

January Newsletter

Marystown Volunteer Fire Department

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In the month of January, the Fire Department was very busy responding to emergency calls, conducting annual elections & meetings, vehicle & equipment maintenance, and reviewing the Town Emergency Management Plan.

On Saturday, January 4th at approximately 9AM, Marystown experienced a power outage along with most other communities in eastern Newfoundland. A fire at the Sunnyside Generation Station resulted in subsequent outages leaving upwards of 140,000 customers in the dark and bitter cold. The Fire Department and Municipal Officials in Marystown were busy preparing for the safety of the community and residents. Firefighters were at the Fire Hall assisting with generators for the Municipal Building, Fire Hall and the Town's Water Chlorination Building. These generators were used to keep heat and light to the Municipal buildings, and also helped Municipal Officials provide assistance and updates to residents when possible. During the evening many areas started to see power restored and by early morning on Sunday, January 5th, most customers in the area had power.

On Sunday, January 5th, at approximately 6:50AM, the Fire Department received an alarm for Kiewit Offshore Services Shipyard in Marystown. 1 Officer and 3 Firefighters went to the facility to assess the alarm which was the result of power being restored to the facility.

Shortly after the call to the Marystown Shipyard, at approximately 7:50AM, an alarm was received from the Marystown Mall. Upon the Fire Chief's arrival the cause of the alarm was found to be a busted sprinkler pipe and the response was cancelled.

On Saturday, January 11th, the Fire Department hosted its Annual Good Will Christmas Supper. This

annual event was the idea of Deceased Firefighter Melvin Lambe and is carried on in his memory. The intent is to welcome residents from the community who are less fortunate or spent the Christmas holidays alone.

On Sunday, January 12th, the Department held its first monthly meeting of the 2014. During the first meeting elections are conducted for various roles in the department. 2014 will be the 2nd year of the 2 year term for the Officers, which was the length of term adopted last January. The results of the election of the Executive and Committee Chairpersons is as follows: Chairperson - Paul Snook, Treasurer - Terry Price, Secretary - Justin Bolt, Fire Prevention - Jordan Hannam, Social Room/ Firefighters Banquet - George Shave, Fundraising - Paul Snook, Muscular Dystrophy - Scott Bungay, Fire Hall & Training Grounds - George Gouzvaris, Firefighter Assistance - Terry Price, Public Relations - Justin Bolt, Heritage - Ray Nolan, Policy and Changes - Justin Bolt, and Liaison for Firefighters - Shane Simms and Fire Wrens Liaison - Derrick Keating.

On Wednesday, January 15th, the Fire Department received an alarm for the Marystown Arena at approximately 4:40PM. Engine #3, Rescue #4 and Mobile #5 responded with 4 Officers and 9 Firefighters. The arena was evacuated and the alarm was deemed to be a false alarm.

On Sunday, January 19th, the Fire Department received a call at approximately 7:15AM for a Motor Vehicle Collision(MVC) at Smallwood Crescent off Harris Drive. Engine #3, Rescue #4, Mobile #5 and Rescue #6 responded to the scene with 4 Officers and 12 Firefighters. The RCMP, Marystown Ambulance, and Newfoundland Power also attended the scene.

On January 19th, the Fire WRENS held their annual meeting and elections. The Executive for 2014 is President - Nicole Keating, Vice-President - Peggy Clarke, Secretary - Patricia Warren, Treasurer - Geraldine

Martin, and Public Relations - Kyla Nolan. The WRENS help support the department with funds from fundraising and by assisting with department events. The Firefighters would like to say thank you for all you do and we look forward to working with you in 2014.

At approximately 4:04 PM on Wednesday, January 21st, the Fire Department received a residential alarm for the possibility of a stove fire. The response was cancelled before any apparatus were dispatched as a couple of officers had arrived at the location and took necessary actions quickly. 4 Officers and 9 Firefighters answered the alarm.

On Sunday, January 26th at approximately 7:09AM the Fire Department received a call for a Motor Vehicle Accident near Emberley's Transportation on the Highway north of Marystown between the Mooring Cove intersections. The request to attend came from the RCMP. Ladder #1, Engine #3 and Rescue #4 responded with 6 Officers and 12 Firefighters.

From Monday, January 27th to Thursday, January 30th, Lieutenant Paul Snook and Firefighter Jeff Burke attended a Ice-Water Rescue Train-the-trainer course. This course took place in Conception Bay South. The training will benefit our fire department by strengthening our training for Ice-Water Rescue emergencies that we may have to respond in our area.

On Thursday, January 30th, Keyin College's Occupational Health and Safety Class visited the fire hall for a tour of the facility and apparatus and a discussion followed. This venture was part of the class's Fire Protection and Prevention course. The class had been learning the advances in fire protection and equipment. Viewing the equipment and apparatus we have retired as well as the equipment and apparatus we used today, helped the students see the advances first hand.

The department received the TNT Extrication and Rescue tools in the month of January and put them into service. The over \$30,000 purchase of these tools was made possible between funding from the Provincial Government, 80%, and Town of Marystown, 20%. Thank you to both parties for helping us secure the funding. The new tools will now outfit Ladder #1 with extrication capabilities for in town accidents. These tools are top of the line equipment and will help our firefighters handle accident operations more effectively and efficiently.

This past month Kiewit Offshore Services made a donation of scrap wire once again. The donation was again given to both the Fire Department and Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue with both organizations receiving 50/50 of the proceeds generated. Thank you to Kiewit Offshore Services once again for your generous donations!



Picture 1. Marystown Arena False Alarm



Picture 2. Motor Vehicle Accident on Harris Drive



Picture 3. Motor Vehicle Accident near Mooring Cove



The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department serves approximately 5400 residents from the centrally located Fire Hall. The Fire Department has 30 very dedicated firefighters and a fleet of 2 Pumpers, 1 Ladder, 2 Rescue Vehicles, 1 Pick-up, 1 SUV, a Hovercraft and a Hazmat Unit. Visit our website at www.marystownvolunteerfiredept.com or you can also visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/MystVolFireDept and Twitter @MYSTVolFireDept.

Picture 4.

Keyin's OHS Class