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AUGUST NEWSLETTER

***Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
August 2018***

In the month of August, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department participated in and supported community events, conducted training, responded to emergency calls, hosted a community event fundraiser, completed a Maintenance Drill, and continued preparing for the third Junior Firefighter Program.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during the month of August: Hovercraft Operations, Water Rescue, Pump Operations, Hose Lays, and Hose Loads.

Lucas Antle, a member of the Burin Peninsula Special Olympics Team, returned home on Sunday, August 5th from Nova Scotia with gold and silver medals from the Special Olympics Summer Games. We were happy to support the motorcade on his return home and to offer our congratulations on a successful summer games!

On our civic holiday, Marystown Day (Monday, August 6th), we participated in and assisted with an opening event for the community's Summer Festival. We participated in the Marystown Day/Shining Seas Summer Festival Parade early in the afternoon with Engine #1- our antique Fire Truck, Ladder #1 and Engine #2. The Marystown Day Fireworks Show for August 6th was postponed until Sunday, August 12th. For the Fireworks Show, we had Firefighters on-site with a Pumper to provide assistance and support if required. Congratulations to the Town of Marystown and volunteers on an enjoyable and successful summer festival for all ages!

The Marystown Mariners under 14 Minor Softball Team returned home with gold on Sunday, August 12th and were escorted through the community with a motorcade. Congratulations on the provincial championship and we were proud to be a part of your motorcade!

On Tuesday, August 14th at 5:00AM, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) requested the Fire Department to attend a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) on Harris Drive. 6 Officers and 10 Firefighters responded to the scene with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. No extrication was required, but power to the vehicle was disconnected. All units returned to the Fire Hall at 5:30AM.

We would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to the general public, all businesses and supporters for making our 12th Annual Demolition Derby a great success! Over \$5,000 was collected at the gate for our Derby fundraiser, which was held on Saturday, August 18th, after being postponed two weeks earlier. With fair weather, the crowd exceeding 1,000 spectators gathered at the Black Brook Pit, off of the highway - Route 220 leading to Burin, for the biggest Derby yet. The Derby was full of excitement in all of the 4 heats (including the final heat), and featured over twenty entries driven by new and returning drivers. The funds collected from the annual fundraiser are used to improve the services we provide to the Town of Marystown and surrounding areas through new equipment purchases and upgrades. Our Muscular Dystrophy Committee and Chairperson Justin Green appreciated the support from everyone who purchased tickets for the 50/50 draw, and the winner was Stella Clarke with winnings of \$475. The Fire Wrens would like to thank everybody who supported their Concession Stand, and hope you enjoyed your snacks and refreshments. The Derby concluded with a smash and Cody Bonnell emerging as the winner - Congratulations Cody, driving for Happy Tails Dog Grooming. The winner of the Big Vans versus Big Cars heat was Jason Mullett, sponsored by Mary Brown's. The most sportsmanlike award was given to Isaac Drake, driving for Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue. With the highlight of the Derby, the Best Hit Winner was Scott Hodder, sponsored by McDonald's, and Fortnite was the best dressed car, driven by Nathan Whittle. A special thank you to our Fundraising Committee led by Chairperson Colin Farewell, Rene's Auto Body and Newco for providing cars and clean-up, those who donated vehicles, the Derby drivers and pit crews, Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue for assisting with Traffic Control and Parking, the Fire Wrens, Firefighters and their families for assistance and support, the Town of Marystown, volunteers, all business sponsors, and most importantly you, the spectators, for making our event a success and always showing your support to our Fire Department!

On Wednesday, August 29th at 12:40PM, the Fire Department received a report of a Vehicle Fire on Ville Marie Drive. 4 Officers and 5 Firefighters responded to the scene with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, the issue was found to be minor in nature, and we returned to the Fire Hall around 1PM. The RCMP also attended the scene.

On Friday, August 31st at 12:30PM, the Fire Department received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation for 91 Harris Drive from an alarm monitoring company. Engine #3 and Rescue #4 were dispatched to the residence, but were cancelled en route as the activation was confirmed as false.

In just a couple of weeks, we will welcome our third group of Junior Firefighters! We are looking forward to another twelve(12) week program for youth in Grades 11 and 12. The program will get underway on Thursday, September 13th.

Upcoming Events:

* **Saturday, September 8th, 2018** - Participation in the Annual Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation's Hospital Charity Golf Tournament at Grande Meadows Golf Course in Frenchman's Cove.

* **Friday, September 14th, 2018** - Assistance with the Annual Take Back the Night Parade sponsored by the Grace Sparkes House and Burin Peninsula Voice Against Violence(More details to follow).

* **Saturday, September 29th, 2018** - 6th Annual Boot Drive for Muscular Dystrophy from 11AM to 3PM at the Fall Expo(Hotel), No Frills, Sobeys and Walmart.

* **Saturday, September 29th, 2018** - Marystown Fall Expo Fundraiser hosted by the Fire Wrens, our ladies auxiliary, starting 10AM and continuing until 5PM at the Marystown Hotel and Convention Center(More details to follow).



Picture 3. Under 14 Softball Team Motorcade



Picture 4. Marystown Day Fireworks Show



Picture 5. Hovercraft Operations Training



Picture 1. Motorcade for Special Olympian Lucas



Picture 2. Marystown Day/Shining Seas Parade



Picture 6. Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) on Harris Drive



Picture 7. The Demolition Derby



Picture 8. The Demolition Derby Drivers



Picture 9. The Demolition Derby Winner

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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