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AUGUST 2023 **NEWSLETTER**

Our Department spent the month of August responding to emergency calls and calls for service, promoting fire safety, educating the public, preparing for the upcoming Junior Firefighter Program, attending and aiding community events, providing tours of the Heritage Museum and Fire Hall, learning and training, and maintaining facilities.

Our Department's in-house training this month included Rope Rescue, Air Bag Operations, Stabilization, SCBA Familiarization, Driver-Operator, Pump Operations with Drafting and Relay, Ladder Operations, Water Supply and Communications.

On Tuesday, August 1st at 7:15PM, we were notified of a residential Fire Alarm on Drake's Road. As members were responding, we received further notification advising the alarm was a false activation. Unit #1 returned to the Fire Hall and all responding units were stood down.

We began the monthly Fire Safety contest on August 2nd. We asked for camping fire safety tips. Melissa White was this month's winner with the tip "Always keep a bucket of water close to the fire to put it out." Congratulations Melissa and thank you to everyone who took part in the contest!

On Thursday, August 3rd at 8:41AM, we received notification of a Powerline Incident on Route 210. 4 Officers and 6 Firefighters answered the call, and Engine #3 and Rescue #4 responded to the scene. Newfoundland Power attended the scene

and addressed the incident, which also caused a power outage. We stood down at 9:13AM.

Preparations continue for the 2023 Junior Firefighter Program by Chairperson Paul Snook and the Committee. Thank you to the Cooperators, Town of Marystown, Coady's Git 'ER Done, the Heritage Baptist Church and Hickman's Burin for sponsoring this youth program that resumes in September, much appreciated!

A crew of Firefighters were on site at the Track and Field Complex for Marystown Day's fireworks the evening of August 7th. We hope everyone enjoyed the show!

On Thursday, August 10th at 1:12AM, we were notified of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 25 Columbia Drive. 3 Officers and 9 Firefighters answered the call and responded to the Peninsula Mall with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival on scene the issue was troubleshooted, and all units returned to the Fire Hall at 1:52AM.

On Saturday, August 12th at 9:45AM, we received notification of a 2-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) on McGettigan Boulevard. 3 Officers and 10 Firefighters answered the call, and Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 attended the scene while a crew remained on stand-by with Ladder #1. Upon arrival on scene, we provided assistance as required. The RCMP also attended to the scene. All units returned to the Fire Hall at 10:11AM.

On Sunday, August 13th at 11:42PM, we received a Report of Smoke at 35

Atlantic Crescent. 4 Officers and 12 Firefighters answered the call, and Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3, Rescue #4 and Mobile #5 attended to the scene as well as the RCMP. All units returned to the Fire Hall at 12:08AM once the scene was cleared.

On Monday, August 14th at 12:10PM, we received notification of a commercial Fire Alarm Activation at 25 Columbia Drive. 4 Officers and 13 Firefighters answered the call, and Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 attended the scene, while a crew remained on stand-by with Ladder #1. On scene, we cleared the building and troubleshooted the alarm, then cleared an issue. All units returned to the Fire Hall at 12:38PM after clearing the scene.

During the evening of August 14th, crews of Firefighters participated in Rope Rescue, Air Bag Operations and Stabilization training. Our Firefighters are always working to learn and refine skills, while sharing knowledge and experiences.

On Tuesday, August 15th at 5:59AM, we received notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 25 Columbia Drive. 3 Officers and 7 Firefighters answered the call, and Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 attended the scene. Upon arrival, we troubleshooted and isolated the issue. All units returned to the Fire Hall at 6:42AM.

Also, on August 15th at 2:21PM, we received notification of a 2 vehicle MVA on Harris Drive. 5 Officers and 12 Firefighters answered the call, and Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 attended the scene. As well, Marystown Ambulance and the RCMP attended to the scene. On scene, we provided extrication and traffic control, along with other assistance as required. All units returned to the Fire Hall at 3:23PM.

