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SEPTEMBER **NEWSLETTER**

Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
September 2018

In September, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department responded to emergency calls, participated in and supported community events, observed the Firefighters' National Memorial Day, gathered for the Monthly Meeting, acknowledged Firefighters who recently retired, welcomed the 2018 Junior Firefighters, performed training, had representatives attend a provincial convention, assisted the Fire Wrens with a fundraiser, hosted a fundraiser, and prepared for Fire Prevention Week(see upcoming events).

Our Department completed the following in-house training during September: Accountability, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus(SCBA), Smoke House Scenarios(search patterns), Pump Operations, Vehicle Extrication, and Scene Lighting.

On Saturday, September 1st at 5:50PM, the Fire Department received an Assistance Request in Beau Bois for an off-road incident. 2 Officers and 5 Firefighters responded to the area with Engine #2 and Rescue #6, while a crew remained on stand-by in town. Firefighters provided assistance at the incident, which was also attended by Marystown Ambulance, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP), and Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue. Our crew returned to the Fire Hall around 8PM. Thank you to the general public who assisted the first responders with the incident in any way!

On Tuesday, September 4th at 10:58 AM, the Fire Department was dispatched by 911 to a Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) on Route 210 - the Burin Peninsula Highway, near the south Baie de l'Eau Road intersection. 2 Officers and 5 Firefighters responded with Engine #2 and Mobile #5, while a crew remained on stand-by in town. We were cancelled en route to the two-vehicle accident, as our assistance was not required. The Baine Harbour Fire Department, both Marystown and Bay l' Argent Ambulance Services, and the RCMP attended to the scene. We returned to the Fire Hall around 11:45AM.

The Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation(BPHCF) hosted the 18th Annual Hospital Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 8th at the Grande Meadows Golf Course in

Frenchman's Cove. Proceeds from the tournament are being directed to the new Mental Health and Addictions Campaign which will help fund mental health and addictions programs and services on the Burin Peninsula. We have participated in the tournament for the past ten(10) years, thanks to a sponsorship by the Town of Marystown. Our team for this year's tournament consisted of Fire Chief Alex Coady, Lieutenant Jordan Hannam, Firefighter Colin Walsh, along with the Director of Recreation and Community Services, Robb Warr. We are proud to support the local hospitals, the Foundation, and the residents of our area who avail of the health services!

On the Firefighters' National Memorial Day, September 9th, we paused to remember, mourn together, supported one another, and celebrated the wonderful lives of Firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Firefighters risk their lives everyday across our nation to protect the public. According to the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation, more than 1,300 Firefighters have died on duty since 1848. We joined fellow Firefighters from coast to coast, by observing the memorial day, and saluted those who have made the ultimate sacrifice - you will never be forgotten! Our Firefighters also took time on September 11th to remember the Firefighters and first responders who lost their lives responding to tragic incidents in the United States on the same day back in 2001.

We would like to say thank you to Keith Ralph, Alex Snook and Shawn Allen for their service to our Fire Department! Both Keith and Alex retired from our Department in May, while Shawn retired in August. Your commitment to the community and the Department was appreciated, and we wish you all the best!

Eastcan visited our Fire Hall on Wednesday, September 12th to complete the annual service testing on our Ladder Apparatus. We are always ensuring our vehicles are ready for the next call. Thank you to Eastcan for servicing Ladder #1 again this year!

On Wednesday, September 12th at 5:00PM, the Fire Department was notified via 911 of a two-

vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) on McGettigan Boulevard in front of the North Atlantic gas station. 6 Officers and 12 Firefighters responded to the scene with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Extrication was required for an occupant of one of the vehicles, and two individuals were transported to hospital by Marystown Ambulance. The RCMP also attended to the scene, and we returned to the Fire Hall at 5:30PM.

On Thursday, September 13th at 12:22PM, the Fire Department received notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 15 School Road at Marystown Central High School(MCHS). 4 Officers and 4 Firefighters responded to the location with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, the alarm activation was confirmed as false and we returned to the Fire Hall.

The third offering of our Junior Firefighter Program began on Thursday, September 13th with eight(8) students, sponsor representatives and parents in attendance. One(1) of the students was a graduate of the previous program, and returned this year as an Assistant. The first night of the program was an Orientation, followed by gear assignments and a tour. The students also received a visit from Premier Dwight Ball, MHA Mark Browne, and Minister Christopher Mitchelmore on the first night of the program, as they were in the area - Thank you for the visit, we appreciated it! We are proud to offer this opportunity to local high school students, Grades 11 & 12. Thank you to the Committee and the Fire Department for continuously supporting the program, along with the Town of Marystown, the Heritage Baptist Church and our new sponsors, Hickman Automotive Group - Burin and Git 'Er Done! The program continued on Thursday nights through September with the following drills: Fire Behaviour, Portable Fire Extinguishers, Ropes and Knots, and Apparatus and Equipment Familiarization.

On Monday, September 17th at 10:56PM, the Fire Department was notified by 911 of a Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) on Route 210 - The Burin Peninsula Highway, north of the Jean de Baie intersection. A crew of 2 Officers and 4 Firefighters responded to the scene of the single-vehicle accident with Ladder #1 and Mobile #5, while another crew remained on stand-by at the Fire Hall. Occupants of the vehicle were transported to the Burin Peninsula Health Care Center(BPHCC). The RCMP also attended to the scene, and our crew returned to the Fire Hall at 12:06AM.

