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JULY NEWSLETTER

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
July 2020*

In the seventh month of 2020, we recognized Canada Day/Memorial Day, began the duty schedule for the summer, continued operations based on our COVID-19 plan, responded to emergency calls, conducted training, completed annual fire hose testing, welcomed a returnee and thanked a departing member for their service, assisted the Recreation Department with facility maintenance, and postponed our Junior Firefighter Program.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during July: Pump Operations, Fire Hose Loads, Fire Hose Appliances, Fire Hydrant Operations, Ladder Operations, Driver-Operator, Hovercraft Operations, Ground Ladders, and Fire Streams.

As Canada Day was celebrated virtually this year, we supported the Town of Marystown's virtual celebrations and efforts on July 1st. Thank you to the organizers and great work by all who participated. We are proud of our province and nation and we always take time to remember those who have sacrificed so much for us over the years. Thank you to those continuing to serve for us abroad and at home today!

Our summer Weekend Duty schedule came into effect the first weekend of July. The schedule is comprised of five(5) teams who rotate and cover two(2) weekends each during the busy summer months. The schedule ensures there is adequate service coverage for our town at all times. Thank you to our Firefighters for your commitment to the residents and businesses of the Town of Marystown!

Our Department continued operations based on the COVID-19(Coronavirus) plan in July, but with more adjustments. In-person Drills returned to the weekly schedule, with adherence to measures from public health officials. The Fire Hall remains closed to the public and activity remains limited in 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.

On Friday, July 3rd at 4:27PM, we were notified of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 51

Harris Drive. Upon arrival of Unit #1 and a couple Officers, the activation was confirmed to be a false alarm. Engine #3 and Rescue #4 stood down and all incoming Firefighters were notified.

Again on Friday, July 3rd at 5:12PM, we were requested by Collins' Ambulance to provide assistance at 18 Dinah's Road. 1 Officer and 3 Firefighters responded to the location to aid the ambulance personnel as needed - additional Firefighters were notified and stood down.

Welcome back to Firefighter Gage Gillingham, who returned to our Department this month. We look forward to working with you again! At this time we would also like to thank Mike Nordby for his service to our Department, we wish you all the best!

On Friday, July 24th at 5:56PM, we received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 498 Ville Marie Drive. We responded to the location with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4, but upon arrival of an Officer, the activation was confirmed as a false alarm and all incoming Firefighters were cancelled. We stood down and returned to the Fire Hall.

On Friday, July 31st at 3:45PM, we were notified of a two-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) at the McGettigan Boulevard-Harris Drive Intersection. We responded with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4, but upon arrival of the first units on scene, it was determined our assistance was not required and all incoming Firefighters were notified. We stood down and returned to the Fire Hall. Marystown Ambulance and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP) also attended to the scene.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department is committed to providing a comprehensive and safe Junior Firefighter Program, however for this September we have made the decision to postpone our program due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We realize that this decision is disappointing to our applicants, but it is made with your safety in mind. We are committed to resuming the program when conditions make it possible and we will be in contact with the applicants at that time. Thank you to our community members for your continued

support. Keep following our Facebook, Twitter and Website for updates related to the program!



Picture 1. Annual hose testing and associated training



Picture 2. Ladder Operations Training



Picture 3. Hovercraft Operations Training



Picture 4. Pump Operations and Fire Streams Training



Picture 5. Pump Operations and Associated Training

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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