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MAY NEWSLETTER

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
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During May 2021, the Marystown Fire Department continued public education and contests, promoted our heritage, responded to emergency calls, held a Monthly Membership Meeting, completed maintenance and inventory, conducted training, and held a fundraiser.

Our Department completed the following training during May: Vehicle and Equipment Familiarization, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), Smoke house scenarios (SCBA and searches), Pump Operations, Fire Hose and Streams, Driver-Operator and Portable Pumps.

May 1st was Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. Our Department was proud to support this initiative through our social media platforms. Thank you to the community for joining us virtually to learn about Fire Smart Canada and for doing your part to prepare for and prevent wildfires!

This year Emergency Preparedness Week ran from May 2nd – 8th. Emergency Preparedness Week encourages Canadians to take 3 steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies; 1) Know the risks, 2) Make a plan, and 3) Get an emergency kit. By taking these 3 steps you are better preparing yourself and your families in case of emergencies!

Also in May was International Firefighters' Day, May 4th. Thank you to our Firefighters for your dedicated service to our department and the community, it's greatly appreciated!

Early in the morning on Friday, May 14th at 3:27AM, we received notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 409 Creston Boulevard. 6 Officers and 7 Firefighters responded with Unit#1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival on scene, it was determined to be a false alarm and all units stood down, returning to the Fire Hall.

Later in the day on May 14th at 10:05AM, we received a request for assistance at the Regional Landfill Site in Jean de Baie. Firefighters responded to the Fire Hall where a crew of 2 Officers and 4 Firefighters was dispatched to the Landfill Site with Engine #2 and Rescue #6. Upon arrival, an

assessment was completed and our crew was placed on stand-by. Forestry was also at the site.

Later that same day, May 14th, at approximately 3PM, we received another call for Assistance at the Regional Landfill Site. Firefighters responded to the Fire Hall where a crew of 2 Officers and 4 Firefighters was dispatched to the site with Unit #1, Engine #2 and Rescue #6. Upon arrival, fire suppression began with the assistance from the Burin Fire Department as water shuttling was required. Crews were at the site for several hours to help prevent the spread of the fire. When we were notified our assistance was no longer required, crews cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall.

After the busy day we had the day before, some members were up bright and early on the morning of Saturday, May 15th to complete the practical portion of SCBA training course. The other portion of the course had been completed in previous weeks on Drill nights, now it was time to get our new recruits comfortable with their SCBA's and in our Smoke House for both dry runs and live fire training. It was a great day with 6 of our new recruits completing this important training. Thank you to all members who participated and helped in any way for your time and dedication to the Department as well as the community, it's greatly appreciated!

On Monday, May 17th at 7:35AM, we received notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 25 Columbia Drive, Peninsula Mall. 5 Officers and 7 Firefighters responded with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon a thorough inspection on scene, it was determined to be a false alarm and all units cleared the scene, returning to the Fire Hall.

Later that day, May 17th, at 1:15PM we received a report of a Brush Fire on Doucet Place. 5 Officers and 10 Firefighters responded with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. After a quick knock down and overhaul, all units cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall. Forestry also attended to the scene.

On Saturday, May 22nd at 10:31AM, we received a report of a Pole Fire/Trees on Wires on Clam Pond Road. Upon Firefighters arrival on scene,

it was determined there was no longer a fire, however a tree had fallen onto the powerline. Rescue #4 stood down at the Hall while Engine #3 continued to the scene and remained on scene until Newfoundland Power arrived. Engine #3 then returned to the Fire Hall.

Later on May 22nd at 8:17PM, we received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 25 Thompson Street. While on route to the Fire Hall we received another call informing us it was a false alarm and all Firefighters were cancelled in route.

On Monday, May 25th at 6PM, we received a report of a Structure Fire on Bill Hodder's Road. 6 Officers and 16 Firefighters responded with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Once on scene, crews made quick work extinguishing a fire in the residence. Ventilation and overhaul activities were performed, crews then cleared the scene and all units returned to the Fire Hall. Marystown Ambulance, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and Newfoundland Power also attended to the scene.

This month's Fire Prevention contest asked people to leave a tip on how to prevent outdoor fires. Over a dozen people took the opportunity to participate in the contest and Michael Kelly was the winner of the contest with his tip to "Make sure the Fire is out before leaving the area." Congratulations Michael! Thanks to everyone who took the time to take part, keep a look out for next month's contest!

The Fire Hall roof replacement project also began in late-May. Thank you to the Town of Marystown and the Provincial Government for supporting this important project!

On Saturday, May 29th, the Fundraising Committee organized a Car Wash. With the tremendous support of the general public and our members, the fundraising effort following public health guidelines was very successful. The global pandemic has limited our fundraising activities. Thank you to the public and businesses for your support!

Later in the evening of May 29th, at 9:14PM we received another call for assistance at the Regional Landfill Site. Firefighters responded to the Hall where a crew of 2 Officers and 5 Firefighters was dispatched with Engine #2, Mobile #5 and Rescue #6. On scene, the crew was engaged in fire suppression activities. Once our assistance was no longer required, all units cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall.

Early the next morning, May 30th at 5:05AM, we received another call regarding the Regional Landfill Site. Firefighters responded to the Fire Hall where 2 Officers were dispatched in Engine #2 to determine if our assistance was required on

site by the Landfill crew. Engine #2 returned to the Fire Hall a short while later and all Firefighters stood down.

The next call came on May 30th, at 8:29AM. The RCMP notified us of a response request to the Regional Landfill Site. Firefighters responded to the Hall where 2 Officers and 5 Firefighters were dispatched with Engine #2, Mobile #5 and Rescue #6. Once on scene, Officers met with the RCMP, Landfill and Forestry personnel. A plan was put in place and with the assistance of a water bomber, additional fire suppression efforts continued. Our crews remained on the scene for several hours before standing down and returning to the Fire Hall.

To cap off an already busy weekend, on Sunday, May 30th at 9:50PM, an Officer came upon a Vehicle Fire on Route 210 at the top of Red Harbour hill. Firefighters responded to the Fire Hall where a crew of an Officer and 5 Firefighters was dispatched with Engine #3 and Mobile #5. Upon arrival on scene, crews faced an already fully-engulfed vehicle. Fire suppression efforts commenced, and after a quick knock down and overhaul, the crew cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall. The RCMP and Baine Harbour Fire Department also attended the scene to assist.

This finished off a busy second half of the month for our members. While being a Volunteer Firefighter can take its toll on us, our members never fail to impress when showing their dedication to their work and our community. Thank you to all our members for your many hours of support this month and every month, without you all we would not be able to provide the level of service we do for our community - It does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated!



Picture #1. Brush Fire on Doucet Place.



Picture #2. SCBA Practical Training.



Picture #3. SCBA Practical Training.



Picture #4. Portable Pump Training.



Picture #5. Pump Operations and associated training.



Picture #6. On scene of the Structure Fire.



Picture #7. Car Wash Fundraiser.

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 #7), & 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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