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## **MAY NEWSLETTER**

*Marystown Volunteer Fire Department  
May 2020*

Last month, we continued operations based on our COVID-19 plan, joined in the Emergency Preparedness Week campaign, recognized essential workers and International Firefighters' Day, conducted online training, responded to emergency calls, and continued recruitment of Junior Firefighters.

Our Department completed the following in-house training during May: Reviews in Pump Operations, Pump Operations Simulator, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus(SCBA) and Personal Protective Equipment(PPE), Vehicle Familiarization, Vehicle Extrication, and Protecting Scene Evidence reviews on our online Firefighter Training portal.

Our operations in May continued based on the COVID-19(Coronavirus) plan we have in effect. In regards to emergency response, all calls for service through 911/279-1333 continue as regular, but additional safeguards are implemented for responses. The Fire Hall remains closed to the public, and regular training, meetings and activity at the Fire Hall remains suspended for the time being. Constant communication is being maintained with our membership and online training is being provided too. The day-to-day internal operations of the Fire Department continue, through shared efforts of Fire Chief Alex Coady and the Officers.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> was Emergency Preparedness Week. Our Department participated in the week-long campaign which focused on "Preparedness – Response – Recovery" this year. Throughout the week, we shared educational messages and resources with the public through our social media to help them prepare should a disaster occur. Know the risks, make a plan, and build an emergency kit!

We continued to show our appreciation for essential workers during the month of May. The efforts by all essential workers during this pandemic are sincerely appreciated. The services they provide for everyone in day-to-day life and health care are tremendous, given the circumstances!

International Firefighters' Day was May 4<sup>th</sup>. We recognized our Firefighters and all Firefighters worldwide. The dedication and sacrifices, of both

past and present Firefighters, is recognized and appreciated!

On Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:07PM, we received notification of a residential Fire Alarm activation at 19-21 Stapleton's Road from an alarm monitoring company. 4 Officers and 7 Firefighters responded to the residence with Engine #3 and Rescue #4, but upon arrival the activation was confirmed to be a false alarm. We cleared the scene and returned to the Fire Hall. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police attended to the scene too.

On Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00PM, we received notification of a two-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident(MVA) on Ville Marie Drive. Unit #1, Ladder #1 and Engine #3 arrived on scene, but Rescue #4 remained on stand-by at the Fire Hall, and all incoming Firefighters were notified as extrication was not required. Firefighters on scene assisted Marystown Ambulance personnel and contained a spill from a vehicle. The occupants of both vehicles were transported to the Burin Peninsula Health Care Center(BPHCC). The RCMP and towing services also attended to the scene. We returned to the Fire Hall around 1:40PM.

On Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:54PM, we received a Public Assistance Request from the RCMP. 6 Officers and 16 Firefighters answered the call and we responded to an area off Route 220 with Unit #1, Rescue #4 and Rescue #6, where we were on stand-by if needed. When it was determined our assistance would not be required, we returned to the Fire Hall. Marystown Ambulance also attended to the scene.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and related public health measures, the Show Your Ride and Demolition Derby events scheduled for this summer have been cancelled.

Are you, or do you know, someone who is interested in firefighting? Our Junior Firefighter Program is open to local high school students attending Grade 10, 11 or 12. The program is tentatively scheduled to begin in September and it is an opportunity to experience what we do(except responding to emergency calls). The Junior Firefighters have a designated drill night each week for the duration of the program, and will assist the Department with other events and support as

requested. Applications are available on our website under the Applications and Forms page. Please email completed applications to paulsnook76@gmail.com. Keep following our Facebook, Twitter and Website for updates related to the program!



**Picture 1.** Thank you essential workers!



**Picture 2.** False Alarm on Stapleton's Road

\*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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