities



Picture 3. Law Enforcement Torch Run



Picture 4. Supporting the Canada Day Fireworks



Picture 5. Congratulations to the Mariners Under 12 Softball Team - Provincial Champions



Picture 6. First Aid Skills Review



Picture 7. Pride Parade

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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