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## **AUGUST NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department  
August 2022*

In August, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department continued fire safety and public education efforts, conducted emergency preplanning, conducted training, responded to emergency calls and calls for service, continued the monthly Fire Safety contests, continued with upgrading/repair projects, performed equipment maintenance and inspections, had the Heritage Museum open regularly for visitors, assisted in an effort to transport goods to communities affected by the central wildfires, participated in and assisted with community events as well as the Come Home Year events, partnered with community groups and put new rescue equipment into service.

Our Department completed the following training in the month of August: Emergency Preplanning at Grieg Seafood, Driver-Operator, Firefighter Level I theory, SCBA familiarization, Ladder Operations, Hovercraft Operations, Water Rescue and Rope Rescue.

Fire Chief Bolt joined CBC's Adam Walsh, forestry officials and other Fire Chiefs on air August 1<sup>st</sup> for a discussion on wildfire safety and preparedness. A provincial fire ban also came into effect a few days later due to dry conditions and the central wildfires. We continued to educate the public on the ban until it was lifted in mid-August. Thank you to the public for your cooperation and understanding!

On Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:46PM, we received notification of a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) on Route 210 in the Red Harbour hill area. A crew of 2 Officers and 4 Firefighters was dispatched immediately with Engine #2 and Mobile #5, while another crew remained on stand-by at the Fire Hall. Upon arrival, assistance was provided to Marystown Ambulance and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

On Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:07PM we received notification of another Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) on Route 210 in the Red Harbour Hill area. A crew of 1 Officer and 5 Firefighters was dispatched immediately with Engine #1 and Mobile #5, while a crew remained on stand-by in town. Upon arrival, assistance was provided to Marystown Ambulance and the RCMP.

Our Heritage Committee is in the process of updating and upgrading our Memorial Monument and grounds. Thank you to sponsors such as Wiseman's Funeral Homes and Nelson Monuments, the Town of Marystown, Grieg Seafood, Stellar Transport, families and our membership for your support to date. We were also named as a recipient of a Trades NL Community Giving Grant during August and sincerely appreciate their support of this project. Stay tuned for more updates as Chairperson Jerry Hanrahan and his committee continues this project.

Under the direction of Chairperson Justin Nolan and the Maintenance Committee, we have undertaken a project to repair the Apparatus Bay floor in our Fire Hall. Thank you to the committee and those involved in this work.

On Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:19PM, we received notification that a balcony attached to a residence at 1 Dock Point Road was on fire. 5 Officers and 12 Firefighters responded immediately with Unit #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, the fire was quickly knocked down and prevented from extending to the home. Ladder #1 was stood down. Overhaul was completed and we cleared the scene, then returned to the Fire Hall at 1:03AM. The RCMP also attended to the call.

In August, our Heritage Museum also remained open regular hours for visitors. Many visitors were seen throughout the summer and we would like to thank student Jayden Pittman for being a great tour guide and his help around the Fire Hall. Thank you to the Town also for helping to make it possible for us to have a student with us. Showcasing our heritage is very important to us!

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, some of our members were on stand-by with fellow Firefighters from Winterland and Burin to support the transportation of supplies to our neighbours on the Connaigre Peninsula who were affected by road closures as a result of the central wildfires. This effort continued from the Winterland Airport on August 10<sup>th</sup> when assistance was provided with the loading of cargo for transport to the south coast. We were proud to be part of the province-wide response effort and to work with the many volunteers supporting those affected by the forest fires.

This month's Fire Safety contest asked the public to tell us how you were staying safe this summer to prevent fires and enjoying the outdoors. Lesley Ann Burry was the winner this month, congratulations Lesley. Chairperson Justin Green and the Fire Prevention Committee would like to extend a thank you to everyone who participates in our contest, a partnership with Home Hardware!

August 14<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of Marystown's Come Home Year festivities. Our members participated and assisted with a number of events throughout the week including the Marystown Day, 50/50 ticket sale at the first Big Splash concert, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD's) Jail Day, Family Day, Wheels for Wishes, and of course the Fireworks show. We hope everyone enjoyed the week of celebrations and thank you to all involved!

Throughout the summer we partnered with community groups such as the Smallwood Crescent Community Center's Green Team and the Town's Recreation summer maintenance crew. Thank you to the Green Team for their help with maintenance this summer and to the Recreation crew for helping to keep our grounds maintained!

On Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:29AM, we received notification of a commercial Fire Alarm activation a 25 Columbia Drive, the Peninsula Mall. 3 Officers and 4 Firefighters responded with Engine #3 and Rescue #4, but upon arrival it was determined to have been caused due to ongoing work. All incoming Firefighters were notified and Ladder #1 was stood down. We cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall.

On Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:06AM we received a support request from the Burin Fire Department for an incident in their community. A crew responded with Rescue #6 to provide support.

Smallwood Crescent Community Centre held their Back to School Fun Day on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and we took part. Thank you to our community partner for the invitation and all the work you do!

When the Route 210 Motorcycle Ride passed through our community on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> we assisted with traffic control along with Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue. Later that day, Engine #1 was at the Colonial Customer Appreciation Day. Thanks for including our old retired truck as part of your event!

Before Drill on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> Firefighters and the Fire Wrens gathered to recognize the purchase of new Rope Rescue Equipment made possible by fundraising support of the public. Thank you to the Fire Wrens and to everyone who continues to support our efforts in

upgrading equipment and improving the services we provide!

To finish off a busy month, we were glad to be out in the community supporting the local swim team on their Motorcade Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> after returning from Provincials. Congratulations to the Marlins on a successful season!



**Photo 1.** Equipment Maintenance and Inspections.



**Photo 2.** Structure Fire on Dock Point Road.



**Photo 3.** Assistance with the transport of goods to the South Coast.



**Photo 4.** Thank you to the Green Team.



**Photo 5.** Thank you to the summer maintenance crew.



**Photo 9.** Captain Clarke participating in the Dunk Tank at the Come Home Year Family Day.



**Photo 6.** 50/50 fundraiser at the Come Home Year Big Bash #1.



**Photo 10.** Participation in the Wheels for Wishes.



**Photo 7.** Fire Chief Bolt participating in MADD's Jail Day fundraiser.



**Photo 11.** The crew at the Come Home Year Fireworks Show.



**Photo 8.** Participation in the Come Home Year Family Day.



**Photo 12.** Fire Alarm at Peninsula Mall.





**Photo 13.** Ladder Operations Training.



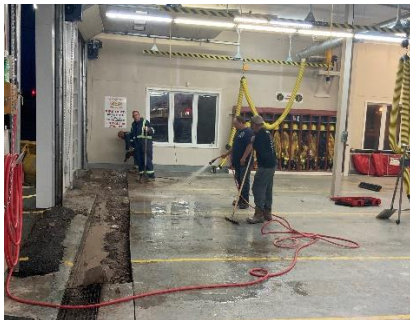
**Photo 18.** Traffic Control for the Route 210 Ride.



**Photo 14.** Driver-Operator training.



**Photo 19.** Colonial Customer Appreciation Day.



**Photo 15.** Apparatus Bay floor repair project.



**Photo 20.** New Rope Rescue Equipment presentation, followed by training.



**Photo 16.** Thank you Jayden.



**Photo 21.** Hovercraft Operations and Water Rescue training.



**Photo 17.** Smallwood Crescent Community Center's Back to School Fun Day.



**Photo 22.** Participation in the Marlins Swim Team motorcade.

*\*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](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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