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## **JUNE NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department  
June 2019*

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department was active in June carrying out fundraising activities, conducting and participating in training, attending and assisting with events and programs in the community, and supporting a telethon. We were also busy responding to emergency calls, conducting the last Monthly Membership Meeting until September, performing Monthly Maintenance and Inventory checks, welcoming a new recruit, conducting fire prevention activities, showing appreciation to our partners, performing annual hose testing and inspections, maintaining our heritage and grounds, placing a new unit in service, and continuing planning for the 2019 Junior Firefighter Program.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during June: Pump Operations, Water Supply, Fire Hose and Appliances, Advanced First Aid, Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, and Vehicle Extrication including Hybrid Vehicles.

Firefighters continued to wash parking lots in the community as requested. Thank you to Marystown Ford for supporting our fundraising efforts!

Thank you to the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps(RCSCC) 121 Mary Rose for an invitation to attend their Annual Ceremonial Review on Saturday, June 1st. Captain Wayde Clarke joined the Corps' Officers and Cadets, parents and family members of the Cadets, and community representatives for the 66th Annual Review. Congratulations and thank you for allowing us to be a part of your celebration!

The Marystown Lions Club celebrated their 45th Charter Anniversary on Saturday, June 1st. The club has been a tremendous supporter of ours for many years and most recently committed to \$5,000 over five(5) years for our purchase of a Bunker Gear Extractor and Dryer - the first installment of \$1,000 was graciously accepted at the event by Fire Chief Alex Coady. Thank you to the Lions Club for the work you do in our community and beyond, and for the invitation to join you for the special occasion!

Our Department is a proud supporter of the annual telethon for the Janeway, the children's hospital that serves our province so well! We made our donation during the effort that took place the first weekend of June. The weekend-long fundraising

activity generates funds for the purchase of improved equipment, continued education, research, and specialized health programs for the Janeway Children's Hospital in St. John's. Thank you to all donors and sponsors who contributed to ensure the continued improvement of services for the children of Newfoundland and Labrador!

On Sunday, June 2nd at 5:12PM, we were notified of a Brush Fire on Columbia Drive, in the Jane's Pond area. 5 Officers and 16 Firefighters responded to the location with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. The small fire was quickly extinguished and the Fire Department stood down at 5:25PM.

Thank you to Kiewit Offshore Services for their contribution to our fundraising efforts with a donation of scrap materials for recycling!

Firefighters visited the main Tim Hortons store in Marystown to assist with Camp Day on Wednesday, June 5th. At the day-long fundraising event, Captain Justin Bolt and Firefighter Mike Nordby dropped by for an hour to lend a hand. The funds raised from hot beverage sales during the fundraiser go to support Tim Hortons' camps for kids. Thank you for inviting us to assist your staff with the event!

Our Firefighters take considerable pride in our community and love being of assistance in many ways, like was the case on Saturday, June 8th! This year during the Town of Marystown's Annual Clean-Up Week(June 1st to 8th), the Fire Department took time and participated in the effort. Firefighters cleaned up from the Route 210 and 220 intersection, along Columbia Drive heading into town. We were proud to join other individuals and organizations in doing our part to make Marystown clean and beautiful, and we thank everyone who did their part - please do not litter! (The Fire Department is a proud sponsor of the Town of Marystown's Anti-Litter campaign)

Mothers Against Drunk Driving(MADD) - Burin Peninsula Chapter hosted a Strides for Change walk on Sunday, June 9th. The Fire Department participated, as we do in many of MADD's events and initiatives. Thank you to the group for their ongoing efforts to prevent impaired driving in our region and to promote a safe community for everyone!

Firefighters availed of Advanced First Aid for Firefighters training in June. In recent years, groups of our Firefighters have completed the course which advances first aid knowledge and skills. Another group continued with this training and recertification this month. Thank you to our Firefighters for their continued commitment to further their training!

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Burin Peninsula North Special Olympics Team was held at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena on Wednesday, June 12th due to inclement weather. Their event began with a short parade for the team from the Community Credit Union to the Arena. We were glad to participate with the team, fellow first responders, team family members and supporters again this year! Great job by Firefighter Jerry Hanrahan on the BBQ too!

On Thursday, June 13th, at 5:47PM, we were provided a report of a Structure Fire on Ville Marie Drive in Creston North. 5 Officers and 12 Firefighters responded to the location, but upon arrival it was determined to be a false alarm. We stood down and returned to the Fire Hall. The scene was also attended to by Marystown Ambulance and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP).

On Saturday, June 15th at 11:22AM, we were notified of a Commercial Fire Alarm at 76 Ville Marie Drive, the Marystown Hotel and Convention Center, via 911. The alarm was related to a fire in the kitchen of PJ Billington's, the restaurant at the hotel. 3 Officers and 13 Firefighters responded to the hotel with Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival on scene, Firefighters entered to quickly contain and extinguish the fire. The building was then ventilated and checked to ensure there were no further issues. Marystown Ambulance and the RCMP also attended to the scene. The Fire Department stood down at 1:40PM and returned to the Fire Hall. Thank you to the Salvation Army for their continued support when we attend emergency scenes!

