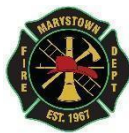


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JUNE 2023 **NEWSLETTER**

In June, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department continued educating the community, had Firefighters return from Fire School, supported important causes, gathered for the Monthly Membership Meeting, ran the monthly contest, continued recruitment for the Junior Firefighter Program, had Firefighters attend and continue training, continued hose testing, responded to emergency calls and calls for service, welcomed a new Recruit, continued preventative maintenance, participated in community events, and opened the Heritage Museum for the summer.

The Department's in-house training this month included Driver-Operator, Ladder Operations, alternate Water Supply, Orientation and Onboarding, Hose Testing, Pump Operations, Fire Hose Lays, Loads and Appliances, Firefighter Safety Standdown on Lithium-Ion Batteries, AED, Rope Rescue, Patient Packaging, Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT), Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), Decontamination and Hygiene, Smokehouse Scenarios, Hazardous Materials, Fuel Fires and Traffic Control.

Firefighters Soper, Synard and Miller completed the Hazardous Materials Operations level training at the provincial Fire and Emergency Services Training School on June 1st, and completed testing on June 2nd. It was another great week for our Firefighters at Fire School and we appreciate all the work that goes in to making it happen every year!

Our members are proud supporters of health care locally and provincially. In June, our membership provided annual donations to the Janeway Children's Hospital Foundation and the Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation (BPHCF) during their main annual fundraising events. Thank you to both organizations for your efforts to enhance health care!

On June 5th, Firefighters gathered for the Monthly Membership Meeting, the last monthly meeting until September.

We aided the staff at Sobeys with their annual fire drill on June 6th. Thank you to Sobeys for inviting us and for staying fire safe!

The June Fire Safety Contest began on June 7th for a week. This month's challenge was to provide tips on how to BBQ safely this summer. Congratulations to Jaqueline Teri for winning this month's contest!

The deadline for the Junior Firefighter applications is fast approaching! Grade 10-12 students, please submit your application by July 10th for the 2023 Program scheduled to start in September. Visit our social media accounts or website for the online application link.

Thank you to the BPHCF for sponsoring Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) June 12th-13th, an important and informative course. Firefighter Miller attended from our Department.

On June 12th at 6:49PM, just as Firefighters were gathering for the weekly Training Drill, we received a call via 911 regarding a roadway incident on Harris Drive. The Department was stood down in route as our assistance was not required and Unit #1 returned the Fire Hall. Marystown Ambulance and the RCMP attended the scene.

On the evening of June 12th, Firefighters gathered for the Monday Training Drill. Firefighters were involved in Ladder Operations and alternate Water Supply training, Orientation and Onboarding, and continued annual hose testing with associated training such as Pump Operations. We also welcomed new Recruit Josh Kelly and look forward to serving with him!

It's our priority to ensure our equipment is maintained and always ready for service to the community. Eastcan Fire Trucks was on site with their mobile unit June 15th-17th to inspect, service and test our Pumpers and Ladder Truck. Thank you to Eastcan for ensuring that we are ready to respond when needed!

On June 15th at 7:27PM, we responded to a Reported Fire on Ville Marie Drive. Unit #1 attended to the scene, while Engine #3 and Rescue #4 were stood down.

Continuing education is important in the Fire Service and for our community. This year, we've also had Firefighters complete online courses through the Marine Institute's Safety and Emergency Response Training Center. Firefighter Vallis completed Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I, and Chief Bolt completed Fire Officer II. Thank you to all our members for your continued activity and interest in training, both educating yourselves and others, it's a team effort!

We were glad to take part in the annual Pride Parage again this year. Thank

you to Burin Peninsula Voice Against Violence for the invitation!

On the evening of June 19th, Firefighters gathered for the Monday evening Training Drill. To begin, we participated in the international Firefighter Safety Standdown to discuss Lithium-Ion Fires and reviewed our AED Unit operation, then Firefighters were involved in Rope Rescue practical and Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) training + SCBA. To conclude the Drill, we discussed Decon and Hygiene.

Firefighters took part in the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Service of Hope and Remembrance on June 24th. Thank you to the local chapter for your continued efforts to prevent impaired driving and honouring the lives of those affected by impaired driving. We ask the motoring public, please never drive impaired!

A crew of Firefighters participated in the Torch Run and helped with the gathering for the local Special Olympics team on June 26th. Congratulations to the Burin Peninsula North Special Olympics on another great year!

On the evening of June 26th, at the Monday evening Training Drill, Firefighters trained in Smokehouse Scenarios, Hazardous Materials, Fuel Fires, Fire Extinguishers and Traffic Control training. During a Day Drill that day, Pump Operations training and Hose Testing took place.

We also opened the Gerard J. Kelly Memorial Firefighters Heritage Museum for guided tours again this summer. We would love for you and your family to stop by the Fire Hall and learn about our history, while also receiving a tour! The museum will be open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons until August 17th.

On June 30th at 11:53AM, we received notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation at 1 Columbia Drive.

Before arrival of any units at the location, we received notification confirming a false alarm. Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 were stood down.



Photo 1. Hazardous Materials Class at Fire School.



Photo 2. Sobeys' Annual Fire Drill.



Photo 3. Ladder Operations Training.



Photo 4. Continuing annual hose testing.



Photo 5. Annual Pumper and Ladder Truck Inspections.



Photo 6. Participating in the Pride Parade.



Photo 7. Firefighters practicing RIT exercises.



Photo 8. Firefighters training in Rope Rescue.



Photo 9. Attending the MADD Service.



Photo 13. Smokehouse Scenarios.



Photo 10. Participating in the Torch Run.



Photo 14. The Museum is open for the summer!



Photo 11. Firefighters learning how to extinguish pressurized fuel fires.



Photo 12. Training on fuel fires with Fire Extinguishers.

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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