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FEBRUARY **NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
February 2022*

During the month of February, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department had members attend virtual training, continued public education and messaging, responded to emergency calls along with other calls for service, held our Annual General Meeting and elections, hosted the monthly Fire Safety contest, congratulated the Fire Wrens following their Annual General Meeting and elections, completed maintenance and inventory, promoted our heritage on Heritage Day, and conducted training.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during February: Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, Powerline Hazards, Ice-Water Rescue Technician, Patient Care, Hovercraft Operations, Driver-Operator, Pump Operations, and began Firefighter Level I theory with the Introduction to the Fire Service and Firefighter Safety.

We had members attend a virtual session from the Newfoundland and Labrador Alzheimer Society about First Responder Awareness on Wednesday, February 2nd. Thank you to the Society for providing this opportunity!

On Friday, February 4th at 4:19AM, we received notification of an ATV Accident on Hillview Heights in Little Bay. 6 Officers and 15 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Rescue #4 and Rescue #6. Upon arrival on scene, Firefighters assisted Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Once EMS cleared the scene, all units returned to the Fire Hall around 5:10AM. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) also attended the scene.

Firefighters gathered for the Annual General Meeting and elections for 2022 on Monday evening, February 7th. Following the completion of regular Department business, elections were held for the Executive, Committee Chairpersons and the Liaison. The Executive, Committee Chairpersons and the Liaison for the coming year are as follows: Fire Department Chairperson – Chris Emmink, Treasurer/Firefighter Assistance - Terry Price, Secretary/Policy and Changes – Rebecca Soper, Public Relations – Jordan Hannam, Fire Prevention

– Justin Green, Fire Department Events – Mark Coady, Fire Hall and Training Grounds – Justin Nolan, Muscular Dystrophy - Walter Vallis, Fundraising – Tyson Power, Heritage - Jerry Hanrahan, Junior Firefighters - Paul Snook, and Liaison for the Firefighters – Mark Coady. Congratulations to all members who have accepted new positions or are returning to positions they held previously, and thank you to those who have previously served with commitment and dedication to an elected position(s). We look forward to serving you, the public, again this year!

On Wednesday, February 9th at 5:00PM, we received notification of a Structure Fire in a wooded area off Dunphy's Road. 6 Officers and 16 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3, Rescue #4 and Mobile #5. Firefighters were assisted by the general public with the use of ATV's to access the scene. Once on scene, our members found a fully-involved cabin fire. With no nearby water source and no risk to any other property the decision was made to take a defensive approach. Firefighters got to work clearing trees around the cabin so the fire would not spread and controlled the area until there was no more risk to the public. Once clear, all units returned to the Fire Hall around 7PM. The RCMP and Marystown Ambulance also attended the scene.

On Sunday, February 13th at 4:59AM, we received notification of a Vehicle Fire on McGettigan Boulevard near Mooring Cove. 5 Officers and 12 Firefighters answered the call and we responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4, Ladder #1 remained on stand-by at the Fire Hall with a crew. Once on scene, Firefighters made quick work knocking down and extinguishing a fully-involved car fire. After overhaul operations were completed, all units cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall around 6AM. The RCMP and Marystown Ambulance also attended the scene.

Our auxiliary, the Fire Wrens, met on Tuesday, February 15th for their Annual General Meeting and elections for 2022. Congratulations to the Fire Wrens Executive for the current year:

President - Victoria Bolt, Vice-President - Makaila Farrell, Secretary - Stephanie Keating, Treasurer - Geraldine Martin, and Public Relations – Peggy Clarke. Wrens members also include Nicole Keating, Kyla Nolan, Jessica Vallis, Jennifer Shave, Audrey Mallay, Samantha Nichol, Kristen Dicks, and Keshia Beck. We look forward to working with all of you and thank you for your awesome support to our Department year after year! Check out the Fire Wrens website page, under the About tab on our website, for their history and more. They're also on Facebook - Marystown Fire Wrens and Twitter - @MYSTFireWrens!

Last month's Fire Prevention Contest asked the public to tell us some items to keep out of children's reach to help prevent a fire or injury. Congratulations to Caterina Fizzard on being selected as this month's winner. Thank you to all participants!

On Wednesday, February 16th at 1:36PM, we received notification of a multi-Vehicle Accident on McGettigan Boulevard. 3 Officers and 7 Firefighters responded with Ladder #1, Engine #3, and Rescue #4. Upon arrival on scene of the 2-vehicle accident, Firefighters completed traffic mitigation and assisted EMS. While on scene, another traffic incident occurred and was attended to. Once EMS cleared the scene all units returned to the Fire Hall around 2:30PM. The RCMP also attended the scene.

On Friday, February 18th at 6:32PM we received notification of a downed power line on Tolt Road. 5 Officers and 12 Firefighters answered the call and we responded with Unit #1 and Engine #3, Rescue #4 was on stand-by at the Fire Hall. Once Firefighters located the downed wire, we held the scene until Newfoundland Power arrived. Once cleared all units returned to the Fire Hall around 7PM. Additional calls for service were received and checked during the wind storm.

Our members are always busy maintaining our operations, facilities and equipment through maintenance, inspections, committee work and much more. Thank you all for your commitment and dedication to the community and the Department!

Heritage Day was recognized on Monday, February 21st and we were proud to promote our Heritage Museum and Memorial Monument. Please feel free to visit our Monument or the Gerard J. Kelly Memorial Firefighters Heritage Museum at any time!

The Maritime Fire Chiefs Association (MFCA) hosted a virtual session on training, titled Training for Failure, on Wednesday, February 23rd. We had Officers attend the enlightening

educational session and thank the association for the opportunity!

Many of our members participated in a practical Ice-Water Rescue training session on the morning of Saturday, February 26th. It was a beautiful, crisp winter morning but our Firefighters braved the cold to jump in the water for some great training! We also incorporated Hovercraft Operations into the session. Great Training and Excellent teamwork everyone!



Photo 1. ATV Accident on Hillview Heights.



Photo 2. Structure Fire behind Dunphy's Road.

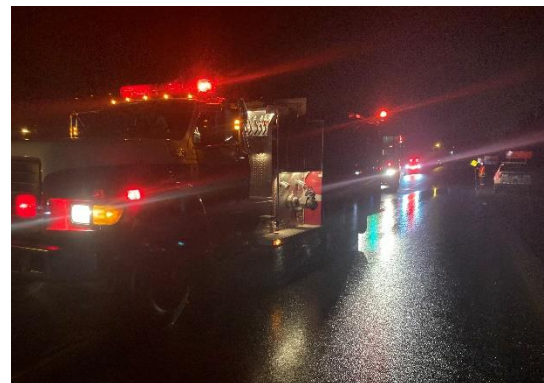


Photo 3. Vehicle Fire on McGettigan Boulevard.



Photo 4. MVA on McGettigan Boulevard.



Photo 8. Pump Operations Training.



Photo 5. Members repairing our Communications Building on the Tolt following wind damage.



Photo 6. Ice-Water Rescue Training.



Photo 7. Ice-Water Rescue 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) & 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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