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MARCH NEWSLETTER

***Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
March 2018***

In March of 2018, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department conducted the Monthly Meeting, conducted training, responded to emergency calls, supported activities by the ladies auxiliary, hosted the Annual Meeting with the Town Council, welcomed a group for a visit, hosted a regional networking meeting, completed a Maintenance and Inventory Drill, conducted fundraising activities and planning, and continued recruitment of Junior Firefighters.

Our Department completed the following in-house training this month: Portable Fire Extinguishers, Ground Ladders, Pre-incident Planning at Kiewit Offshore Services' Cow Head Facility, Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, and annual recertification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

On Wednesday, March 14th at 11:21AM, the Fire Department received notification of a Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) on Route 220 - the Highway to Burin, near the intersection with Charlotte Street and Greenwood Street. The Fire Department initiated a response with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. All units and incoming Firefighters were cancelled en route as it was determined that no Fire Department response was required. Marystown Ambulance and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP) attended to the scene of the single-vehicle accident.

On Friday, March 16th at 11:50AM, the Fire Department was alerted about a multi-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) at the intersection of Route 210 - the Grand Bank Highway and the Creston Causeway. 4 Officers and 8 Firefighters responded to the accident with Ladder #1 and Rescue #4. No extrication was required, however Firefighters assisted with scene clean-up and traffic control. Marystown Ambulance and the RCMP also responded to the scene.

Easter Bunny photo sessions were hosted by the Fire Wrens on Saturday, March 17th and Sunday, March 25th. This was the second year for our ladies auxiliary hosting such a fundraiser, and both sessions took place at the Peninsula Mall. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported them in making both of their fundraising activities a success, and the Peninsula Mall for their donation and use of their location!

On Saturday, March 17th at 1:05PM, the Fire Department was notified of a Pole Fire on Marine Drive, next to Aylward's apartment complex. 6 Officers and 12 Firefighters responded to the location with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. A crew stayed on location with Engine #3 to monitor and secure the scene until the arrival of Newfoundland Power. The Fire Department cleared the scene at 2:15PM.

Each year, the members of our Department and the Town Council gathers for a roundtable discussion, and it also provides an opportunity for us to review our activities in general or raise concerns and issues. We hosted the Annual Meeting with our Town Council on Monday, March 19th. The Fire Department extends a sincere thank you to Mayor Synard, Councilors, and Management Staff for taking the time to meet with us - we appreciate you working with us and for the continued support in our efforts serving our community and the surrounding area!

We were delighted to host the 2nd Burin-Marystown Girl Guides Group at our Fire Hall for a visit last month. The group was given a lesson on fire prevention and safety on the evening of Wednesday, March 21st. Following the lesson, they were brought on a tour of the Fire Hall that included viewing our fire trucks and equipment. The girls were very knowledgeable on fire safety, and we would like to thank them for visiting us!

Our Department welcomed Officers of Fire Departments from around our area for a networking meeting on the afternoon of Sunday, March 25th. The purpose of the meeting was for the Officers of the Departments to meet one another, network and discuss a number of topics such as emergency responses and training. Another session is planned for late June. Thank you to the Departments who participated in the meeting!

The Muscular Dystrophy Committee is selling tickets for the Atlantic Firefighter Raffle in support of those affected by the neuromuscular disorder! Tickets are \$20 each and are available from Committee Chairperson Justin Green, with the draw date scheduled for Tuesday, July 17th. Thank you to everyone who supports the initiatives undertaken by our Department to fundraise for the cause!

A limited number of tickets remain for our Annual "Grand in EACH Hand" ticket sale in support of the Burin Peninsula Cancer Relay for Life. Tickets can be purchased by contacting any Firefighter at a cost of \$10 each. Someone will be the lucky winner on Sunday, June 17th, 2018, with the announcement to be made on Facebook! The Annual Burin Peninsula Cancer Relay for Life is Saturday, June 23rd at the Marystown Track and Field Complex. We appreciate your support with this annual fundraiser!

Our 12th Annual Demolition Derby is on Sunday, August 5th! In preparation for the Derby, we are looking for cars you no longer use and would like to donate. We are also looking for drivers for the Derby(Driver's license required). If you have a car to donate or you're interested in driving a car, please contact the Fire Hall at (709)279-2226 or Colin Farewell at (709)277-5428!

We are continuing with recruitment and planning for the 2018 Junior Firefighter Program, scheduled to start in September. Are you, or do you know, someone who is interested in firefighting? The program is open to local high school students who will be attending Grade 11 or 12, and it is an opportunity to experience what we do(except responding to emergency calls). The Junior Firefighters have a designated drill night each week for the duration, and assists the Department with other events and support as requested. Applications are available at the Fire Hall or on our website under the Applications and Forms page. Completed applications can be dropped off to the Town Hall(addressed to the Fire Department) or emailed to justinbolt11@hotmail.com. A recruitment session is scheduled for Marystown Central High School on Friday, April 27th during the recess and lunch times. We will be setup in the hallway of the school, so stop by and have a chat with us about the opportunity. Keep following our Facebook, Twitter and Website for updates related to the program!

Take a look back at the history of the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department by visiting our History/Gerard J. Kelly Memorial Firefighters Heritage Museum page on our website, <http://www.marystownvolunteerfiredept.com/history>, or stop by & visit the Museum sometime!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * **April 2018** - Participation in the Town of Marystown's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event.
- * **Friday, April 27th, 2018** - Junior Firefighter Recruitment for Grade 11 and 12 students at Marystown Central High School during recess and lunch times. If you are going to grade 11 or 12 in September & interested in our program, stop by for a chat!
- * **Friday, April 27th to Sunday, April 29th and Saturday, May 5th to Sunday, May 6th, 2018** - Training Opportunity: The Marystown Fire Department will be hosting NFPA 1001 - Firefighter Level I -

Module I(Theory) training. The training will be split over two(2) weekends. It will start Friday, April 27th at 6PM, & continue Saturday, April 28th to Sunday, April 29th. Training will resume Saturday, May 5th until Sunday, May 6th. The training will start at 8:30AM each Saturday & Sunday at the Marystown Fire Hall. Firefighters interested in this training must fax their application to Fire & Emergency Services - (709)729-2524, & must have the Essentials of Firefighting - 6th Edition. For further information, please contact Jordan Hannam - (709)277-6111.



Picture 1. Portable Fire Extinguisher Training



Picture 2. The Fire Wrens Easter Pictures



Picture 3. Pole Fire on Marine Drive



Picture 4. Annual Meeting with the Town Council



Picture 5. Girl Guides Group Visit



Picture 6. Networking Meeting for Officers

To schedule a demonstration, presentation or tour, call us at (709)279-2226 or email marystownfiredept@nf.aibn.com

****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 1 Ladder Truck(Ladder #1), 2 Pumpers(Engine's #2 & #3), 2 Rescue Vehicles(Rescue's #4 & #6), 1 Pick-up Truck(Mobile #5), 1 SUV, 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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