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SEPTEMBER **NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
September 2020*

In the month of September, we resumed Monthly Membership Meetings, acknowledged community support, began recruitment of new members, attended training, responded to emergency calls, observed days of reflection, completed maintenance and inventory, conducted training, received a donation, supported a regional event, welcomed a new recruit, and prepared for the upcoming Fire Prevention Week.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during September: Vehicle and equipment familiarization, Driver–Operator, Smokehouse Scenarios with Searches, Rapid Intervention, Emergency Egress, Fire Attack, Accountability and Incident Safety Officer assignments, Pump Operations, Hose Lays, Hose Loads, Vehicle Fire, Rope Rescue, Scene Lighting.

Thank you to Pizza Delight for their thoughtful gesture for our Firefighters this past month, it was greatly appreciated by all!

Are you interested in joining our team? We are accepting applications for new members. Please visit the Applications and Forms page on our website to complete and submit yours!

In conjunction with the National Fire Protection Association(NFPA), the Fire Services Division of Justice and Public Safety offered a Fire Prevention Week webinar on Wednesday, September 9th. The webinar focused on planning and resources for the upcoming annual week-long campaign, amidst the different times of the pandemic. Fire Prevention Chairperson Jordan Hannam and Public Relations Justin Bolt attended the session with fire service members from across the province.

On Thursday, September 10th at 2:13PM, we received an Assistance Request from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP) on Route 220 – the Highway to Burin. An Officer and a crew of Firefighters attended the scene with Unit #1 and provided support for a piece of heavy equipment which had a leak. The crew returned to the Fire Hall around 3:00PM, and the RCMP remained on scene at that time.

We took moments to reflect and remember in September – 9/11 which was 19 years ago and the annual Firefighters' National Memorial Day. Every year on 9/11, we pause to remember all the Firefighters, first responders and the public who were affected by that terrible tragedy in 2001 south of the border. In Canada, the second Sunday of September is always recognized as Firefighters' National Memorial Day, a day to honour the brave Firefighters who have given their lives in the service to us all. We commemorate their courage, selflessness and unwavering commitment to serving our communities!

On Tuesday, September 15th at 2:05AM, we received notification of a Vehicle Fire on Marine Drive. 5 Officers and 13 Firefighters responded to the scene with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 where a vehicle was ablaze. Upon arrival, we initiated a fire attack and the blaze was quickly extinguished. We returned to the Fire Hall around 3AM and the RCMP also attended to the scene.

On Wednesday, September 16th at 10:05PM, we received notification of a fire at the Burin Peninsula Regional Waste Management site off Route 210 in Jean de Baie. 1 Officer and 5 Firefighters were dispatched to the Landfill initially with Unit #1 and Engine #2, and crews rotated through the incident which lasted into the next afternoon. We were backed up by our neighboring department in Burin, and Brenton Group supplied a water truck for water shuttling. All agencies worked together in a coordinated effort with the Waste Management site's team to bring the blaze under control and contained. The RCMP and the Department of Forestry also attended to the scene. We would like to thank the Burin Fire Department, Brenton Group and all involved or supported us!

While a crew was still on scene at the regional landfill site, notification was received at 11:04AM for a commercial Fire Alarm activation – 1 Columbia Drive, Sacred Heart Academy. Upon the arrival of Engine #3, the activation was confirmed as a false alarm and we cancelled the response. Unit #1 and Rescue #4 stood down.

On Friday, September 18th at 3:10PM, we received notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 15 School Road, Marystown Central High School. 2 Officers and 4 Firefighters responded with Engine #3 and Rescue #4, but upon the arrival of Engine #3 the activation was deemed to be false. All incoming Firefighters were notified and the response was cancelled.

On Friday, September 25th at 2:09PM, we received notification of a Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) on Ville Marie Drive. 5 Officers and 5 Firefighters responded with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4, but upon arrival, Fire Department assistance was not required. All incoming Firefighters were notified and we returned to the Fire Hall.

At noon on September 28th, representatives of the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board, Mayor Synard and members of the Town Council stopped by the Fire Hall for a donation presentation. Mr. Harold Murphy, Chairperson of the Regional Service Board, presented Fire Chief Alex Coady with a donation of \$5,000 in recognition of firefighting efforts at the regional waste site in mid-September. The funds will be allocated for the purchase of a new 20 horsepower(HP) portable pump. Thank you to the Regional Service Board for the generous donation!

The Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation (BPHCF) Annual Radiothon took place on Monday, September 28th. As always, our members were proud to support the annual event with a donation in support of ongoing projects at health care facilities in the region.

Welcome to new Recruit Derrick Hodder, we look forward to working with you!

Fire Prevention Week is coming up in early October, but it will be different than past years due to the current pandemic. We will be busy promoting fire prevention through messaging and other outreach initiatives. We hope you will join us in promoting and improving fire safety in our community!



Picture 1. Vehicle Fire on Marine Drive



Picture 2. Landfill Fire in Jean de Baie



Picture 3. Smokehouse Scenarios



Picture 4. Donation from the Regional Service Board



Picture 5. Rope Rescue Training



Picture 6. Vehicle Fire Training

Upcoming Events:

* Sunday, October 4th, 2020 - Fire Prevention Week Community Parade beginning at 2PM from the Fire Hall and continuing through the community(More details to follow on our social media).

* Saturday, October 17th, 2020 - Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive from 11AM to 3PM at the Columbia Drive Shopping Plaza Parking Lot following COVID regulations(More details to follow on our social media).

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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