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JANUARY **NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
January 2019*

In the first month of 2019, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department reflected on 2018, responded to emergency calls, held the Annual General Meeting and Elections, thanked a Firefighter for their service, had annual servicing completed, completed an Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance and Inventory Drill, conducted training, and congratulated the Fire Wrens following their Annual General Meeting and elections for 2019.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during January: Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, and Ice-Water Rescue review.

In 2018, our Firefighters gave over 4,500 hours of service through the 62 emergency calls, training activities, community involvement and other Department activities. A special thank you to our Volunteer Firefighters for their commitment and dedication to the community and surrounding area 365 days of the year. We must recognize our families too, as they support us as we serve - thank you, we greatly appreciate it! The Department also extends thanks to the Town Council for their continued support, as well as the businesses that supported us - we look forward to working with you in 2019!

On Thursday, January 10th, at 9:36AM, the Fire Department received notification of a Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) north of Marystown on Route 210 - Osmond Way. Engine #2 and Mobile #5 had just left the Fire Hall, en route for north of the Jean de Baie intersection, when notification was received that Fire Department assistance was not required. The Fire Department stood down at that time. Marystown Ambulance and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP) attended to the scene.

Our Annual General Meeting and the elections for the new year took place on Sunday, January 13th. Following the completion of regular Department business, elections were held for the Officers, Executive, Committee Chairpersons, and the Liaison. The Officers for the 2019 - 2021 term are: Assistant Fire Chief - Justin Nolan, Captains - Wayne Clarke and Justin Bolt, and Lieutenants George Shave and Arthur Allen. The Executive, Committee Chairpersons and the Liaison for the

coming year are as follows: Fire Department Chairperson - Justin Green, Treasurer/Firefighter Assistance - Terry Price, Secretary/Public Relations/Policy and Changes - Justin Bolt, Fire Prevention/Family Events - Jordan Hannam, Social Room/Firefighters Banquet/Fire Hall and Training Grounds - Mark Coady, Muscular Dystrophy - Kenneth Rideout, Fundraising/Liaison for the Firefighters - Paul Snook, Heritage - Jerry Hanrahan, and Junior Firefighters - Wayne Clarke. Congratulations to all members who have accepted new positions or are returning to positions they held previously. Thank you to those who have previously served, and have been committed and dedicated to an elected position(s)!

Thank you to Toby Saint following his resignation from the Fire Department last month. Your service to our Fire Department and the community was appreciated, and we wish him well in his future endeavors!

Annual servicing and maintenance of our pumping apparatuses was completed on Wednesday, January 16th by Central Technical Services. Service such as this is very important to us and ensuring our fleet is always ready for the next call!

On Tuesday, January 22nd at 4:50PM, the Fire Department was notified of a Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) at the intersection on McGettigan Boulevard/Harris Drive/Ville Marie Drive. 4 Officers and 5 Firefighters responded to the two-vehicle collision with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. No extrication was required, but we assisted with traffic control while Marystown Ambulance, the RCMP and a towing service provider completed their work on-scene. The Fire Department stood down from the scene at 5:20PM.

The Fire Wrens, our auxiliary, held their Annual General Meeting and the Elections for 2019 on Sunday, January 27th. Congratulations to the Fire Wrens Executive for the year ahead: President - Makaila Farrell, Vice-President - Victoria Bolt, Secretary - Stephanie Keating, Treasurer - Geraldine Martin, and Public Relations - Jennifer Shave. Members of the ladies auxiliary also includes

Genevieve Murphy, Nicole Keating, Peggy Clarke, Kyla Nolan and Jessica Vallis. All the best for the year ahead, we look forward to working with all of you, and thank you for your tremendous support of our Department each and every year! Check out the Fire Wrens website page, under the About tab on our website, for their history and more. They're also on Facebook - Marystown Fire Wrens and Twitter - @MYSTFireWrens!

Did you know the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department has a Heritage Museum? The Gerard J. Kelly Memorial Firefighters Heritage Museum is located at the rear of the Fire Hall on McGettigan Boulevard. Under the direction of Chairperson Jerry Hanrahan, the Heritage Committee preserves the heritage of our Fire Department and provides a showcase of the past. This room can be viewed at your request or anytime there are Firefighters at the Fire Hall - we look forward to seeing you!



Picture 3. All are welcome to view our Heritage Museum

To schedule a demonstration, presentation or tour, call us at (709)279-2226 or email marystownfiredept@nf.aibn.com



Picture 1. Annual Service and Maintenance of Pumping Apparatuses

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.



Picture 2. Ice-Water Rescue Review

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