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JULY NEWSLETTER

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
July 2022*

During July, we attended the Canada and Memorial Day service, continued fire safety and public education efforts, conducted training, completed annual fire hose testing, had annual servicing and testing completed on our ladder and pumping apparatus, opened our Heritage Museum for public visitations during the summer, partnered with community groups, continued the monthly Fire Safety contests, held a fundraising event, supported the Trinity Fire Department in honoring a Firefighter lost in the line of duty, had Firefighters attend the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire Services Annual Convention, responded to emergency calls and calls for service, and participated in a community event.

Our Department completed the following training in the month of July: Hovercraft Operations, Water Rescue, Driver-Operator, Pump Operations, Fire Hydrant Operations, Fire Hose and Appliances, Fire Hose Lays and Loads, Mutual Aid Fire Response, Portable Pumps, Relay Pumping, Water Shuttle, Fire and Master Streams, Communications, Underwater Camera, and Rope Rescue.

Firefighters participated in the Canada/Memorial Day parade and service on July 1st. It was great to see so many out paying their respects and celebrating our nation.

It's our priority to ensure our equipment is maintained and always ready for service. To that commitment, annual Ladder and Pump servicing/testing was completed on Tuesday, July 5th. Thank you to Eastcan Fire Trucks for the continued service!

To our excitement, our Heritage Museum opened for public visitations during the summer for the first time in a number of years on July 5th! The Gerard J. Kelly Memorial Firefighters Heritage Museum is open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons this summer, 12:30-4PM. Jayden has been providing tours to many visitors including families and groups. Jayden is a former Junior Firefighter and his grandfather also served on our Department. If you haven't been here for a tour, you're welcome to stop by during the month of August – come to the entrance at the rear of our Fire Hall.

The Conservation Corps Green Team, through Smallwood Crescent Community Center, teamed up with the Town of Marystown again this summer and are lending a hand where they can. Thank you for the many things you have been doing, including the painting of Fire Hydrants around town!

Congratulations to Elaine Frances Strong, the winner of our Fire Safety contest again this month, and thank you to everyone who participates in the contests!

The Fundraising Committee was busy again in the month of July with a Car Wash being held on Saturday, July 9th. Thank you to everyone for helping make it another success - your continued support is much appreciated! Your contributions help us with upgrading equipment and improving the services we provide.

The Trinity and Area Volunteer Fire Department held a Memorial Service on Saturday, July 9th for the late David Marlow. Captain Marlow was lost in the line of duty on June 8th in a motor vehicle accident while responding to a call. Fire Chief Bolt joined fire service representatives from across the province at the Memorial Service and passed along our condolences to the Department and his family. On Monday, July 11th, our Department also participated in a province-wide Moment of Silence in honor of Captain Marlow. Rest in Peace, brother!

The fire service prides itself on being able to help each other when needed, no matter what department we are from. On Monday, July 11th, a joint training exercise was held with our neighboring Fire Department in Burin for the purpose of Mutual Aid fire responses. The training drill took place in an area without fire hydrants and right on the border of our communities. We ran evolutions with Pump Operations, Relay Pumping and Water Shuttling, along with refining skills like fire streams, hose lays/loads, communications and more. It was a beautiful evening training alongside our fellow Firefighters. Thank you to everyone for an awesome drill and more great networking!

Fire Chief Bolt, and Firefighters Jerry Hanrahan and Derrick Keating attended the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire

Services (NLAFS) Annual Convention during the weekend of July 15th – 18th. The annual convention and trade show is such an important gathering for the fire service and it was wonderful to see its return. Throughout the weekend, our members got to reconnect with old friends and make new ones at the events, attend education and business sessions, along with the memorial service and more. It was also a great time to collaborate and network with other departments, not only in our region, but across the province.

On Saturday, July 16th at 12:50AM, we received notification of a residential Fire Alarm at 292 Marine Drive. 2 Officers and 7 Firefighters responded immediately with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival on scene, it was determined to be a false alarm. Ladder #1 was stood down, all units cleared the scene, and we returned to the Fire Hall.

The Fire Prevention committee coordinated a visit to the Canadian Parents for French Kids summer camp on Thursday, July 28th. After a brief safety talk from Fire Prevention Chairperson Justin Green and Firefighter Rebecca Soper, the group proceeded out to look at a truck and some equipment. Thank you for the invitation to visit your camp!

On Friday, July 29th, our department was glad to have been of assistance in escorting the Pride Parade in our community!

It's been a hot and dry summer! With that in mind, please continue to monitor the daily fire ratings set by Forestry and adhere to the regulations. When the fire ratings are very high or extreme, outdoor fires including backyard fires are not permitted. Your cooperation and understanding is much appreciated!



Photo 1. Canada/Memorial Day Service.



Photo 2. Hovercraft Operations Training.



Photo 3. Water Rescue Training.



Photo 4. Annual Fire Hose Testing.



Photo 5. Annual Ladder and Pump servicing/testing.

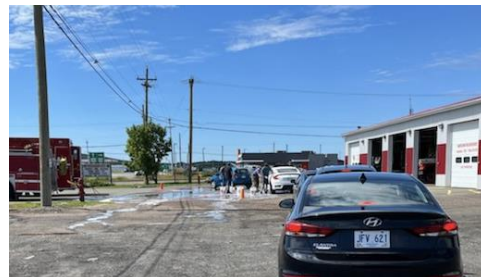


Photo 6. Car Wash Fundraiser.



Photo 7. Moment of Silence in honor of Captain Marlow.



Photo 11. Our delegates and partners at the NLAFS Convention.



Photo 8. Joint Training Drill with the Burin Fire Department.



Photo 12. Training with our Underwater Camera.



Photo 9. Joint Training Drill with the Burin Fire Department.



Photo 13. Another group visit from Explore and Discover Daycare.



Photo 10. Group visit from Explore and Discover Daycare.



Photo 14. Visit to the French Kids Summer Camp.



Photo 15. Escorting the Pride Parade.

To schedule a demonstration, presentation or tour, call us at (709)279-2226 or email marystownfiredepartment@outlook.com

****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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