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## **FEBRUARY** **NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department  
February 2019*

In February, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department held a Monthly Membership Meeting, completed training, responded to emergency calls, carried out pre-incident planning activities, did a random act of kindness, and attended an appreciation dinner.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during February: Basic Life Support(BLS), Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation(CPR) / Automatic External Defibrillator(AED) re-certification, Pre-Incident Planning at the YMCA and Water Treatment Facility, and Powerline Hazards.

Thank you to G and H Home Specialties Incorporated for their recent donation to our Fire Department, it was greatly appreciated!

On Sunday, February 17th at 2:10AM, the Fire Department was notified of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 255-263 McGettigan Boulevard. 4 Officers and 6 Firefighters responded to the YMCA with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon investigation of the activation, it was confirmed to be a false alarm. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP) also attended the scene. Our crew returned to the Fire Hall at 2:35AM.

On Sunday, February 17th at 3:42PM, the Fire Department was dispatched for a Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) on Harris Drive in the area of Smallwood Crescent. 5 Officers and 5 Firefighters answered the call for the two(2) vehicle collision involving an all-terrain vehicle(ATV) and a van. Engine #3 arrived at the location, but additional units were cancelled en route as there was no further Fire Department assistance required. Marystown Ambulance and the RCMP also attended to the scene. Our crew stood down from the scene at 4:05PM.

Again on Sunday, February 17th at 8:29PM, for the third call of the day, the Fire Department was notified of smoke in a residence at 7 Hillview Heights. 6 Officers and 11 Firefighters responded to the residence with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, the occupants were outside of the home, but smoke was present in the structure. Firefighters investigated and cleared the smoke from the home which appeared to be the result of a

malfunction of heating equipment. Marystown Ambulance and the RCMP also attended the scene. Being no further issues, the Fire Department stood down at 9:13PM and returned to the Fire Hall.

As a tradition of our Fire Department for the last several years, we have done a random act of kindness for several groups in our community during Random Act of Kindness Week. The tradition began when the local Kinette group visited us a number of years back. This year, we provided refreshments and snacks to the employees of the Town of Marystown's Public Works Department on Monday, February 18th in appreciation for all they do in our community and the support they provide us!

On Tuesday, February 19th at 2:30PM, the Fire Department was notified of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 255-263 McGettigan Boulevard via a monitoring company. While a response was initiated to the YMCA, the staff called back to notify that the activation was a false alarm. All incoming Firefighters and Engine #3 were cancelled en route.

On Tuesday, February 26th at 5:41PM, the Fire Department received notification of a MVA on Marine Drive. While Ladder #1 was en route and other units were preparing to respond, it was determined that Fire Department assistance was not required and the response was cancelled. Marystown Ambulance and the RCMP attended to the two-vehicle collision.

The Salvation Army hosted an appreciation dinner on Wednesday, February 27th for community groups and sponsors who supported their food bank over the past year. Firefighters were in attendance and appreciated the invitation to the wonderful meal. We are proud to support their food bank through the Emergency Services Food Drive for local food banks every Fall. Thank you for your tremendous work in our area and we commend their community sponsors and volunteers too!

Our 13th Annual Demolition Derby is scheduled for Sunday, August 4th! In preparation for the upcoming 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. Stay tuned for further updates!

The Fire Department continues to recruit for the 2019 Junior Firefighter Program which is scheduled to start in September. Applications are being accepted for the Program which is open to local high school students attending Grade 11 or 12. The Junior Firefighter Program covers topics such as: Fire Extinguishers, Ground Ladders and Ladder Operations, First Aid and Patient Packaging, Fire Hose and Appliances, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus(SCBA), Water Supply and Pump Operations, Vehicle Extrication and Stabilization, Rescue, Hazardous Materials(HazMat), Ropes and Knots, Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, Fire Attack and more. The Junior Firefighters complete a drill on each designated Drill night/day once the Program begins, along with assisting the Department with other support as required except emergency response. They are also invited to attend and provide assistance at department and community events as deemed appropriate. The course is a tremendously rewarding experience for all participants, with a great sense of community pride and volunteerism. Completed applications can be dropped off to the Town Hall(addressed to the Fire Department), Fire Hall or emailed to waydedclarke@msn.com. Keep following our Facebook, Twitter and Website for updates as we get closer to September!



**Picture 2. Pre-Incident Planning at the YMCA**

**\*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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**Upcoming Events:**

**\* Saturday, March 2nd, 2019** - Ice Fishing Derby in conjunction with the Annual Lions Community Winter Carnival from 10AM to 2PM at Linton Lake(Butler's Pond); weather and conditions permitting. Registration is \$5 per person at the Pump House. Prizes will be awarded based on trout only, with rules provided at the time of registration. Don't forget your fishing supplies and an ice auger if you have one.



**Picture 1. CPR Recertification**