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## **JUNE NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department  
June 2020*

In the month of June, we shared the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) launch of the 2020 Fire Prevention week theme, continued operations based on our COVID-19 plan, completed maintenance and inventory drills, conducted training, responded to emergency calls, thanked a departing member, promoted a clean community, and observed Municipal Awareness Day.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during June: Equipment and Vehicle re-Familiarization, online reviews in Ladder Operations, Thermal Imaging, Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI) and Critical Incident Stress Management, Basic Life Support/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) re-certification and Driver-Operator.

The National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) announced the theme for this year on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" As many things are happening virtually due to the current pandemic, we shared the announcement over our social media accounts for our community. While Fire Prevention Week this year will likely be different when it comes to events, we encourage you to follow us for updates as it approaches and during the week of October 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. Remember that Fire Prevention is an everyday activity!

In June our Department continued operations based on our COVID-19 (Coronavirus) plan, but with some adjustments. In-person Drills resumed the first week of June on a bi-weekly basis, with assigned nights for crews and adherence to measures from public health officials. Every other week, online training distributions continued. The Fire Hall remains closed to the public and activity remains limited at the Fire Hall. In regards to emergency response, all calls for service through 911/279-1333 continue as regular, but with our Officers and Firefighters taking increased prevention measures to mitigate contact with the virus.

Our Firefighters take considerable pride in our community and we are proud to be a supporter of the Town of Marystown's Anti-Litter Campaign. Let's all work together to keep Marystown clean and beautiful!

On Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:49PM, we received notification of a 2-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) on Route 210 – The Grand Bank Highway near Dicks' Head. 5 Officers and 6 Firefighters responded to the scene with Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, it was determined that Fire Department assistance was not required, we stood down and all incoming Firefighters were notified. Marystown Ambulance and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) also attended to the scene.

On Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:26AM, we received notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 2 Harris Drive. Upon arrival of a couple Officers at the YMCA, the alarm system was showing normal and it was confirmed there was no need for further response. All incoming Firefighters were notified and stood down.

We would like to thank Mike Power for his service to our Department and the community. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors!

On Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:33PM, we were notified of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 1 Columbia Drive. We responded to Sacred Heart Academy with Unit #1 and Engine #3 and upon arrival of the first units, the activation was confirmed to be a false alarm. Rescue #4 stood down and incoming Firefighters were notified.

Municipal Awareness Day was different this year than in past years, as it was celebrated virtually like many other events which continued during the pandemic. On Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, we took the opportunity to thank our Town Council, management, staff and volunteers for their services to our community. We also appreciate their continued support of our Fire Department!

*\*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](http://www.marystownvolunteerfiredept.com), or you can also visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MystVolFireDept](http://www.facebook.com/MystVolFireDept) and Twitter @MYSTVolFireDept.\**

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