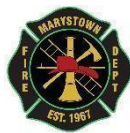


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JULY 2023 **NEWSLETTER**

The month of July was busy for the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department. In July, we attended and supported community events, continued in-house training as well as with other agencies, welcomed visitors including a preschool group for a tour of the Fire Hall/Museum, continued public education and the monthly contests, promoted heritage and continued the memorial upgrades, responded to numerous emergency calls and calls for service, and continued maintenance efforts.

The Department's in house training this month included Driver-Operator, Hovercraft Operations, Water Rescue, Annual Hose Testing, Pump Operations, Ladder Operations, Fire Hose, Appliances, Lays, Loads and Streams, Hydrant Operations, Portable Pumps, Equipment and Vehicle Familiarization, and Gas Monitors.

We participated in the Canada/Memorial Day Parade and Service on Saturday, July 1st. We remember those who served for NL at Beaumont-Hamel and thank those who continue to serve for our country, while celebrating the nation's birthday. The day concluded with a Fireworks show that we set off and secured the area. We hope everyone enjoyed the show!

On July 3rd, Firefighters gathered for Monday evening training. Firefighters trained in Hovercraft Operations and Water Rescue, as well as completed Annual Fire Hose Testing with associated training.

We're welcoming visitors all summer for guided tours in our Heritage Museum and the Fire Hall. The Preschool Groups from Explore and Discover were one group of visitors so far this summer and visited on July 20th. The summer student, Jayden, led the group for their tour. The children were shown the Heritage Museum which showcases the Department's rich history and they also toured our Fire Trucks. Guided tours will be available until August 17th on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and you are welcome to come by!

July's Fire Safety Contest was posted and asked the public for safety tips for using recreational vehicles during the summer. The winner was announced on July 12th - Earla Parsons won this contest. Thank you to all who participated and to Home Hardware for their continued support of the program!

Our Heritage Committee continues promoting our history through Throwback Thursday moments, in addition to the Museum. As well, the committee is actively engaged in the Memorial Monument upgrading project – stay tuned for updates!

On Friday, July 7th at 4:33PM, we responded to a Structure Fire on Tolt Road. 4 Officers and 17 Firefighters answered the call with Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescues #4 and #6. Upon arrival, Firefighters extinguished the shed fire and protected nearby exposures. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) also attended the scene. The Department returned to the Fire Hall at 6:24PM.

On Sunday, July 9th at 5:22AM, we responded to a Structure Fire on Ville Marie Drive. 5 Officers and 19 Firefighters answered the call with Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3, Rescues #4 and #6. Upon arrival, Firefighters immediately began suppression efforts for the fully involved home. The RCMP, Burin Volunteer Fire Department, Marystown Ambulance, Newfoundland Power, Public Works and the Fire Services Division also attended the scene. While on the scene of the Structure Fire, at 5:39AM, we also received a report of a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) on Columbia Drive. Unit #1 was dispatched, while Engine #2 and Rescue #6 were stood down. We returned to the Fire Hall from the Structure Fire at 12:47PM. We would like to extend a thank you to the community for their support while we were on scene, your assistance and thoughtfulness does not go unnoticed! Later that day, we returned to the scene of the Structure Fire to extinguish a couple flare-ups.

On Monday, July 10th at 3:24PM, we responded to a MVA on Route 220. 5 Officers and 13 Firefighters answered the call with Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Firefighters secured the area and provided assistance on scene to Marystown Ambulance. The RCMP also attended the scene. We returned to the Fire Hall at 3:57PM.

That same evening, Firefighters participated in a Joint Training Drill with Forestry. These joint training sessions allow the Firefighters to network and train with agencies to help us better serve the community. Thank you to Todd from Forestry for his time and insight of Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).

We are thankful for the continued partnership with the Smallwood Crescent Community Center and their Green Team. Again this year, the team has been helping us with maintenance work, along with the

grounds keeping of the Recreation Department. Thank you to both groups for your great work in the community!

“Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention” is this year’s Fire Prevention Week theme as announced on July 12th. Stay tuned for our activities as the second week of October draws near.

On Friday, July 14th at 4:17PM, we responded to a Request for Assistance from a local ambulance service. 4 Officers and 9 Firefighters answered the call. Unit #1 and Rescue #6 responded to the scene, while a crew remained on stand-by at our Fire Hall. We returned to the Fire Hall at 5:00PM.

On the July 17th Monday evening Drill, Firefighters completed a Maintenance and Inventory Drill which ensures all of the Department’s tools and vehicles are present and performing properly. Ensuring we’re always prepared to serve you in the event of an emergency!

