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JANUARY 2023 **NEWSLETTER**

In January 2023, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department responded to emergency calls and calls for service, provided the 2022 year in review, continued public education and messaging, promoted our heritage, held the Annual General Meeting and Elections, held a recruitment campaign, restarted the monthly Fire Safety Contests for 2023, conducted training and fit testing, completed a Maintenance and Inventory Drill, participated in a Mutual Aid Pre-Incident Planning session at the Burin Hospital, completed the Apparatus Bay Floor project, and conducted Pre-Incident Planning in our community.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during January: Electric/Alternative Fuel Vehicles, Quantitative Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) fit testing, Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level I skills, Pre-Incident Planning at the Marystown Hotel and Marbase, and Driver-Operator.

The new year started suddenly for the Department as our first call was a commercial Fire Alarm activation at the Dock on Dock Road on Sunday, January 1st at 3:42AM. This was confirmed as a false alarm by the Fire Chief once he arrived on scene and members were notified to stand down. Unit #1 attended the scene while Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 were stood down. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) also attended to the scene.

Also, on January 1st at 2:52 PM, the Department responded to a smell of smoke in a commercial building at 64-72 McGettigan Boulevard. 5 Officers and 13 Firefighters responded to KFC with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival on scene, Firefighters entered the building and isolated the source of the smoke. The business reopened shortly after the scene was cleared and precautions were taken. Firefighters returned to the Fire Hall around 3:50PM.

2022 in review – It was another busy year for the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department. We responded to eighty-four (84) calls for service, categorized as follows:

- Alarm Activations = 22
- Motor Vehicle Accidents = 15
- Reports of Fire/Smoke/Concern = 14
- Structure Fires/Related Calls = 7
- Vehicle Fires = 7
- Pole Fires/Wires Down = 6
- Assistance Requests = 5
- Brush Fires = 3
- Chimney Fires = 3
- Fire Department Aid = 2

This compares to ninety-two (92) calls in 2021. Our Firefighters logged approximately 9,500 volunteer hours, not including their time for the provision of 24/7 emergency services coverage to our community and the surrounding area! In addition to emergency response and being on-call, we were active in training/meeting at least once per week, attending courses and other training, completing Officer, Executive and Committee Work, fundraising, carrying out our Fire Prevention and Junior Firefighter Programs, preserving our heritage, hosting events like our Annual Banquet, being involved in the community, and maintaining our facilities and operations. To our members, we graciously appreciate your commitment and dedication - your service was exemplary once again this past year. Thank you to our families and the Fire Wrens for all of your support too. We appreciate the great working relationships with our emergency services partners in the region as well. We also extend a sincere thank you to the community, Town Council and government officials for your tremendous support - it's always much appreciated. We're always at the ready to serve you - in case of an emergency call 911!

On Tuesday, January 3rd at 4:51PM, we were cancelled on route to a commercial Fire Alarm

activation at 95 Ville Marie Drive, the Marystown Mall. Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 all stood down upon confirmation of the false activation.

On Wednesday, January 4th at 12:03PM, the Department responded to a single-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) on Creston Boulevard across from the Tolt Road intersection. 3 Officers and 11 Firefighters attended to the scene with Unit #1, Ladder #1 and Rescue #4. Engine #3 was stood down at the Fire Hall. Upon arrival, Firefighters provided assistance to Marystown Ambulance and provided traffic control. The RCMP also attended the scene. We left the scene around 12:45PM.

Also, on January 4th at 8:26PM, we attended a second single-vehicle MVA with a moose on Ville Marie Drive in front of the Credit Union. 5 Officers and 16 Firefighters answered the call, Unit #1, Ladder #1 and Rescue #4 rolled to the scene, while Engine #3 was stood down at the Fire Hall. Marystown Ambulance and the RCMP also attended the scene.

On Thursday, January 5th at 12:33PM, the Department responded to a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 95 Ville Marie Drive, the Marystown Mall. The call was confirmed as a false alarm by the Fire Chief on arrival. Unit #1 and Engine #3 attended to the scene, while Ladder #1 and Rescue #4 were stood down.

January was Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month and the Department is proud to support active prevention efforts for the health and safety of our Firefighters.

On Friday, January 6th at 3:23PM, the RCMP requested the Department's assistance for a MVA at the intersection of McGettigan Boulevard/ Ville Marie Drive/Harris Drive. 5 Officers and 9 Firefighters attended to the scene with Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, we assisted Marystown Ambulance, provided traffic control and a safe work zone for attending agencies. We cleared the scene around 4:10PM.

On Saturday, January 7th at 9:01AM, we responded to a report of fire/smoke on Creston Boulevard. Upon arrival of the Fire Chief, it was ruled as a false alarm. Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 were stood down.

