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## **AUGUST NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department  
August 2020*

During August, we responded to emergency calls, recognized Marystown Day, completed maintenance and inventory, conducted training, helped out in the community, had annual servicing completed, and acknowledged a departing Firefighter for their service.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during August: Vehicle and Equipment familiarization, Hovercraft Operations, Water Rescue, Ladder Operations, Ground Ladders, Driver-Operator, Pump Operations, Vehicle Extrication, and Incident Safety Officer.

On Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:05AM, we received notification of a Pole Fire on Columbia Drive by the overpass. We responded with Unit #1 and Engine #3, but upon arrival of an officer on scene, the fire had burnt out and further response was cancelled. All incoming Firefighters were notified and Newfoundland Power arrived on scene at the same time. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP) also attended to the scene.

While Marystown Day, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, was different this year than past years, we still recognized the occasion and are proud to serve the community each and every day!

On Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:50PM, we received notification of a Recreational Vehicle(RV) Fire off Route 210 – The Grand Bank Highway near Newco Metals. 4 Officers and 8 Firefighters responded to the location with Unit #1, Engine #2, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, Firefighters were met with a fully engulfed, unoccupied travel trailer, but the fire was extinguished quickly. Following overhaul, we returned to the Fire Hall around 6:30PM. The RCMP and Marystown Ambulance also attended to the scene.

On August 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:12PM, we received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 111 Creston Boulevard. Upon arrival of Unit #1, the activation was confirmed as a false alarm and the response was cancelled. All incoming Firefighters were notified and stood down.

On Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:05AM, we received notification from an alarm monitoring service regarding a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 5 Harris Drive. However we were cancelled en route when the monitoring service

confirmed it was a false alarm. Unit #1 returned to the Fire Hall, and Engine #3 and Rescue #4 stood down.

On Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:39PM, we received notification of a Pole Fire on the Main Road in Beau Bois. 3 Officers and 8 Firefighters responded to the scene with Unit #1, Engine #2 and Rescue #4. A crew remained at the location until the arrival of Newfoundland Power and we stood down.

It's our priority to ensure our equipment is maintained and always ready for service. To that commitment, annual Ladder and Pump Servicing was completed on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Eastcan Fire Trucks!

On Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:42PM, we received a Mutual Aid request from the Burin Fire Department for a serious Commercial Fire on the Main Road in Salt Pond, Burin. 2 Officers and 6 Firefighters responded to the scrapyard fire at Rene's Auto Body with Engine #2 and Mobile #5, while Unit #1 was on support for the incident and a crew stood-by at our Hall. Upon arrival on scene, our Firefighters supported the Burin Fire Department with their fire suppression efforts. Firefighters from Winterland and Garnish supported the battle too, while a ground crew and Water Bomber was also called in from Forestry for assistance. When the fire was knocked down significantly around 11PM, our crew stood down and returned to the Fire Hall. The cooperation and teamwork of the Fire Departments, Forestry, the RCMP, the Ambulance Service and Eastern Health, Salvation Army and other agencies was outstanding – great work by all, especially Acting Fire Chief Reg Wareham and the Burin Fire Department who remained on scene throughout the night!

On Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 7:15AM, we received notification of a residential Fire Alarm at 421 Creston Boulevard from an alarm monitoring company. En route we were notified that the activation was confirmed as a false alarm. The response was cancelled, then Unit #1 and Engine #3 returned to the Fire Hall, and Rescue #4 stood down.

Thank you to Kenneth Rideout for his service to our Department and the community – we wish him all the best in his future endeavours!



**Picture 1.** RV Fire off Route 210



**Picture 4.** Helping out in the community



**Picture 2.** Ladder Operations Training



**Picture 5.** Vehicle Extrication Training



**Picture 3.** Hovercraft Operations Training



**Picture 6.** Annual Ladder Servicing



**Picture 7. Commercial Fire in Burin**

*\*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](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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