On Monday, July 24th at 7:46PM, we responded to a commercial Fire Alarm activation on Columbia Drive. Upon arrival, it was confirmed as a false alarm and we stood down. 2 Officers and 7 Firefighters answered the call with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4, while Ladder #1 was stood down. We returned to the Fire Hall at 8:00PM.

During the Monday evening Drill for the 24th, Firefighters covered Pump Operations on the Ladder Truck and reviewed Gas Monitors.

On July 25th, we joined forces with our Mutual Aid Partner, the Burin Volunteer Fire Department for a joint training session. We worked together on a large-scale Vehicle Extraction scenario involving a school bus. It was a great evening of learning and collaboration, along with networking. The joint training session has become an annual gathering to come together, support and work with each other in training to serve our communities. As

part of the mass casualty scenario, a school bus was made available by the School District and cars provided by Rene's Auto – thank you. We would also like to acknowledge Mr. Eugene Spencer for attending the training and providing insight on school bus emergency procedures. Thank you to all involved, and it's always good to know we're ready to aid one another should the need arise!

That same evening, at 9:47PM, we responded to a commercial Fire Alarm activation on Columbia Drive. 4 Officers and 14 Firefighters answered the call with Unit #1, Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, we found the source of the alarm, isolated and cleared the scene. We returned to the Fire Hall at 10:08PM.

On Wednesday, July 26th at 2:30PM, we responded to a Roadway Incident on Atlantic Street. 5 Officers and 11 Firefighters answered the call. Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 attended the scene, while a crew remained on stand-by at our Fire Hall. We provided assistance on scene as needed and all units returned to the Fire Hall at 3:02PM. The RCMP and Newfoundland Power also attended the scene.

Also on July 26th, at 10:47PM, we responded to a MVA on Route 210 as requested by the Baine Harbour Volunteer Fire Department. 4 Officers and 12 Firefighters answered the call. A crew of 1 Officer and 5 Firefighters were dispatched to assist the Baine Harbour Fire Department with Engine #2 and Rescue #6, while a crew remained on stand-by at our Fire Hall. All units returned to the Fire Hall at 11:31PM. The RCMP and Ambulance services also attended the scene.

We'll be at the Kids and Cars Wheels for Wishes event on Sunday, August 6th and have a Blown Motor Contest planned. Check out the show and make your guess,

funds raised in aid of the CNIB Guide Dog Program.

On Friday, July 28th at 9:38AM, we responded to a MVA on Route 220 in Black Brook. 5 Officers and 9 Firefighters answered the call. Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 responded to the scene, while a crew remained on stand-by at our Fire Hall. All units returned to the Fire Hall at 10:44AM. The RCMP and Marystown Ambulance also attended the scene.

Engine #1, our 1967 Dodge Fire Truck, was proudly on display for Colonial Auto Parts' customer appreciation and car show event on July 29th. We would like to thank Colonial Auto Parts for inviting us. Another thank you goes out to our Heritage Committee for keeping the truck maintained so we can attend events like this.

A reminder to the motoring public – if you encounter emergency vehicles with flashing lights and sirens on, please give the right of way to help us help those in a time of need – as per the NL Highway Traffic Act.

At the evening Drill on July 31st, Firefighters trained in Hovercraft Operations, Water Rescue, Pump Operations & Driver-Operator.

Thank you to our members for your dedication and your continued service to the community!



Photo 1. Firefighters took part in the Canada/Memorial Day parade and service.



Photo 2. Engine #2 on stand-by for the Canada Day fireworks show.



Photo 6. Structure Fire on Ville Marie Drive.



Photo 3. Firefighters practicing Water Rescues on Linton Lake.



Photo 7. MVA off of Route 220.



Photo 4. Hovercraft Operations training on Linton Lake.



Photo 8. Firefighters training alongside Forestry.



Photo 5. Structure Fire on Tolt Road.



Photo 9. Jayden, our Museum tour guide again this summer.



Photo 10. The Heritage Committee continuing at the Memorial Monument upgrading project.



Photo 13. Fire Alarm activation at the Peninsula Mall on Columbia Drive.



Photo 11. Explore and Discover Preschool Groups visit to the Fire Hall.



Photo 14. Marystown and Burin Volunteer Fire Departments training together.



Photo 12. Firefighters reviewing Pump Operations for the Ladder truck.



Photo 15. Vehicle Extrication training during the session with the Burin Fire Department.



Photo 16. Returning from a MVA on Route 210, north of Marystown.



Photo 19. Driver-Operator training.



Photo 17. MVA on Route 220.



Photo 20. Pump Operations training with Relay Pumping.



Photo 18. Engine #1 at the Colonial Auto Parts' customer appreciation car show.

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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