

# **Active Month for Fire Department**

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In the month of September, the Fire Department remained active in training, responding to emergencies and participating in community events.

On Friday, September 6th, at approximately 2:58PM the Fire Department received a call for a truck on fire in Little Bay by the Government Wharf. The department responded with Engine #3 and Rescue #4, along with 4 Officers and 13 Firefighters. The department extinguished the fire upon arrival and completed overhaul.

On Saturday, September 7th, the department participated in the Annual Burin Peninsula Health Care Center Golf Tournament. This event raises funds to purchase diagnostic and other equipment for the BPHCC. This is the fifth year the department has taken part and is proud to be a supporter of the BPHCC. The Fire Department's team is sponsored by the Town of Marystown.

On Sunday, September 8th, the department participated in Kaetlyn Osmond's Homecoming Motorcade. Kaetlyn is a native of Marystown, and a successful Canadian Figure Skater with her most recent accomplishment being the 2013 Canadian National Champion. The department had Ladder #1 and Engine #2

in the Motorcade which travelled through the community, ending at the Arena for a welcoming event.

On Tuesday, September 10th, Fire & Emergency Services and the Newfoundland & Labrador Association of Fire Services announced the second phase of the "Alarmed & Ready" campaign. This campaign is aimed at providing smoke detectors and batteries to residents of the province. The law in our province now requires a smoke detector in every bedroom, in addition to one on each level of the home. Our department hopes to participate in this campaign for our community in the near future.

On Thursday, September 12 at approximately 10:33PM, the Fire Department received a call from the NL Housing Site 2 regarding a smoke detector sounding and smoke coming from the windows of an apartment. The Fire Department responded with Engine #3 and Rescue #4, along with 4 Officers and 9 Firefighters. Upon arrival the occupant was out, and the smoke was the result of cooking. The fire department reminds everyone to ensure to keep any cooking attended and use caution at all times!

On Friday, September 20th, the Fire Department assisted with the "Take Back the Night" march. The "Take Back the Night" parade is an annual event held by the Grace Sparkes House, a local women's

shelter, in partnership with the Burin Peninsula Voice Against Violence.

On Sunday, September 22nd, Kiewit Offshore Services held their Family Appreciation Day at the Marystown Track and Field. The Fire Department sent along Sparky and Freddie the Fire Truck to entertain the kids as per a request from Kiewit. The Department also sent along Firefighter's with Ladder #1 and Mobile #5.

During the month the department continued with their department activities and training which included Apparatus and Equipment Maintenance, Patient Stabilization and Mobilization, Ladder Operations, Foam Application, Vehicle Fires, Vehicle Extrication, SCBA and Smokehouse Training.

*\*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](http://www.marystownvolunteerfiredept.com) or you can also visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/MystVolFireDept](http://www.facebook.com/groups/MystVolFireDept) and Twitter @MYSTVolFireDept.\**



**Picture 1.** Truck Fire in Little Bay



**Picture 2.** Preparing for Kaetlyn Osmond's Motorcade



**Picture 3.** Vehicle Fire Training



**Picture 4.** Kiewit Family Day

