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## **AUGUST NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department  
August 2019*

In August 2019, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department responded to emergency calls, hosted the 13th Annual Demolition Derby, celebrated Marystown Day, participated in and supported community events, completed a Maintenance and Inventory Drill, conducted training, and continued preparing for the next Junior Firefighter Program.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during August: Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, Driver-Operator, Hovercraft Operations, Water Rescue, Ladder Operations, and Pump Operations with Master Streams.

On Thursday, August 1st at 2:06PM, the Fire Department was notified of a Vehicle Fire on McGettigan Boulevard. 3 Officers and 12 Firefighters responded to the scene with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, Firefighters were met with a fully engulfed cube van and began a fire attack immediately. It was extinguished in short time, but traffic on the main thoroughfare was affected for a period of time. Marystown Ambulance and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP) also attended to the scene and we cleared the scene at 3:00PM.

On Friday, August 2nd at 7:03AM, the Fire Department was notified of a Vehicle Fire on Route 210 - The Grand Bank Highway. 4 Officers and 14 Firefighters responded to the scene with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, Firefighters began a fire attack on the fully engulfed pick-up truck. Firefighters made quick work in extinguishing the fire and cleared the scene at 7:50AM. Traffic in the area was halted for a short time and Marystown Ambulance also attended to the scene.

On Saturday, August 3rd at 7:03AM, the Fire Department was notified of a Structure Fire at 325 Ville Marie Drive. 4 Officers and 15 Firefighters responded to the residence with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, heavy smoke and fire was visible and the fire had extended through the roof. Firefighters began fire attack and suppression efforts immediately through exterior and interior operations. Thank you to the Burin Volunteer Fire Department, RCMP, Marystown Ambulance, and Newfoundland Power for attending the scene to provide assistance and support. The home sustained fire, smoke and water damage, but

the occupants were not injured. We remained on scene until approximately 11AM, when the scene was passed over to the RCMP for investigation. A special thank you to members of the public for their generous support such as providing refreshments!

We had another very successful Demolition Derby on Sunday, August 4th and we would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the success! Over \$4,700 was collected at the gate for our annual fundraiser as a crowd of almost 1,000 spectators gathered on the beautiful afternoon at the Black Brook Pit. The Derby was filled with excitement in all 3 heats(including the final heat), and featured over fifteen entries driven by new and returning drivers. The fundraiser enables us to purchase additional equipment and upgrade existing equipment which improves the service we provide to the Town of Marystown and surrounding areas. Our Muscular Dystrophy Committee sincerely appreciated the support from everyone who purchased tickets for the 50/50 draw. The winner of the 50/50 was Paula Pittman with winnings of \$677, and the remainder being donated to Muscular Dystrophy Canada. The Fire Wrens raised over \$1,500 with their concession stand. They thank everyone who stopped by to purchase items and hope you enjoyed the snacks and refreshments! The Derby came to a close with Jacob Nurse emerging as the winner - Congratulations Jacob, driving for McDonald's. The most sportsmanlike award was presented to Kyle Legge, driving for Auto World. The Best Hit Winner was Adam Hillier, sponsored by Marystown Home Heat, and Grand Theft Auto was the best dressed car, driven by Gerard Whittle(for Nick and Lucas). A special thank you to our Fundraising Committee led by Chairperson Paul Snook, Rene's Auto Body for providing cars and clean-up, Newco, Brushett's Auto and anyone who donated vehicles, the Derby drivers and their pit crews, Mallay's Industrial, Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue for providing Traffic Control and coordinating the 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 this annual family event a success for our Fire Department!

On Marystown Day - Monday, August 5th, Sparky and Firefighters stopped by the family events at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena in the afternoon for a visit with the crowd. Later that evening, we did the Fireworks Show for the civic day festivities. We hope everyone enjoyed the celebrations. Kudos to the volunteers and sponsors of the Shining Seas Summer Festival, which included the Marystown Day activities!

