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## **DECEMBER** **NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department  
December 2021*

During the month of December 2021, the Marystown Fire Department continued public education and safety contests, responded to emergency calls, participated in community events, welcomed new Recruits and completed their onboarding, conducted training, held the last Monthly Membership Meeting of 2021, completed a debrief on a structure fire, completed inventory and maintenance, acknowledged the retirement of a long time member of our Department, participated in a charity hockey game against the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and extended best wishes for 2022.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during the month: New Member Orientation and Minimum Standards, and Vehicle and Equipment familiarization.

On Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:04PM, we received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 16 Cheeke's Road. Upon an Officers arrival on scene, it was determined to be a false alarm and responding Firefighters stood down. Unit #1 and Engine #3 returned to the Fire Hall, while Ladder #1 and Rescue #4 stood down.

Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> was the Annual Kinsmen/Town of Marystown Santa Claus Parade. Our members were busy in the weeks prior getting our floats ready for that day and it was all worth it to be able to see everyone's smiles along the parade route!

During the month of December we were happy to welcome aboard two more new Recruits, Gerard Whittle and Chris Cribb. Welcome to the Department, we look forward to working with you!

Planning to drop off your recyclables to the Green Depot? We have an account for donations if you would like to support our Department. Use 2792226 if interest, and thank you for the continued support!

This month's Fire Safety contest asked the public to tell us how they practice fire safety with Christmas Lights. Noah King was the winner with his tip to "Check for frays in the cords and check for

broken bulbs." Congratulations Noah and thank you to everyone who participated throughout the year!

On Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:17AM we received notification of a Structure Fire at Farrell's Clover Farm at 234 Ville Marie Drive. 6 Officers and 19 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #2, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival on scene at the grocery store, Firefighters were met with an already engulfed structure fire. Crews worked tirelessly throughout the night, battling through cold temperatures to keep the fire under control and from spreading to other nearby structures. A crew from the Burin Volunteer Fire Department, the RCMP, Marystown Ambulance, Newfoundland Power, the Public Works Department and the Salvation Army also attended the scene to lend their assistance. After a grueling 12 hours on scene and after completing overhaul, crews cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall. Thank you to the public for your tremendous support during the call, we are very appreciative of all your kindness!

Later that evening, on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM we received a call for a flare up at the previous Structure Fire. 3 Officers and 12 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #2 and Rescue #4. Once on scene, Firefighters quickly knocked down the flare up and hot spots. Once completed, crews cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall.

The next morning on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:52AM, we received notification of another flare up from the Structure Fire on Ville Marie Drive the day before. 5 Officers and 10 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3 Rescue #4 and Rescue #6. Again, once on scene crews knocked down the flare up and with the assistance of heavy equipment from the Public Works Department extinguished any remaining hot spots. Crews later cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall. The RCMP also attended to the scene.

At this time, we would like to pay our respects to past member Dominic Miller, and honorary members John Drake and Arch Spencer on

their recent passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families, may they rest in peace!

Continuing with our Christmas Spirit we were happy to participate in the Jean de Baie Christmas parade on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to our neighboring community for the invitation to join you, Merry Christmas everyone!

We were invited to have Engine #1 a part of the Town's Christmas Tree Sale and Photos community event on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> leading up to the Annual Christmas Tree Light Up that evening. Thank you for including a tremendous part of our heritage in the event!

During our last Drill of 2021, Firefighter George Shave announced his retirement after 21 years of service to the community. During his tenure, George served many roles, including Assistant Fire Chief. Thank you to George and his family for their service and commitment over the years, we wish you all the best!

On Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:44PM we received a notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at Riff's at 6 Queen Street. 4 Officers and 13 Firefighters responded with Unit #1, Engine #3, and Rescue #4. Upon arrival on scene, it was determined to be a false alarm, Ladder #1 stood down, crews cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall.

December 17<sup>th</sup> was Hockey Night for The Happy Tree! We joined up with the RCMP for a charity hockey game in support of the Happy Tree and the Salvation Army's Food Bank. While the RCMP won the game and the bragging rights (5-4) it was a win for everyone with the awesome support received through toy and food donations. Thank you to everyone involved in making the Guns N' Hoses charity hockey game entertaining and a tremendous success!

On New Year's Eve at 10:30PM, we received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation on Atlantic Street. However, while en route we received another notification advising it was a false alarm, Unit #1 returned to the Fire Hall and Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 were stood down.

Thank you to our fire family for another year of stellar service to the community & surrounding area!

Happy New Year from your local Firefighters – We wish you a healthy and safe 2022. Thank you to our community for the tremendous support again this past year, it's greatly appreciated and we're proud to serve you!



Photo 1. Annual Christmas Parade – The Elf Express.



Photo 2. Annual Christmas Parade.



Photo 3. Annual Christmas Parade – Elf on the Shelf.



Photo 4. Structure Fire at Farrell's Clover Farm.



**Photo 5. Structure Fire at Farrell's Clover Farm.**



**Photo 6. Jean de Baie Christmas Parade.**



**Photo 7. Christmas Photos Event.**



**Photo 8. Charity Hockey Game for the Happy Tree.**

*\*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) & 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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