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FEBRUARY **NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
February 2020*

In the second month of 2020, the Marystown Fire Department responded to emergency calls, held the Monthly Membership Meeting, placed new equipment in service, conducted training, recognized public service personnel, completed maintenance and inventory, carried out a Pre-Incident Planning activity, provided an emergency preparedness session, hosted a community event, and continued to plan for an upcoming program and events.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during February: Ice-Water Rescue Theory and Equipment review, Underwater Camera review, Hovercraft Operations review, Pump Panel review, Gas Monitoring and Thermal Imaging review, Traffic Control, and Pre-Incident Planning at Kiewit Offshore Services' Cow Head Fabrication Facility.

On Saturday, February 1st at 3:22PM, we received notification of a Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) on Route 210 - The Grand Bank Highway. 2 Officers and 3 Firefighters were dispatched to the scene at the Garnish Intersection with Mobile #5, while a crew remained on stand-by in-town at the Fire Hall. Upon arrival on scene, extrication was provided and we assisted Marystown Ambulance personnel as needed. The occupants of the vehicles were transported to the Burin Peninsula Health Care Center(BPHCC). The Garnish Fire Department and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP) were on the scene too, and held the scene when we returned to the Fire Hall around 4:10PM. Kudos to all emergency services personnel who worked the scene - great teamwork!

On Sunday, February 2nd at 8:53PM, we were notified of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 40 Creston Boulevard. 4 Officers and 9 Firefighters responded to the residence with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, the activation was confirmed as a false alarm and we cleared the scene. The RCMP and Marystown Ambulance responded to the alarm as well.

We now have equipment to help your furry loved ones too. We recently received pet oxygen masks from Invisible Fence and they've been put in

service for incidents we attend. We care about you and your pets, and we want to help the best we can on scene, always!

On Friday, February 14th at 10:15PM, we received notification of a Structure Fire at 7 Marine Drive. 5 Officers and 15 Firefighters responded to the residence with Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engines #2 and #3, and Rescue #4. Upon arrival on scene, Firefighters were informed that the fire was underneath the structure in a crawl space. Firefighters initiated a fire attack and brought the fire under control within minutes. Following the initial knockdown, our crews completed overhaul and ventilation of the structure. Marystown Ambulance and the RCMP also attended to the scene. We cleared the scene around 12AM and returned to the Fire Hall. Thank you to the Salvation Army for their support on scene too, and to the Fire Wrens for meeting us back at the Fire Hall with refreshments and snacks!

Our Department has made a tradition of doing a random act of kindness for a local group in our community each year during Random Act of Kindness week. The Kinette group first did a random act of kindness for us several years ago, and we have continued to pass it forward. This year we recognized the Department of Transportation and Works - Black Brook Depot on Tuesday, February 18th. Thank you for all you do for the public in our area, especially maintaining the highways during the busy winter months!

On Thursday, February 20th at 7:55AM, we were notified of a Chimney Fire at 26 Back Road in Jean de Baie. 2 Officers and 5 Firefighters were dispatched to the neighboring community with Unit #1, Engine #2 and Mobile #5, while a crew remained at the Fire Hall on stand-by for in-town calls. Upon arrival, we confirmed the fire had been extinguished, there was no fire extension, and we also cleaned out the chimney. The RCMP attended to the scene too and we returned to the Fire Hall around 8:45AM.

Firefighters visited the Brighter Futures Small Wonders group on Wednesday, February 19th for an Emergency Preparedness Session. Thank

you to the group for your interest and inviting us to help you take care of your families and prepare them for emergencies!

During the Annual Lions Community Winter Carnival this year, the Fire Department hosted a Sliding Party. Many young and old alike gathered at the Town Hall Grounds on Saturday, February 29th to enjoy an afternoon outdoors with us. Refreshments and snacks were provided during the event thanks to our sponsors - Tim Hortons, McDonald's and Robin's/241 Pizza. We are proud to support the Lions Club with their Winter Carnival each year and thank them for their work in the community!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 2nd, the date of our 14th Annual Demolition Derby. In preparation for the upcoming Derby, we are looking for cars you no longer use and would like to donate. Persons interested in being drivers for the Derby(Driver's license required) are welcome to sign up too. If you have a car to donate or you're interested in driving a car, please contact Richard Nolan at (709)770-5141 or the Fire Hall at (709)279-2226. Stay tuned for further updates!

Are you a high school student, or do you know a high school student, who is interested in an opportunity to experience what we do? Applications are being accepted for our fifth Junior Firefighter Program which is open to students attending Grade 10, 11 and 12 this coming September. The Program covers a wide-range of fire service topics and provides a rewarding and unique life experience for all participants. The youth complete a drill on designated Drill nights/days once the Program begins, along with assisting and supporting the Department as required(except emergency response). As deemed appropriate, they are also invited to attend Department and community events with us. Applications can be downloaded from our website(Application and Forms page), or picked up at the Marystown Central High School(MCHS) Main Office or the Fire Hall. Once completed, they can be dropped off to the Town Hall(addressed to the Fire Department), Fire Hall, MCHS Main Office or emailed to paulsnook76@gmail.com. Keep following our Facebook, Twitter and website for updates as we approach the tentatively scheduled Program!



Picture 1. MVA on Route 210 on the Garnish Intersection



Picture 2. Ice-Water Rescue Review



Picture 3. Structure Fire on Marine Drive



Picture 4. Hovercraft Operations Review



Picture 5. Chimney Fire in Jean de Baie



Picture 6. Brighter Futures Presentation



Picture 7. Sliding Party for the Winter Carnival



Picture 8. Sliding Party for the Winter Carnival

To schedule a demonstration, presentation or tour, call us at (709)279-2226 or email 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, or you can also visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MystVolFireDept and Twitter @MYSTVolFireDept.

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