On Thursday, August 8th at 12:40PM, we were notified of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 17 Catherine Street. Engine #3 and Rescue #4 were dispatched to the location, however while en route the activation was confirmed to be a false alarm and all incoming units were cancelled.

On Wednesday, August 14th at 7:57PM, we received a report of smoke coming from ceiling vents at the Columbia Shopping Plaza, 10 Columbia Drive. 3 Officers and 13 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, Firefighters began an investigation into the source of the smoke and it was determined to be a heater in the ceiling of the entrance to Shoppers Drug Mart. The issue was isolated and the area was checked to ensure no extension into the structure. Marystown Ambulance and the RCMP also attended to the scene. We returned to the Fire Hall at 8:36PM.

We participated in the motorcade for the Marystown Mariners Under 14 Softball Team on Sunday, August 18th following their provincial win. Congratulations, Team! We are proud to support local teams and be involved in our community!

We assisted the RCMP with Traffic Control for the Route 210 Run, a charity motorcycle ride, as it made its way through Marystown on the morning of Saturday, August 24th. We hope all participants enjoyed their weekend and thank you for supporting local charities!

We are always proud to support the Burin Peninsula Cancer Relay for Life, and Fellow Firefighter and cancer survivor Terry Price. Firefighters were present for the opening ceremonies and joined Firefighter Price for a lap at the Track and Field on Saturday, August 24th. The 15th Anniversary of the Relay was celebrated this year and over \$630,000 has been fundraised over that time. Congratulations on another successful relay and we hope you enjoyed the day together!

On Saturday, August 24th at 11:37PM, we received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 700 Spanish Room Road, Spanish Room from an alarm monitoring provided. Firefighters responded to the Fire Hall, where a crew of 1 Officer and 6 Firefighters was dispatched to the residence. Upon arrival, the alarm was confirmed as a false

alarm and all units returned to the Fire Hall at 12:15PM.

Kiewit Offshore Services invited us to be a part of their Family Day on Sunday, August 25th. Sparky and Firefighters visited the gathering with the Ladder Truck and also provided some assistance at the event. Thank you for including us in your day and the donation for our assistance, your support is always appreciated!

Thank you to the person who took the time to paint a rock for us and place it at the Fire Hall grounds, we appreciate your thoughtfulness. The Nolan boys who discovered the rock for us were quite excited too!

In just a couple of weeks, we will welcome our third group of Junior Firefighters! We are looking forward to our fourth running of the program for youth in Grades 11 and 12. The program will get underway on Wednesday, September 11th.



**Picture 1. Vehicle Fire on McGettigan Boulevard**



**Picture 2. Vehicle Fire on Route 210**



**Picture 3.** Structure Fire on Ville Marie Drive



**Picture 8.** Commercial Alarm at Columbia Shopping Plaza



**Picture 4.** 13th Annual Demolition Derby



**Picture 9.** Motorcade for the Mariners Under 14 Softball Team



**Picture 5.** 13th Annual Demolition Derby



**Picture 10.** Hovercraft Operations Training



**Picture 6.** Marystown Day Family Events



**Picture 11.** Ladder and Pump Operations Training with Master Streams



**Picture 7.** Marystown Day Firework Show



**Picture 12. Cancer Relay 2019**



**Picture 13. Kiewit Family Day**



**Picture 14. Kiewit Family Day**



**Picture 15. NL Rock Art - Thank you!**

**Upcoming Events:**

\* **Saturday, September 7th, 2019** - Participation in the Annual Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation's Hospital Charity Golf Tournament at Grande Meadows Golf Course in Frenchman's Cove.

\* **Wednesday, September 11th, 2019** - Beginning of the Junior Firefighter Program.

**\*To schedule a demonstration, presentation or tour, call us at (709)279-2226 or email [marystownfiredept@nf.aibn.com](mailto: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 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](http://www.marystownvolunteerfiredept.com), or you can also visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MystVolFireDept](http://www.facebook.com/MystVolFireDept) and Twitter @MYSTVolFireDept.\**

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