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MARCH 2023 **NEWSLETTER**

In the month of March, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department continued the monthly contests and public messaging, responded to emergency calls, held the Monthly Membership Meeting, had a longstanding member retire, participated in an International Women's Day event, conducted training, completed a Maintenance and Inventory Drill, welcomed a new Recruit, supported the Wrens fundraising, and opened the application process for the Junior Firefighter Program.

The Department's training activities this month included Standard First Aid, Basic Life Support (BLS), Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Orientation, Onboarding, Vehicle Familiarization, Ladder Operations, a weekend of Firefighter Theory, Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) skills, Pump Operations, Air Brakes, Salvage/Overhaul and a Rope Rescue refresher.

On Friday, March 3rd at 1:44AM, we responded to a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 25 Columbia Drive, the Peninsula Mall. 5 Officers and 7 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 & Rescue #4, Ladder #1 was stood down. Upon arrival at the scene, Firefighters searched the building and found no evidence of fire or smoke. The Fire Chief declared the building safe and the Department stood down at 2:17AM.

On March 6th, the Department held the Monthly Membership Meeting. Arthur Allen retired from the Department after

over 25 years of dedicated service to his community. We wish to thank him for the sacrifices he has made to serve and wish him all the best.

We announced the winner of the Monthly Fire Safety Contest on March 8th. This month's question was "What are some safety tips for when you encounter an emergency scene?" Sheila Parsons-Cox won this month with the tip to "Stand back and let the professionals do their job." Congratulations Sheila and thank you to all who participated.

The evening of March 8th, Firefighters Soper and Miller represented the Department at the gathering of Sparks and Embers in recognition of International Women's Day. We are proud of the female Firefighters in our Department who are great role models for the young women in our community.

On Thursday, March 9th at 10:22PM, we responded to a Chimney Fire on Greenwood Street. 6 Officers and 13 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4, Ladder #1 was stood down. Upon arriving on the scene, Firefighters extinguished the chimney fire then ensured the structure was safe. The RCMP also attended to the scene. We stood down when the Fire Chief cleared the scene at 11:28PM.

On March 13th, we welcomed new Recruit Nathan Whittle and conducted the Monday evening Training Drill. That week a crew of Firefighters began their Standard First Aid training with BLS and CPR, while

others conducted Maintenance, Inventory, Orientation and Onboarding.

On March 14th, a group of Firefighters continued their Standard First Aid Training.

During the March 18th and 19th weekend a group of our newest Firefighters attended theory lessons which will prepare them for upcoming skills training. It was a great weekend of knowledge sharing and collaboration, thank you to all involved.

That weekend, the Fire Wrens also hosted photos with the Easter Bunny. Thank you to the auxiliary for their continued fundraising efforts and to the public who stopped by for photos.

On Saturday, March 18th at 9:59PM, we responded to a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) on Marine Drive by Reid Crescent. 5 Officers and 11 Firefighters answered the call, Unit #1 and Rescue #6 attended to the scene while Engine #3 remained on standby at the Fire Hall. Marystown Ambulance and the RCMP also attended the scene. We cleared the scene at 10:29PM.

For the March 20th Training Drill, groups of Firefighters practiced Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) skills, Pump Operations and continued Standard First Aid Training.

On March 21st the group of Firefighters completing their Standard First Aid/Basic Life Support CPR/AED training finished up. Thank you to Instructor Clarke and the class for their time and commitment.

On Saturday, March 25th at 3:40AM, we responded to a Vehicle Fire on Forest Road. 4 Officers and 11 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Once Firefighters arrived on scene they were able to quickly extinguish the fire. The RCMP also attended the scene. We cleared the scene at 4:24AM.

At the March 27th Training Drill, groups of Firefighters were involved in Air Brakes with fellow Firefighters from Burin, Ladder Operations including Pump Operations, while continuing Firefighter I skills in Salvage/Overhaul as well, plus a brief review of Rope Rescue.

The Junior Firefighter Committee is now accepting applications for the 2023 Junior Firefighter Program, tentatively scheduled to start in September. Any Grade 10-12 students interested in the Program, please visit our social media accounts for the link to complete your online application.



Photo 1. International Women's Day.



Photo 2. Ladder Operations during a Maintenance Day Drill.



Photo 3. Responding to a MVA.



Photo 4. Firefighter Theory weekend.



Photo 5. A review of RIT skills.



Photo 6. First Aid training practicals.



Photo 7. Response to a Vehicle Fire.



Photo 8. Ladder Truck Operations training.



Photo 9. Ladder Truck Operations training.



Photo 10. Salvage and Overhaul training for Firefighter I skills.

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 29 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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