Sunday, January 8th Department members gathered for the Annual General Meeting and Elections. In addition to the regular business meeting, elections were held for the Officers, Executive, Committee Chairpersons and the Firefighter Liaison. 2023 is the beginning of a 2-year term for the Officers and they are as follows: Assistant Fire Chief - Justin Nolan, Captains - Wayde Clarke and Justin Green, and Lieutenants – Paul Snook and Mark Coady. The position of Fire Chief is not an elected position. The Executive, Committee Chairpersons and Liaison for the year ahead are: Chairperson – Colin Farewell, Treasurer – Paul Snook, Secretary – Rebecca Soper, Public Relations – Josh Stansford, Fire Prevention Committee – Rebecca Soper, Fire Department Events Committee – Tyson Power, Fundraising Committee – Chris Emmink, Muscular Dystrophy Committee – Walter Vallis, Fire Hall and Training Grounds Maintenance Committee – Derrick Keating, Heritage Committee – Gerard Whittle, Junior Firefighters Committee – Paul Snook, Policy and Changes Committee – Rebecca Soper, and Firefighter Liaison – Walter Vallis. Congratulations to all who accepted new positions or returned to positions held previously, and thank you to those who stepped forward or previously served in an elected capacity with such commitment and dedication!

Monday, January 16th members had the opportunity to take part in an Electric/ Alternative Fuel Vehicle awareness session. Evan Cox from the Clarendville Fire Department, who's also a mechanic, facilitated the event while Larry Wall of TakeChargeNL/ Newfoundland Power brought an electric vehicle for the members to familiarize themselves with. Both these gentlemen were very open to questions and we are very thankful for the knowledge they shared with us. February 25th was also set as the date for a more in-depth training program on alternative fuel vehicles.

On January 18th, the monthly Fire Safety contest came to a close and we announced Shauna Nash as the winner. The tip for this month was to have a muster station or a meeting place a safe distance from your home or business. Another safety tip is to also have your house/civic number clearly visible from the road so responders can quickly locate your house in case of an emergency. Thank you to all who participated!

Monday, January 23rd the Department's weekly Training Drill was maintenance and inventory. This maintenance activity is very important as it ensures that all emergency vehicles and equipment is ready for any emergency call. It is also a great time for the members to refresh their memory of the tools on each truck and to ask questions about tools or apparatus they may not fully understand. Firefighters involved in the Firefighter Level I program in-house also continued their training with skills such as answering emergency and non-emergency phone calls.

The Burin Fire Department invited members of our Department to attend a Pre-Incident Planning walk-through at the Burin Peninsula Health Care Center (BPHCC) on Tuesday, January 24th. 1 Officer and 4 Firefighters attended the walk-through. We extend a thank you to the Burin Fire Department for inviting us to participate.

Our Apparatus Bay floor project was completed during January. A huge thank you to everyone who was involved and gave of their time to complete the project, as well as the Town and businesses who provided support.

On Friday, January 27th at 6:23PM, a residential Fire Alarm was activated at 6 Farewell's Road. Unit #1 attended the scene and the Fire Chief declared it a false alarm. Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 were notified to stand down.

Monday, January 31st, Firefighters completed Pre-Incident Planning at the Marystown Hotel and Convention Center, as well as Marbase. We were also joined by a crew from the Burin Fire Department as part of our Mutual Aid planning. Pre-Incident planning provides a level of preparedness far more comprehensive than sizing up the environment as units arrive on an emergency scene. Thank you to the staff of the Marystown Hotel and Marbase for your time and insight!

A recruitment campaign took place during January. The Department is always accepting application on file for vacancies. If interested, please visit the Fire Hall or contact the Fire Chief at jbolt@townofmarystown.ca/277-3015.

Congratulations to the Fire Wrens, our auxiliary, on their elections for 2023 at their Annual General Meeting on January 31st. Their executive for the current year: President – Makaila Farrell,

Vice-President – Victoria Bolt and Treasurer – Geraldine Martin. Wrens members also include Nicole Keating, Kyla Nolan, Jessica Vallis, Audrey Mallay, Kristen Nolan and Keshia Beck. We look forward to working with all of you again this year. Your great work and tremendous support is always appreciated!

As a Department and as individuals, we are always continuing our training so we can best serve you. Best wishes to all and thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter!



Photo 1. Smell of smoke at KFC.



Photo 2. MVA on Creston Boulevard.



Photo 3. False alarm at the Marystown Mall.



Photo 4. MVA at the McGettigan Boulevard/Ville Marie Drive/Harris Drive intersection.



Photo 8. Engine #3 during the Maintenance Drill.



Photo 5. Report of fire/smoke on Creston Boulevard.



Photo 9. Members completing maintenance and inventory on Rescue #4.



Photo 6. Electric/Alternative Fuel Vehicle awareness session.



Photo 7. Electric/Alternative Fuel Vehicle awareness session.

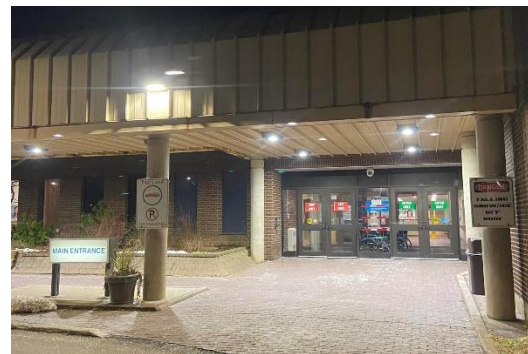


Photo 10. Pre-Incident planning at the BPHCC.



Photo 11. Our Apparatus Bay received a much-needed upgrade.



Photo 12. Pre-Incident planning at the Marystown Hotel.



Photo 13. Pre-Incident planning at the Marystown Hotel.



Photo 14. Pre-Incident planning at Marbase.



Photo 15. Pre-Incident planning at Marbase.

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 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.

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