Burin Peninsula Voice Against Violence and the Grace Sparkes House hosted the annual "Take Back the Night" march on Friday evening, September 21st. We assisted with their parade again this year, which raises awareness of violence against women.

The march began at Jane's Pond, travelled along Harris Drive, ending at the Summer Games Building(Track and Field Complex). Engine #2 followed at the rear of the march to assist with protecting the participants, as it was led to the Track and Field by the RCMP.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire Services hosted the 54th Annual Convention in Clarendville from Friday, September 28th to Sunday, September 30th. The Convention events included training sessions, presentations, demonstrations, a trade show, networking sessions, a banquet and a memorial service. Representatives from Fire Departments all over Newfoundland and Labrador were in attendance for the weekend-long convention. Fire Chief Alex Coady, Captain Wayde Clarke and Firefighter Kenneth Rideout were our delegates at the Convention, while Firefighter Justin Bolt attended for the Association as their Public Relations.

The Fire Wrens hosted the Marystown Fall Expo on Saturday, September 29th at the Marystown Hotel, and Convention Center and it was another great success. The event raised in excess of \$3,700 - Awesome!! The event was spearheaded and organized by Fire Wrens Vice-President Melissa Saint, and she was supported by her fellow Fire Wrens, Firefighters and family members of our Firefighters. There were 50+ vendors with displays at the Expo, and residents from all over the Burin Peninsula visited to view and purchase items and services from them. The Fire Department's Fire Prevention Committee was also set-up at the event to promote fire prevention and safety, just a week ahead of this year's Fire Prevention Week. Sparky the Fire Dog made a visit around the lunch hour and was a highlight for the children as always. Firefighters had a boot to fill with monetary donations at the location too, as part of the Annual Boot Drive for Muscular Dystrophy which took place the same day. Congratulations to Janice Barrett, winning \$500 on the 50/50, and to the winners of the door prizes throughout the day. We would like to sincerely thank the general public and the vendors for supporting the Fire Wrens, and the Fire Wrens for their continued support of the Marystown Fire Department!

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department appreciates all of the support shown for our Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive on Saturday, September 29th! We are very pleased to announce that we raised approximately \$3,000 through your generous donations! With donations like yours to "fill the boot," people who suffer from any of the 150 + different types of Muscular Dystrophy receive valuable services, and funds also assist with

research. A special thank you to No Frills, Sobeys and Walmart for allowing us to set up at your locations again this year, along with the organizers of the Fall Expo for providing us with a booth at their event! A special thank you to the staff of Sobeys for their generous donation too. To our Firefighters and Junior Firefighters who volunteered at each location, we appreciate all the help you provided during the fundraiser! The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department, through the Muscular Dystrophy Committee chaired by Justin Green, is proud to organize and host fundraising activities for the "Fight to Make Muscles Move." Our Department has been a proud supporter of Muscular Dystrophy Canada since 1983. During our years of support, we have contributed more than \$80,000 toward the cause through the generosity of the public. As we continue supporting the cause in unison with many Fire Departments from all across Canada, we thank you ever so much for your continued support!



Picture 2. Annual Ladder Apparatus Servicing



Picture 3. MVA on McGettigan Boulevard

Upcoming Events:

- * **Sunday, October 7th, 2018** - Attendance at the St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church Service at 11AM for the official beginning of Fire Prevention Week.
- * **Sunday, October 7th, 2018** - Fire Prevention Week Parade beginning at 2PM from the Fire Hall and continuing through the community.
- * **Tuesday, October 9th - Friday, October 12th, 2018** - Fire Prevention School Visits and Presentations at Sacred Heart Academy for grades Kindergarten to Seven.
- * **Thursday, October 11th, 2018** - Fire Prevention Week Open House at the Fire Hall beginning at 7:00PM. Come out and meet your local firefighters, view our emergency vehicles/equipment and Fire Hall, enjoy a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog, along with treats and takeaways.
- * **Friday, October 12th, 2018** - Fire Prevention Daycare Visits and Presentations at Daycares in the community.
- * **Saturday, October 13th, 2018** - 47th Annual Firefighters Banquet beginning at 6:30PM at St. Gabriel's Hall, with a Dance to follow at 10:30PM.
- * **Saturday, October 14th, 2018** - Participation in the Active for Autism Walk beginning at 2PM at the Track and Field Complex.
- * **Wednesday, October 31st, 2018** - Annual Halloween Treat Giveaway. Look for our firefighters in your neighbourhood and when you see us parked with our lights flashing, stop by for a treat.



Picture 4. 2018 Junior Firefighter Class with Premier Ball, MHA Browne, Minister Mitchelmore & Firefighters



Picture 1. Annual Hospital Charity Golf Tournament



Picture 5. Smokehouse Scenarios Drill



Picture 6. Vehicle Extrication Training



Picture 7. Fire Extinguisher Training with the Junior Firefighters



Picture 8. Take Back the Night March



Picture 9. Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive



Picture 10. Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive



Picture 11. Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive



Picture 12. Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive



Picture 13. Marystown Fall Expo



Picture 14. Fire prevention and safety at the Marystown Fall Expo



Picture 15. Our delegates and partners at the Convention in Clarenville

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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