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## **APRIL 2023** **NEWSLETTER**

During April, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department continued educating the community and fire safety contests, responded to numerous calls for service, held the Monthly Membership Meeting, acknowledged a past member for their service, opened the application period for the Junior Firefighter Program, conducted several training activities, continued recruitment efforts, recognized Volunteer Week, prepared for upcoming fundraising activities, and participated in a MOCK emergency training exercise.

The Department's training this month included: Smokehouse scenarios with Searches and Fire Attack, Forcible Entry, Ventilation, Powerline Hazards, Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR recertification, Vehicle Extrication, completion of the Defensive Firefighting and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) courses plus NFPA 1001 Firefighter level I skills for a crew, Scene Lighting, Rope Rescue, Driver-Operator, and Ropes and Knots.

On Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:46AM, we responded to a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 3 Columbia Drive, Marystown Arena. Upon the arrival of Engine #3, the activation was confirmed as a false alarm by the Assistant Chief, Ladder #1, Rescue #4 and all incoming Firefighters stood down.

Also on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we held our Monthly Membership Meeting. We would like to acknowledge the past service of Shawn Allen to our organization and the community, all the best in your future endeavors!

The application period for our Junior Firefighter Program is now open. Interested Grade 10-12 students are invited to visit our social media for the online application link. The Program is tentatively scheduled to start in September.

Firefighters spent the Monday evening Training Drill on April 10<sup>th</sup> running through Smokehouse scenarios, Forcible Entry, Ventilation and Powerline Hazards.

On Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:56AM, we responded to a Chimney Fire off Columbia Drive. 3 Officers and 14 Firefighters responded with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, Firefighters extinguished the fire and cleared the structure. Marystown Ambulance also attended to the scene. We stood down at 8:53AM and returned to the Fire Hall.

We are continuing to accept applications for new members until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in joining are asked to visit the Fire Hall or our website for an application. Thank you to current members who were involved in any way with the creation of our latest recruitment video – awesome work!

The winner of the monthly Fire Safety Contest was announced on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The winner was Braelyn Rose who did an excellent job with their colouring sheet. The Department would like to thank everyone for their submissions!

Thank you to all the employers who allow our incredible volunteer Firefighters to take time away from their work to protect our community – much appreciated!

Firefighters headed to the Training Grounds for a great Saturday of training, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Firefighters were involved in Defensive Firefighting, SCBA and Firefighter level I skills training sessions.

Volunteer Week - "Volunteering weaves us together" took place the week on April 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to our team and all community volunteers for everything you do each and every day!

On Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:31PM, we responded to a Grass Fire behind a residence on

Ville Marie Drive. Firefighters were able to contain and extinguish the fire quickly. 4 Officers and 15 Firefighters answered the call, Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 attended to the scene, while Ladder #1 was stood down with a stand-by crew. We cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall at 3:55PM.

At the Monday evening Training Drill on April 17<sup>th</sup>, groups of Firefighters were involved in Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR Recertification, Vehicle Extrication, and Defensive Firefighting skills training.

Firefighters were at the Training Grounds again on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to practice Defensive Firefighting, SCBA and Firefighter Level 1 skills once again. Keep up the great work - thank you to all involved for your commitment and dedication to our community!

On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:44PM, responded to a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) on Creston Boulevard. 6 Officers and 17 Firefighters answered the call, Unit #1, Engine #3, and Rescues #4 and #6 attended to the scene, while a stand-by crew staffed the Fire Hall. On scene, we assisted Marystown Ambulance and conducted traffic control. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) also attended to the scene. We stood down and returned to the Fire Hall at 3:49PM.

We will be hosting a Car Wash fundraiser on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> (Alternate date: May 7<sup>th</sup>) from 10AM-2PM. Come out and support your local Fire Department through in-kind donations, your generosity is always appreciated!

On Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:45AM, we responded to a Fire Alarm activation at 180-190 Ville Marie Drive, Marystown Hotel. Upon arrival of Engine #3, the Fire Chief advised the Department to stand down after confirming it was a false alarm. Ladder #1 and Rescue #4 stood down. 4 Officers and 8 Firefighters answered the call.

At the April 24<sup>th</sup> Monday Training Drill, crews of Firefighters participated in Smokehouse scenarios, Rope Rescue, Driver-Operator and Ropes/Knots training.

On Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:41PM, we responded to a Smell of Smoke in a residence on Ville Marie Drive. 5 Officers and 11

Firefighters answered the call, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 attended the scene, and Ladder #1 was stood down. We cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall at 2:02PM.

On April 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:47AM, just prior to the MOCK Emergency Training, we responded to Report of Fire/Smoke at 95 Ville Marie Drive, Marystown Mall. 5 Officers and 12 Firefighter attended to the scene with Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, Firefighters isolated the incident and confirmed no further issues. We cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall at 9:00AM.

The Department participated in the Town of Marystown's Emergency Training Exercise on April 27<sup>th</sup>, which was a large fire that led to a forest fire. It was great working with our emergency and community partners throughout the day. Thank you to all involved in this emergency preparedness event and those who work to keep our communities safe everyday!

On Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:52PM, we responded to a MVA on Route 220, Black Brook. 5 Officers and 15 Firefighters answered the call, Unit #1 and Engine #2 attended to the scene. Upon arrival of the first Officer, it was confirmed our assistance was not required. Ladder #1, Rescue #4, incoming Firefighters and the stand-by crew stood down. Marystown Ambulance and the RCMP also attended to the scene.



**Photo 1.** Firefighters practice Forcible Entry.



**Photo 2.** Firefighters practicing Ventilation at the Training Grounds.



**Photo 3.** Response to a Chimney Fire off Columbia Drive.



**Photo 9.** Response to a Grass Fire on Ville Marie Drive.



**Photo 4.** Firefighters entering the Smokehouse for SCBA and Fire Attack training.



**Photo 10.** Firefighters practicing Defensive Firefighting skills.



**Photo 5.** Firefighters practicing Ropes and Knots, plus using ladders.



**Photo 11.** Firefighters completing BLS CPR Recertification.



**Photo 6.** Firefighters attacking a simulated structure fire at the Training Grounds.



**Photo 12.** Firefighters practicing Vehicle Extrication skills.



**Photo 7.** Firefighters practicing Vehicle Fire attack.



**Photo 13.** Firefighters practicing in another skills training day.



**Photo 8.** Firefighters are seen decontaminating after spending time in the Smokehouse and a Vehicle Fire.



**Photo 14.** Response to a MVA on Creston Boulevard.



**Photo 15.** Driver-Operator training at a Monday evening Drill.



**Photo 21.** Response to a MVA in Black Brook.



**Photo 16.** Smokehouse scenarios on a Drill Night.



**Photo 17.** Rope Rescue training.



**Photo 18.** Firefighters practicing scenarios in the Smokehouse.



**Photo 19.** Response to a Smell of Smoke on Ville Marie Drive.



**Photo 20.** Participation in a MOCK Disaster Response.

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

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