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FEBRUARY 2023 **NEWSLETTER**

In February 2023, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department continued to educate the public on safety, attended emergency calls and calls for service, promoted our heritage, held our Monthly Membership Meeting, received community support, conducted training in a multitude of topics, welcomed a new Recruit, supported the community and hosted a Regional Training Course.

The Department's training activities in February consisted of Ice-Water Rescue and Hovercraft Operations, First Aid practical skills, Chimney Fire Response, Traffic Control, SCBA Familiarization, Orientation, Onboarding, Driver-Operator, Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Municipal Code of Conduct. Firefighters also conducted Pre-Incident Planning at Marystown Central High School (MCHS) and Sacred Heart Academy (SHA).

On Thursday, February 2nd at 3:16PM, the Department responded to a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) on McGettigan Boulevard in the KFC parking lot. 4 Officers and 9 Firefighters answered the call. Ladder #1 and Rescue #4 attended the scene, Engine #3 was assigned to stand-by at the Fire Hall. Firefighters provided assistance as required at the scene. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and Marystown Ambulance also attended to the scene.

We continued promotion of our heritage during February and participated online in the NL Heritage Week. We invite the public to view our social media, website and/or Museum to learn more about our past.

On Sunday, February 5th at 1:59AM, the Department responded to a Public Assistance Request on Greenwood Street. Unit #1 responded to the call, while other units were kept on stand-by. The Public Works Department also attended the location. We cleared the scene at 2:20AM.

At 3:21AM the same morning, the Department responded to a commercial Fire Alarm Activation at Walmart on McGettigan Boulevard. 6 Officers and 6 Firefighters responded to the location with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4, Ladder #1 was assigned to stand-by at the Fire Hall. Once on scene, Firefighters mitigated the issue and cleared the scene at 4:32AM.

Later on February 5th at 4:57PM, the Department responded to a commercial establishment on McGettigan Boulevard due to a Report of Smoke in

the building. 5 Officers and 18 Firefighters responded to Brandon's Auto with Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Firefighters were able to locate the source of the smoke and mitigated the issue. We cleared the scene at 6PM. The RCMP also attended to the scene.

Thank you to Kayla Coady and the participants of the Christmas Cheer All Year for their kind donation to our Department. We greatly appreciate the continued support of the public! This donation was accepted at our Monthly Meeting on February 6th.

The Department continued with the safety contest again this month. This month's challenge was to check your smoke alarms. Smoke alarms are a great tool in the early warning of a fire. The winner for the February contest was Denika Ward! A big thank you to Home Hardware for continuing to sponsor the contest and the public for participating.

On Wednesday, February 8th at 4:09PM, the Department responded to a Hazardous Materials Incident on McGettigan Boulevard at the Water Treatment site. 6 Officers and 13 Firefighters responded to the incident with Unit #1, Engine #3, and Rescues #4 & #6. Once on scene, Firefighters mitigated the issue and cleared the scene around 5:10PM.

Firefighters spent the morning of Sunday, February 12th on the ice of Linton Lake training for Ice-Water Rescue. It was a beautiful morning for the exercises and the Firefighters enjoyed the hands-on training. The Department's hovercraft was also in use for the drills. With the sudden changes in temperature that Newfoundland is experiencing this winter, this training is more valuable than ever as the ice conditions continue to change. Please be safe out there this winter!

On February 13th, the Department's drill night was a review in First Aid Practical Skills and Chimney Fire Response. Firefighters practiced removing an injured person from a vehicle, patient care and packaging, then were joined by Marystown Ambulance. The crew with Marystown Ambulance allowed the Firefighters to tour an ambulance and spoke on how we can best help each other on emergency scenes. The Firefighters concluded the evening with a short refresher on Chimney Fire operations.

Thank you to the Public Works Department for their snow removal efforts and always being there to

support us in any way possible, your efforts are much appreciated! We would also like to thank the public who have been assisting with fire hydrant clearing too!

The Maintenance staff from the Marystown Hotel and Convention Centre visited the Fire Hall on Friday, February 17th. The staff received training from the Fire Prevention Committee on how to properly use fire extinguishers and discussed fire safety in their workplace. Thank you for your commitment to fire safety!

On Saturday, February 18th at 9:20PM, the Department responded to a Vehicle Fire on Forest Road. 5 Officers and 12 Firefighters responded to the call with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Firefighters quickly suppressed the fire upon arrival on scene. The RCMP also attended the scene. We cleared the scene around 10:20PM.

On February 20th, Firefighters completed Pre-Incident Planning at MCHS and SHA. Thank you to the staff who were glad to guide the crews through the buildings and advise what precautions were in place in case of a fire. Other Firefighters spent the evening in Traffic Control training, SCBA familiarization, Orientation and Onboarding. The Department also welcomed its newest recruit Josh Hodder who we all look forward to working with in the future!

A crew of Firefighters were happy to lend a hand and chaperone at the Youth Drop-In Night hosted by the Merge and YMCA Youth Transitions Program. Kudos to both groups on this monthly event, it was nice to see so many youth enjoying themselves!

Saturday, February 25th was a busy day at the Marystown Fire Hall, We hosted 34 Firefighters from around the Burin Peninsula for Alternative Fuel Vehicle training. Evan Cox from the Clarendville Fire Department led the training in this growing aspect of the automotive industry and taught the Firefighters how to properly deal with emergencies involving an alternative fuel vehicle. TakeChargeNL and Drive Electric NL both brought fully electric cars and allowed the Firefighters to familiarize themselves with the vehicles. Thank you to all involved in the training, along with our community partners McDonald's and Braxton Suites for your support too!

On February 27th the Department's Firefighters spent their Monday night Training Drill reviewing the new Municipal Code of Conduct. The Department always strives to act professionally and respectfully. This training is part of a new province-wide training requirement for municipalities.



Photo 1. MVA at KFC Parking Lot.



Photo 2. Responding to an Alarm Activation.



Photo 3. Attending to a Report of Smoke.



Photo 4. Ice-Water Rescue Training.



Photo 5. Hovercraft Operations Training.



Photo 9. Vehicle Fire on Forest Fire.



Photo 6. First Aid and Ambulance Familiarization.



Photo 10. SCBA Familiarization.



Photo 7. First Aid Practical Training.



Photo 11. Pre-Planning at SHA.



Photo 8. Fire Extinguisher Training with the Marystown Hotel maintenance crew.



Photo 12. Fire Chief Bolt supporting Pink Shirt Day.



Photo 13. Firefighters helping at the Merge's Youth Drop-In.

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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Photo 14. Alternative Fuel Vehicle Training.



Photo 15. Alternative Fuel Vehicle Training.



Photo 16. Alternative Fuel Vehicle Training.