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SEPTEMBER **NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
September 2022*

During September, we continued fire safety and public education efforts, responded to emergency calls and calls for service, continued preparations for Fire Prevention Week, held our monthly Membership Meeting, continued the monthly Fire Safety contests, had annual service testing completed on our ground ladders, continued with the memorial monument upgrading project, participated in community events, conducted training, launched our Junior Firefighter Program for this year, conducted preplanning, held a Boot Drive for Muscular Dystrophy (MD), participated in the Town's Emergency Management education and networking session, completed Maintenance and Inventory on our apparatus and equipment, and had a representative attend an Advanced Foam Firefighting course.

Our Department completed the following training in the month of September: Smokehouse Scenarios, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), Searches, Accountability, Rope Rescue with Vehicle Extrication, Driver-Operator, Donning and Doffing Bunker Gear, Pump and Hydrant Operations, Portable Tank, Fire Hose, Fire Steams, Scene Lighting, Fire Behavior, Fire Extinguishers, Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, First Aid and Patient Packaging.

On Friday, September 2nd at 3:45PM, we received notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 108 Columbia Drive, Marystown Dental. As we were initiating the response, notification was received confirming the activation as a false alarm. Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 stood down.

On Saturday, September 3rd at 5:09PM, we received notification of a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) north of Marystown near Red Harbour Bridge. 4 Officers and 12 Firefighters responded to the Fire Hall, where a crew of 2 Officers and 4 Firefighters were dispatched with Engine #2 and Mobile #5. Once on scene our crews performed extrication activities to remove the single occupant of the vehicle, with the assistance of the Baine Harbour Fire Department. Once completed and Marystown Ambulance had cleared the scene, all

units returned to the Fire Hall. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) also attended to the scene.

Thank you to the Co-operators, CanOps and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for the donation of a Fire Prevention Week kit through their new partnership. This kit will aid our Fire Prevention program in the education of the public. We thank the Co-operators and NFPA for selecting us as one of the recipients!

On Wednesday, September 7th at 11:16AM, we received notification for a smell of smoke at 210 McGettigan Boulevard, North Atlantic Gas Station. 5 Officers and 11 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4; Ladder #1 stood down at the Fire Hall. Once on scene, Firefighters located the smell of smoke and mitigated all hazards. When completed, all units cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall.

This month's Fire Prevention contest asked the public to let us know what they were doing for back-to-school safety.

In our efforts to maintain equipment and Firefighter safety, our ground and roof ladders were inspected and tested on September 8th. The health and safety of our Firefighters is a priority as they serve the public.

Our Heritage Committee is continuing with the Memorial Monument Upgrading Project – fabrication at this point. Thank you to all sponsors to date and stay tuned as we move forward!

Engine #1 was at the Southern Classics End of Summer Car Show on the weekend of September 9th-11th at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena. Thank you for having us!

The annual Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation (BPHCF) charity golf tournament was held on Saturday, September 10th. Our team enjoyed playing a round in support of healthcare in our region. Thank you to the Town of Marystown for sponsoring our team.

On Tuesday, September 13th at 7:40PM, we received notification of a MVA on Route 220 in the Black Brook area. 5 Officers and 14 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4; Ladder #1 stood down at the Fire Hall. Once on

scene, Firefighters performed Traffic Management activities, as well as cleared the road of any hazards. When Marystown Ambulance cleared the scene, all units returned to the Fire Hall. The RCMP also attended to the scene.

We welcomed our 6th class of Junior Firefighters on September 14th. To date, the students have received lessons in Orientation and On-boarding, Fire Behavior, Fire Extinguishers, First Aid and Patient Packaging. We look forward to continuing working and training with them over the coming weeks!

Our MD committee held its annual Boot Drive on September 17th at 3 locations in Marystown. Thank you once again to the public for your wonderful support in making our Boot Drive another success, as well as to the collection locations and our members for their time, its greatly appreciated!

An Emergency Management education and networking session was held by the Town of Marystown on September 20th. Fire Chief Bolt and Assistant Chief Nolan took part in the session. Lots of learning and collaboration with many community, provincial and federal partners/representatives took place. Being prepared is important as we serve our community!

We did a Fire Extinguisher session with the Public Works Department on September 23rd as part of their safety meeting. Thank you for your interest and participation, stay safe!

On Friday, September 23rd at 3:15PM, we received notification of another MVA on Route 210 in Marystown at the intersection with Route 220. 5 Officers and 10 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3, Rescue #4 and Ladder #1. Once on scene, Firefighters performed traffic management activities, and cleared the road of any hazards. Once Marystown Ambulance cleared the scene, all units returned to the Fire Hall. The RCMP also attended to the scene.

We participated in a Rally for Healthcare in our region on September 25th. Maintaining the current level of healthcare is critically important to everyone on the Burin Peninsula, along with anyone who visits our area.

On Wednesday, September 28th at 10:50AM, we received notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 1 St. Mary's Road, Anglican Church. 2 Officers and 9 Firefighters responded with Engine #3 and Rescue #4, Ladder #1 was stood down upon arrival of the first unit as the activation was confirmed to be false.

Fire Chief Bolt attended an Advanced Foam Firefighting school by TSI at TEEX (Texas A & M University) this week in College Station, Texas,

along with Firefighters from around the world. Thank you to Everwind Fuels for the sponsorship of this training!



Photo 1. Returning from September 3rd MVA.



Photo 2. Receiving Fire Prevention Week Kit.



Photo 3. Smell of smoke at 210 McGettigan Boulevard.



Photo 4. Annual Ground Ladder testing.



Photo 5. Memorial Monument fabrication.



Photo 9. Rope Rescue with Vehicle Extrication.



Photo 6. Southern Classics Car Show.



Photo 10. 2022 Junior Firefighter Class.



Photo 7. BPHCF Golf Tournament.



Photo 11. Annual Boot Drive for MD.



Photo 8. Smokehouse Scenarios.



Photo 12. One of the Firefighter I Skills stations on September 19th.



Photo 13. Emergency Management Plan session.



Photo 17. Rally for Healthcare.



Photo 14. Fire Behaviour with the Junior Firefighters.



Photo 18. Preparation for Fire Prevention Week.



Photo 15. Fire Extinguishers with the Public Works Department.



Photo 19. Fire Alarm at the Anglican Church.



Photo 16. MVA at intersection of Route 210/220.



Photo 20. First Aid and Patient Packaging with the Junior Firefighters.



Photo 21. Advanced Foam Firefighting School.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department serves approximately 5,400 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.

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