Thank you to everyone who made our Annual "Grand in EACH Hand" another success! The ticket draw was live on Facebook on Sunday, June 16th. Congratulations to Emma Myles on winning the ticket draw in support of the Cancer Relay for Life. \$2,000 was awarded to the winner and the other \$2,000 was donated towards the cause. The annual fundraiser is for an important cause and is undertaken as a show of support to fellow Firefighter and cancer survivor Terry Price.

We welcomed new Recruit Chris Emmink the middle of June. Welcome aboard, we look forward to working with you!

Thank you to the local Sobeys for their commitment to fire safety. Our Fire Prevention

Committee would like to say a great work by all at your fire drill on Tuesday, June 18th.

Our Firefighters and partners gathered for a brunch on Sunday, June 23rd. We always enjoy the opportunities to bring our partners along with us for events throughout the year. Thank you to our partners for all their love and support!

The Heritage and the Fire Hall and Training Grounds Committees partnered to complete maintenance work of our Memorial Monument and grounds. The Heritage Committee also took time to clean-up Engine #1, our first Fire Truck - 1967 Dodge. Thank you to all involved in the efforts!

On Wednesday, June 26th at 8:18PM, we received a report of a fire in a wooded area off of Atlantic Street. 4 Officers and 10 Firefighters responded with Engine #3 and Rescue #4, but we were cancelled en route as it was a false alarm.

The Fire Department would like to officially announce the addition of Unit #1 to active service, though you may have seen the vehicle in use already. The unit is the Fire Chief's vehicle, and replaces an older vehicle which has been removed from service. Thank you to the Town of Marystown for providing and purchasing this vehicle which will serve Fire Chief Coady and the entire Department well over the coming years!

Our summer Weekend Duty schedule came into effect the last weekend of June/start of July. The schedule is comprised of five(5) teams who rotate and cover two(2) weekends each during the busy summer months. The schedule ensures there is adequate service coverage for our town at all times. Thank you to our Firefighters for your commitment to the residents and businesses of the Town of Marystown!

On Saturday, June 29th at 4:22PM, we were notified of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 57 Ville Marie Drive via a monitoring station. 4 Officers and 8 Firefighters responded to the residence with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival on scene, no issues were found and the activation was confirmed as a false alarm. We cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall at 4:45PM.

The Junior Firefighter Committee wrapped up recruitment activities for the 2019 Program. The committee is now busy planning for the program which begins mid-September and we look forward to welcoming another group of youth into our Hall!

Our 13th Annual Demolition Derby is just a month away! On Sunday, August 4th, the event will take place at 2PM in the pit in Black Brook, along the highway between Burin and Marystown. Are you interested in driving a vehicle in the Derby(license required)? Do you have a vehicle you no longer use and would like to donate? If you answered yes to

either of the questions above, please contact the Fire Hall at (709)279-2226. We look forward to hearing from you!



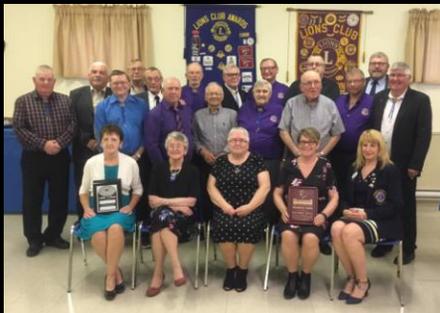
**Picture 1. Pump Operations Training**



**Picture 2. RCSCC 121 Mary Rose Cadets Annual Ceremonial Review**



**Picture 3. Donation from the Lions Club**



**Picture 4. Thank you to the Marystown Lions Club**



**Picture 5. Tim Hortons' Camp Day**



**Picture 6. Community Clean-up**



**Picture 7. MADD Strides for Change**



**Picture 8. Anti-Litter Campaign**



**Picture 9. Torch Run for Special Olympics**



**Picture 10.** Torch Run for Special Olympics



**Picture 14.** Advanced First Aid Training



**Picture 11.** Commercial Fire at PJ Billington's



**Picture 15.** Annual Hose Testing



**Picture 12.** Grand in Each Hand Ticket Draw



**Picture 16.** Taking Pride in Engine #1



**Picture 13.** Fire Drill at Sobeys

**Upcoming Events:**

\* **Monday, July 1st, 2019** - Participation in the Canada Day Parade and Service beginning at 10:30AM in Marystown.

\* **Monday, July 1st, 2019** - Assistance with the Canada Day fireworks show at the Track and Field Complex at 10PM; weather permitting.

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 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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