On Thursday, August 17th at 10:37AM, we received notification of a Hazardous Materials incident on

McGettigan Boulevard. 3 Officers and 8 Firefighters answered the call, and Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescues #4 & #6 attended the scene, while a crew also remained on stand-by at the Fire Hall. On scene we secured the area and mitigated the incident. The RCMP and Marystown Ambulance also attended the scene. All units returned to the Fire Hall at 11:46AM.

August 17th was also the last day this summer the Fire Hall's Museum guided tours were being offered. A daycare group, a Firefighter from Saskatchewan and CST. Brown were all given a tour of the Museum and Fire Hall by the Department's summer student Jayden. It was great to have many visitors during the summer from near and afar, and thank you to Jayden for providing these tours as well as assistance around the Fire Hall!

On Sunday, August 20th at 12:33 PM, we received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 27B Atlantic Crescent. 4 Officers and 10 Firefighters answered the call, and Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3, Rescue #4 and Mobile #5 attended the scene. Once on scene the source of the alarm was found and addressed. All units returned to the Fire Hall at 1:20PM.

On August 21st, Firefighters trained in Rope Rescue practical with Patient Packaging, and Air Bag Operations with Stabilization. It was great to have a couple visiting Firefighters from Wembley, AB and Port aux Basques, NL join us for the evening, we hope you enjoyed your visit!

Chairperson Walter Vallis and the Muscular Dystrophy Committee have a Boot Drive fundraiser scheduled for the cause on September 16th. We will be at No Frills, Sobeys and Walmart 10AM-2PM.

On Wednesday, August 23rd at 7:22PM, we received a Public Assistance Request. 6 Officers and 17 Firefighters answered the call, and Unit #1, Engine #3, Rescue #4 and Mobile #5 attended the

scene, while a crew remained on stand-by at the Fire Hall. On scene, Firefighters provided assistance to the RCMP as needed. All units returned to the Fire Hall at 9:11PM.

We assisted with traffic control for the Route 210 Motorcycle Ride on August 26th. Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue were also involved in traffic control for the event.

The evening Training Drill for August 28th involved Communications, Pump Operations with Portable Pump Drafting and Relay, Water Supply and Ladder Operations. Thanks to our members for a great, but busy summer! Also, a thank you to the Brenton Group for use of their facility to train in Ladder Operations.

Firefighters visited the Smallwood Crescent Community Center on August 29th for their Back to School Fun Day. Thank you to our community partner for inviting us and we hope everyone enjoyed their afternoon!

Thank you to the Town's Recreation summer maintenance crew for their work again this summer, including grounds-keeping at our Fire Hall. Your help is always appreciated!

On Wednesday, August 30th at 10:54PM, we received notification of a residential Fire Alarm at 27B Atlantic Crescent. 4 Officers and 12 Firefighters answered the call, and Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 attended the scene. Upon arrival on scene, the activation was confirmed as false. Ladder #1 and incoming Firefighters were stood down. All units returned to the Fire Hall at 11:12PM. At 11:12PM, we received notification the alarm had activated at the same location again. It was attended to and resolved.



Photo 1. The Cooperators donation for our Junior Program.



Photo 2. Firefighters at the Marystown Day fireworks.



Photo 3. MVA on McGettigan Boulevard.



Photo 4. Report of Smoke on Atlantic Crescent.



Photo 5. Fire Alarm activation at the Peninsula Mall.



Photo 9. Hazardous Materials Incident.



Photo 6. Firefighters training with Air Bags.



Photo 10. Another Explore and Discover Daycare group visited the Fire Hall.



Photo 7. Firefighters practicing Rope Rescue.



Photo 11. Fire Alarm on Atlantic Crescent.



Photo 8. MVA on Harris Drive.



Photo 12. Firefighters training in Air Bag Operations.



Photo 13. Firefighters training in Rope Rescue.



Photo 17. Firefighters practicing Pump Operations.



Photo 14. Attending to a Public Assistance Request.



Photo 18. Smallwood Crescent Back to School Fun Day.



Photo 15. Firefighters aiding with traffic control for the Route 210 Ride.



Photo 19. Thank you Recreation summer maintenance crew.



Photo 16. Firefighters reviewing Ladder Operations with Ladder #1.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department serves approximately 5,400 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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