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## **MARCH NEWSLETTER**

***Marystown Volunteer Fire Department  
March 2019***

In March 2019, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department responded to several emergency calls, held the Monthly Membership Meeting, completed an Equipment/Vehicle Maintenance and Inventory Drill, conducted training, carried out a pre-incident planning activity, improved the Firefighter Health and Safety Program, welcomed new recruits, assisted with a fire drill, hosted group visits, and carried out fundraising activities.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during March: Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, Pre-Incident Planning at Kiewit Offshore Services, Basic Life Support(BLS) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation(CPR)/Automatic External Defibrillator(AED) recertification, Bunker Gear Extractor and Dryer operation, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus(SCBA) Fill Station operation, Thermal Imaging and Gas Monitoring. We also continued with our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus(SCBA) fit testing program.

On Monday, March 4th at 12:48PM, the Fire Department received notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 15 School Road via an alarm monitoring company. While units and Firefighters were being dispatched to Marystown Central High School, Officers arrived on scene and confirmed the activation to be false. Engine #3 and all incoming Firefighters were notified and cancelled en route.

On Saturday, March 9th at 6:38PM, the Fire Department received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 15 Hollett's Road via an alarm monitoring company. 4 Officers and 11 Firefighters responded to the residence with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, nothing was visible and no one was at home at the time. When the homeowner arrived, it was confirmed the activation was a false alarm and we returned to the Fire Hall around 7:10PM.

On Tuesday, March 12th at 12:07AM, the Fire Department was notified of a Pole Fire on Main Street in Little Bay. 3 Officers and 9 Firefighters responded to the incident with Engine #2 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, the fire had burned out and there was a power outage in the area. Firefighters monitored the area until the arrival of Newfoundland Power shortly after, and returned to the Fire Hall around 1AM.

For the second call of the day on Tuesday, March 12th, the Fire Department was notified of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 15 Hollett's Road. The call was received at 11:22AM, but was cancelled shortly after as the homeowner confirmed the activation as a false alarm. Engine #3 and all incoming Firefighters were notified and cancelled en route.

On Wednesday, March 13th at 4:57PM, we received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 178 Marine Drive. The call was cancelled shortly after by an Officer who arrived on scene and confirmed the activation to be false. Engine #3 and all incoming Firefighters were notified and cancelled en route.

On Saturday, March 16th at 9:54AM, we were notified of a downed line on Greenwood Street. 5 Officers and 7 Firefighters answered the call, and Engine #3 responded to the location. Upon the arrival of Firefighters at the scene, it was confirmed the downed line was a cable line. The utility was contacted and the issue was addressed. Further response from the Fire Department was cancelled and Engine #3 returned to the Fire Hall.

On Sunday, March 17th at 9:16AM, the Fire Department received notification from a store in the Peninsula Mall on Columbia Drive that smoke was coming from their HVAC control unit. 3 Officers and 10 Firefighters responded to the Mall with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, the issue was found to be minor in nature and was addressed. The Fire Department cleared the scene at 9:35AM.

On Sunday, March 17th at 10:55PM, the Fire Department received our second call of the day. The call was a request to support the Baine Harbour Fire Department at a Structure Fire in Parker's Cove. 2 Officers and 4 Firefighters responded to the community north of Marystown with Engine #2 and Mobile #5, while a crew remained on stand-by in town. Upon arrival on scene, it was determined our assistance was not required as the Baine Harbour and St. Bernard's - Jacques Fontaine Fire Departments now had the fire under control. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP), Bay L'Argent Ambulance Service and Newfoundland Power also attended the scene. Our crews returned to the Fire Hall around 12:15AM.

The Fire Department recently received a Bunker Gear Extractor and Drying Unit as part of a project undertaken to improve the health and safety of our Firefighters. In conjunction with the provincial government through MHA Mark Browne, the Town of Marystown, the Lions Club, and the Fire Wrens, in addition to funds acquired through the support of the public, the Fire Department was successful in securing the funds required to make such an important investment. Firefighters come in contact with harmful contaminants on emergency scenes, and the acquired equipment extracts those contaminants from the Bunker Gear we wear. All parties who contributed to the purchase gathered to officially place the cleaning and drying units in service on Monday, March 25th. The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department sincerely appreciates the contributions of all involved groups and the general public - Thank you for your support of our Firefighter Health and Safety Program!

The Fire Department welcomed new recruits Gage Gillingham, Mike Nordby, and Tyson Power this month, along with returnee Terry Mallay. Welcome aboard gentlemen, we look forward to working with you!

Firefighters visited the Marystown Retirement Centre on Tuesday, March 26th to complete a Fire Drill with the staff and residents. Thank you for your commitment to fire safety!

We were delighted to host the Brownies and the Guides groups at our Fire Hall last month. Each group was given a lesson on fire prevention and safety on the evening of Thursday, March 28th. Following each lesson, they were given a tour of the Fire Hall that included viewing our fire trucks and equipment. The girls were very knowledgeable of fire safety and we would like to thank them for taking the time to visit us!

Our Annual "Grand in EACH Hand" ticket sale in support of the Burin Peninsula Cancer Relay for Life is back!! Tickets can be purchased by contacting Terry Price or any Firefighter at a cost of \$10 each. Someone will be the lucky winner on Sunday, June 16th, 2019, with the draw live on Facebook. The Burin Peninsula Cancer Relay for Life is Saturday, August 24th at the Marystown Track and Field Complex. We appreciate your support with this annual fundraiser!

Our 13th Annual Demolition Derby is on Sunday, August 4th! 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!

Are you, or do you know, someone who is interested in firefighting? Our Junior Firefighter Program is open to local high school students who will be attending Grade 11 or 12 in September, 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 of the program, and will assist 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 waydedclarke@msn.com. A recruitment session is scheduled for Marystown Central High School on Wednesday, April 17th during lunch time. 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 and visit the Museum sometime!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

\* **Saturday, April 6th to Sunday, April 7th, 2019** - Defensive Firefighting Course at the Marystown Fire Hall starting at 8:30AM each day. Applications must be forwarded to Fire and Emergency Services - NL.

\* **Wednesday, April 10th, 2019** - Participation in the Town of Marystown's Annual Volunteer Appreciation event.

\* **Saturday, April 13th to Sunday, April 14th, 2019** - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus(SCBA) Course at the Marystown Fire Hall starting at 8:30AM each day. Applications must be forwarded to Fire and Emergency Services - NL.



**Picture 1. Commercial Fire Alarm at the Peninsula Mall**



**Picture 2. Pre-Incident Planning at Kiewit Offshore Services**



**Picture 6. Guides Group visit to the Fire Hall**



**Picture 3. Presentation of the new Bunker Gear Extractor and Dryer**



**Picture 4. Fire Drill at the Marystown Retirement Centre**



**Picture 5. Brownie's Group visit to the Fire Hall**

**\*To schedule a demonstration, presentation or tour, call us at (709)279-2226 or email [marystownfiredept@nf.aibn.com](mailto: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](http://www.marystownvolunteerfiredept.com), or you can also visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MYSTVolFireDept](http://www.facebook.com/MYSTVolFireDept) and Twitter @MYSTVolFireDept.\***

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