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## **AUGUST** **NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department  
August 2021*

During August 2021, the Marystown Fire Department continued online public education, continued fundraising, conducted training, assisted with the Town of Marystown fireworks display, had annual Pumper and Ladder truck servicing completed, had the installation of our new paging system completed, responded to emergency calls, completed maintenance around the Hall, Training Grounds and with our equipment, saw the completion of the facility maintenance projects, assisted community organizations and prepared for the Junior Firefighter Program to resume in September.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during August: Rope Rescue, Hovercraft Operations and Water Rescue, Pump Operations and Drafting, Master Streams, Fire Streams, Hose Lays and Loads, Hose Appliances, Ladder Operations, Hydrant Operations and Vehicle Extrication.

Thank you to all residents, businesses and organizations for your ongoing support and contributions to the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department, it's always much appreciated!

Our Department continued with our team's Friends of Daffodil Place ticket fundraiser in August. Thank you to all who have supported the cause and the draw will take place on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Due to weather conditions on the night of August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Marystown Day fireworks were postponed and went ahead on the night of August 9<sup>th</sup>. Just after finishing up our training night that Monday, several Firefighters attended the fireworks show to assist the town and offer our support. Again, our members go above and beyond when it comes to our community - great job team!

This month's Fire Prevention contest asked the public to tell us what they do to keep their homes fire safe. We had several people comment and participate in the contest with the winner being Lesley Ann Lambe. Congratulations Lesley and thank you to everyone who participated in the contest!

Ensuring our Apparatus are maintained and operating to the NFPA standard is very important to be able to provide the service we do. Therefore, we had our annual Pumper and Ladder truck servicing completed on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you again to Eastcan Fire Trucks for completing this important service!

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, Bell completed the installation of our new paging and repeater system. This important and critical upgrade will enhance our communications system which broadcasts public emergency calls to our pagers and provides 2-way communications for our Firefighters responding to calls, on scene and during regular training or operations. Thank you to the Town of Marystown for their commitment to public and Firefighter safety, and to Bell for their great customer service!

On Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:22AM, we received notification of a Commercial Fire Alarm activation at 25 Columbia Drive, Peninsula Mall. Upon Unit #1 and Engine #3 arriving on scene it was determined to be a false alarm, then all incoming Firefighters were notified. Unit #1 and Engine #3 returned to the Fire Hall and all other responding units stood down.

Continuing with the completion of projects, on August 26<sup>th</sup> the Roof Replacement project was completed. Thank you to the Town of Marystown again for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated! Also thank you to the Contractor, Livewire, for their work on the Fire Hall and for the exterior renovation at our repeater Communications Building!

Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, our members were busy in the community helping support various organizations with fundraising activities. First the Route 210 Run – Ride the Boot rolled through town as they continued their efforts to support Autism in the region. Our members were happy to assist with traffic control for the ride while they passed through. Also that day, our team assisted with the Friends of Daffodil Place – Burin Peninsula car wash to raise funds for a great cause.

The following day, several of our members attended and assisted with the Friends of Daffodil Place – Burin Peninsula family day held at the Lions Grounds. Congratulations to the Friends of Daffodil Place on a successful weekend of fundraising!

On Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:18PM, just as our members were finishing up with our regular training night, we received notification of a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) on Route 220 in Black Brook. The crew at the Training Grounds was dispatched with 3 Officers and 6 Firefighters that responded with Unit #1, Engine #3, Mobile #5 and Rescue #6. Upon Burin Fire Department's arrival on scene it was determined our response was not needed, all units stood down while enroute and returned to the Fire Hall. Ambulance services as well as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) also attended the scene.

Junior Firefighter applicants for 2021, please see your email for important updates regarding our program starting on September 15<sup>th</sup> and kindly reply to the email as requested. We look forward to you joining us!

Thank you to the Green Team who finished painting fire hydrants mid-August for this year, we greatly appreciate your help and look forward to working with you again next year. Also, thank you to the Public Works crew for their ongoing maintenance and servicing of the fire hydrants to ensure operability!



**Photo 3.** Annual Pumper and Ladder Servicing.



**Photo 4.** Water Rescue Training.



**Photo 5.** Paging System installation completion.



**Photo 1.** Hovercraft Operations and Water Rescue Training.



**Photo 6.** Ladder Operations with Master Streams Training.



**Photo 2.** Rope Rescue Training.



**Photo 7.** Pump Operations Training.



**Photo 8.** Friends of Daffodil Place car wash.



**Photo 9.** Assistance with the Route 210 Run.



**Photo 10.** Hovercraft and Water Rescue Training.



**Photo 11.** Vehicle Extrication Training.



**Photo 12.** Pump Operations Training with Drafting.

*\*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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