

EMERGENCY: 911 / (709)279-1333

OFFICE: (709)279-2226

EMAIL: marystownfiredept@nf.aibn.com



TWITTER: @MYSTVolFireDept

WEBSITE: marystownvolunteerfiredept.com

FACEBOOK: Marystown Volunteer Fire Department

APRIL **NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
April 2021*

In the fourth month of 2021, the Marystown Fire Department responded to emergency calls, continued public education, messaging and contests, held a Monthly Membership Meeting, completed monthly maintenance, completed First Aid recertification training, conducted training, recognized Volunteer Week, and put our new Rapid Intervention Team(RIT) PAK into service.

Our Department completed the following training during April: Standard First Aid and Basic Life Support, Ropes and Knots, Smokehouse(SCBA) and Rapid Intervention Team(RIT) scenarios, Driver-Operator and Extrication Tools familiarization.

While April 1st may be considered April Fools Day for most, it was no joke of a day for us and turned out to be a rather busy day. At 9:49AM we received a report of a Pole Fire near Pardy's Recreation on McGettigan Boulevard. 3 Officers and 7 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon an officers arrival on scene it was determined our response was not needed and we were cancelled on route. The scene was turned over to Newfoundland Power and we returned to the Fire Hall.

Later that same day at 1:05PM, we received a notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at Walmart on McGettigan Boulevard. 5 Officers and 14 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival on scene, the building had been evacuated and Firefighters began investigating the cause of the alarm, including using the Ladder apparatus to gain access to the roof. After a thorough investigation and working with store management and a maintenance crew the building was cleared. Firefighters then cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and Newfoundland Power also attended the scene to assist.

April 2nd marked World Autism Awareness Day. We were honored to help raise awareness to this cause on this day and every day by featuring a

puzzle piece symbol on our apparatus - We are Autism Aware!

Our members volunteer a lot of their free time to ensuring they are properly trained to be able to serve our community at the best of their ability. On the weekend of April 10th and 11th many of our members completed their recertification in Standard First Aid / Basic Life Support(BLS) / Automated External Defibrillator(AED). Thank you again to our members for your time!

On April 10th at 11:50AM, we received notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at Canadian Tire on Columbia Drive. 6 Officers and 9 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival on scene, it was determined a response was not required due to a false activation, then our units stood down and returned to the Fire Hall.

Volunteer Week was April 18th to 24th – “The value of one. The power of many.” Thank you to our Volunteer Firefighters for your dedicated service to our Department and the community, all of your efforts are greatly appreciated! Thank you to all community volunteers too.

Our new RIT PAK was officially placed into service during training on April 19th. The RIT PAK is a portable air supply made by Scott for use as an emergency air supply when a member is low or out of air and in need of help in an immediately dangerous to Life and Health(IDLH) atmosphere. The purchase of this vital piece of equipment was made possible through the Fire Wrens' annual donation in 2020 and compliments our Firefighter Health and Safety Program. Thank you again to the Fire Wrens for your donations and your support!

On April 26th at 1:56PM, we received a report of a Brush Fire on Doucet Place off of Charlotte Avenue. 5 Officers and 15 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. After arriving on scene, the fire was quickly knocked down and extinguished. An overhaul was conducted and Firefighters cleared the scene, returning to the Fire Hall. The RCMP also attended the scene.

May 1st will mark Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. In preparation for this event, our Fire Prevention contest for April asked people to leave a tip on how to prevent outdoor fires. 16 People took the opportunity to participate in the contest and Natasha Baker was the winner with her tip to “Always have a cover on your fire pit to keep flankers from popping out.” - Congratulations Natasha! Thanks to everyone who took the time to take part, keep a look out for next month’s contest. Forest Fire Season on the island portion of our province also begins May 1st – visit <https://bit.ly/3u9KJ2p> for more information and please obey the regulations.

Keep following our social media accounts for heritage moments compliments of our Heritage Committee or visit the history/museum page on our website to learn more!



Picture #3. At the training grounds, drill night.



Picture #1. On scene at Walmart April 1st.



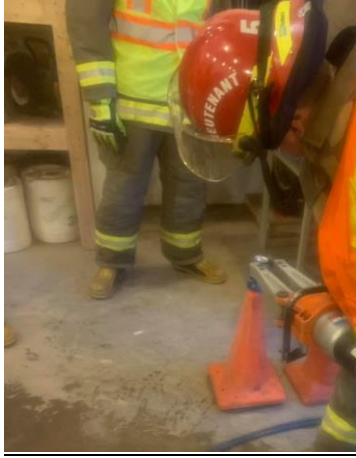
Picture #4. Smokehouse(SCBA) scenario training.



Picture #2. RIT PAK officially placed into service.



Picture #5. RIT training.



Picture #6. Extrication tool familiarization.

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) & 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.

Public Relations Contact:

Jordan Hannam

Public Relations/Secretary

Marystown Volunteer Fire Department

Phone: (709)279-2226/277-6111

Email: jordanhannam506@hotmail.com