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MARCH NEWSLETTER

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
March 2021*

In March, the Marystown Fire Department continued adjusting to the ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic, continued public messaging, held a Monthly Membership Meeting, attended an online conversation with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), conducted virtual training as well as in-person training, completed monthly maintenance and inventory, continued monthly Fire Safety contests, had new communications equipment installed, received first doses of the COVID-19 vaccination, responded to emergency calls and received a donation.

Our Department completed the following training during March: Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, COVID protocol review, Air Brake Endorsement, Hovercraft Operations, Traffic Control, Power Line Hazards, Driver-Operator, Ladder Apparatus Operations and Ground Ladders.

On the evening of March 8th, our members attended an online conversation with Staff Sergeant Danny Knight of the RCMP. The purpose was to enhance the understanding of what is expected of both ourselves and the RCMP when attending emergency scenes. It also gave us the opportunity to strengthen our relationship with the RCMP which is very important to us. Thank you again to Sgt. Knight for his time!

The Marystown Fire Wrens hosted a Virtual Spring Expo from March 8th - 14th. This was a chance for vendors to promote their business and grow their customer bases. This fundraising effort by the Wrens went very well - thank you to the Wrens for hosting the event and to the general public for your continued support!

March 14th marked the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. As the time sprung ahead, residents were encouraged to take the opportunity to change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, then test them. In an effort to help encourage residents to do so, this month's Fire Safety contest asked residents to reply to our contest post once they had changed the batteries and tested their smoke alarms. We had over 100 entries in the contest with Corey Cluett being selected the winner. Congratulations Corey and thank you for your efforts in fire safety! The Fire Prevention committee, chaired by Shawn Allen,

would like to pass along their thanks to everyone who entered and participated in the contest. A special thanks to Home Hardware as well for partnering with us and providing the prizes for the monthly contest.

Having our equipment and apparatus in good working order is extremely important to us. In the afternoon on March 14th, a crew of Firefighters took the Hovercraft out for regular maintenance and some trial runs on a nearby pond to ensure it is ready to go if/when called upon.

During the month of March, our new communications Repeater System was installed and placed in operation. Our members assisted with this installation and supported Bell Mobility with the setup. Thank you to our members for your support in this effort! Also a sincere thank you to the Town of Marystown for purchasing this much needed replacement equipment, as well as to Bell for getting it installed in a timely manner! Communication using our paging and radio system is especially important to us and is critical for both public and personnel safety - having this new system installed means the world to us!

Our Firefighters began to receive the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccinations on Tuesday, March 23rd. Thank you to Eastern Health and Public Health for providing and administering the COVID-19 vaccinations to First Responders, along with your great work caring for everyone throughout this pandemic!

On the morning of Sunday, March 28th at 6:35AM, we received notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at G & H Home Specialties on McGettigan Boulevard. 6 Officers and 11 Firefighters responded. Upon Unit #1's arrival on scene, it was determined to be a false alarm. All members were notified, Unit #1 returned to the Fire Hall, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 stood down.

At 4:33PM on Monday, March 29th, we received a report of a Chimney Fire at 504 Ville Marie Drive. 5 Officers and 15 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Conditions at the time were less than ideal with very high winds as well as heavy rain, however Firefighters made quick work extinguishing the fire and preventing it from

extending into the dwelling. We returned to the Fire Hall at approximately 6PM. Thank you to our members for the excellent work on this loss stop!

Thank you to Peninsula Castle for their generous donation to our Department - it is greatly appreciated!



Photo #1 - Hovercraft Maintenance and Trials.



Photo #2 - Ladder Apparatus Training.



Photo #3 - Ground Ladder Training.



Photo #4 -Chimney Fire on March 29th.

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), 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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