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MARCH NEWSLETTER

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
March 2020*

During March, the Marystown Fire Department held the Monthly Membership Meeting, assisted with a school program, attended training, completed maintenance and inventory, conducted training, adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic, and responded to emergency calls.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during March: Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization. Training activities were suspended as of March 16th due to COVID-19 prevention.

Firefighters were at Sacred Heart Academy each morning, March 3rd to 5th, assisting with the Breakfast Program. It is always our pleasure to support such an important program for our children at the beginning of their school days!

Fire Chief Alex Coady and Captain Justin Bolt attended a National Fire Protection Association(NFPA) 101 - Life Safety Code Seminar in St. John's on Tuesday, March 3rd. The seminar provided an overview and the updates on the latest edition of the Life Safety Code for fire, building and construction officials.

Our Department adapted to the COVID-19(coronavirus) pandemic this month. Preparedness during the public health emergency included implementing procedures with precautions for operations and emergency response. In cooperation with the Town of Marystown's decision to close Town owned buildings, the Fire Hall was closed to the public from the evening of March 16th onward. At that time, regular training, meetings and activity at the Fire Hall was suspended until further notice. In regards to emergency response, all calls for service through 911/279-1333 will continue as always, but with our Officers and Firefighters taking increased prevention measures to mitigate contact with the virus. The day-to-day internal operations of the Fire Department will continue through this time too, through shared efforts of Fire Chief Alex Coady and the Officers.

On Wednesday, March 25th at 8:10AM, we were notified of a Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) on Route 210 – the Grand Bank Highway, near the Winterland intersection. Before units were dispatched from the Fire Hall, notification was

received that Fire Department assistance was not required and we stood down.

Again on Wednesday, March 25th at 5:42PM, we received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation on Main Road, Jean de Baie. Before units were dispatched, the response was cancelled following notification that the activation was a false alarm.

Updates on the Show Your Ride and Demolition Derby events scheduled for this summer, along with our 2020 Junior Firefighter Program will follow at a later date.



Picture 1. Breakfast Program at Sacred Heart Academy



Picture 2. NFPA 101 Seminar



Picture 3. Breakfast Program at Sacred Heart Academy

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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