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APRIL NEWSLETTER

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
April 2022*

In the fourth month of 2022, the Marystown Fire Department continued public education and recognition efforts, supported fundraising efforts of the Fire Wrens, held a Monthly Membership Meeting, continued the monthly Fire Safety contests, began accepting applications for the next Junior Firefighter Program, responded to emergency calls and calls for service, conducted training, completed a maintenance and inventory drill, attended and participated in community events, celebrated Volunteer Week, held an annual meeting with the Marystown Town Council, and hosted a mutual aid meeting with Officers of the Burin Volunteer Fire Department.

Our Department completed the following training in the month of April: Standard First Aid with Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR/AED recertification, Driver-Operator, Fire Attack, Pump Operations, Hose Loads, Hydrant Operations, Fire Streams, Firefighter Level I theory in Personal Protective Equipment and Fire Extinguishers, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), Accountability, Search Patterns, Rapid Intervention Team (RIT), RIT Pak, and SCBA cleaning, refills and inspection.

The Fire Wrens held the last of their two Photos with the Easter Bunny sessions on Sunday, April 3rd. Thank you to our auxiliary for your fundraising efforts and the public for your continued support!

This month's Fire Safety contest was an easter coloring contest. Congratulations to Gabe Hannam on being the winner and thank you to all participants!

Applications are now being accepted for our 2022 Junior Firefighter Program, tentatively scheduled to start in September. If you're in grades 10, 11 or 12 and would like to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3P1bUaP> to complete an application.

On Sunday, April 10th at 5:02PM, we received a call from a resident on Ville Marie Drive requesting assistance. Firefighters responded to the Fire Hall. Chief Bolt responded to the scene and requested Public Works on route. All firefighters stood down at the Fire Hall.

The Town of Marystown's Annual Bonfire Night activities had been postponed several times

since November due to various reasons such as COVID. However, it finally went ahead on the evening of Thursday, April 14th. Our members were glad to be out in the community to assist with the Easter Bonfire, and we hope everyone enjoyed their evening outside!

April 24th marked the beginning of Volunteer Week and we celebrated the work of our Firefighters, the Fire Wrens and community volunteers. Thank you to our Firefighters for your dedication and continued service, it's much appreciated. A shout out to the Fire Wrens and all volunteers who give freely of their time for various causes!

Congratulations to the Merge on your grand re-opening (Sunday, April 24th). Thank you for playing an important role of connecting people in our community and providing support!

Our Department was happy to take part in a Motorcade for the Mariners Minor Hockey teams on the evening of Sunday, April 24th. After 2 years of not being able to host many community events or participate in tournaments due to the global pandemic, it was great to see so many Mariners out supporting each other in the community again. Congratulations to all teams on the completion of your minor hockey season and the accomplishments achieved!

The Town Council gathered with our members for an annual meeting on Monday, April 25th. Thank you for joining us to discuss our service to the community!

On Tuesday, April 26th at 2:23PM, we received a report of a Chimney Fire on Main Road in Jean de Baie. 4 Officers and 10 Firefighters responded to the Fire Hall, where a crew of 1 Officer and 5 Firefighters was dispatched with Engine #2 and Rescue #6. Upon arrival, Firefighters made sure the fire was completely extinguished and there was no further risk for the homeowner. Once complete, all units returned to the Fire Hall. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) also responded to the scene.

Our members continued participation in a Move Over Awareness campaign, a partnership of MUNN Insurance, the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire Services, the Paramedics

Association of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC). We continue to raise awareness with this campaign as the safety of First Responders on or near the roadway is extremely important. Please move over, slow down and be ready to stop! Stay tuned for more messages from our members and fellow first responders.

Officers of our Department and the Burin Volunteer Fire Department, our neighboring mutual aid partner, gathered and collaborated on Thursday, April 28th. Thank you for the great working relationship – being there to support each other as we serve our communities!

Forest Fire Season runs May 1st to September 30th! Please join us in making our community fire smart. Permits are required from Forestry for any open fires during this period, with safety requirements. Do not burn unless you have a permit, the weather conditions are ideal and the fire hazard rating permits such activity. Our Department continues to promote FireSmart Canada, please help us prevent wildfires by being safe and cleaning up around your property!



Photo #3: Supervising the Easter Bonfire.



Photo #4: Smokehouse Scenarios



Photo #1: Wrens Easter Bunny Photos.



Photo #5: RIT Pak review.



Photo #2: Wrens Easter Bunny Photos.



Photo #6: Motorcade for the Mariners.



Photo #7: Mariners Minor Hockey players following the Motorcade.



Photo #8: Chimney Fire in Jean de Baie.



Photo #9: Firefighter Mark Coady and his family in the Move Over Campaign.

To schedule a demonstration, presentation or tour, call us at (709)279-2226 or email marystownfiredepartment@outlook.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 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](https://twitter.com/MYSTVolFireDept).

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