

December Newsletter

Marystown Volunteer Fire Department

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In the month of December, the Fire Department was active responding to emergency calls, and participating in community Christmas events.

On Saturday, December 7th, the Fire Department participated in the Annual Kinsmen - Tim Horton's Community Christmas Parade. The department participated with Engine #1, Ladder #1, Engine #2, Rescue #6, the Hovercraft, "Elf on the Shelf" float, and Mobile #5 towing a Christmas Float occupied by Firefighters and their Children.

On Sunday, December 8th at approximately 3:40PM the department received an alarm for Walmart. The fire department responded with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. 3 Officers and 6 Firefighters responded to the alarm which was cancelled upon arrival due to a false alarm.

On Monday, December 9th, Firefighters Rodney Gleason and Scott Bungay attended the Burin Peninsula North Special Olympics Christmas Dinner. The fire department has a great relationship with the local Special Olympics group, usually playing a game of Ringette a couple of times each year and participating in other events if requested.

On Thursday, December 12th, the Fire Department received a call to Dollarama. The fire department were about to respond with Engine #3 and Rescue #4, however the call was cancelled just after the trucks began to leave the hall. 4 Officers and 6 Firefighters answered the alarm.

The Fire Department hosted the FIRE WRENS Tuesday Night Card Game group for Turkey Dinner on Tuesday, December 19th. The department wanted to take the opportunity to thank the group once again for their continued support. Along with this support, the WRENS are able to make generous donations to the Fire Department.

The FIRE WRENS hosted the Children's Christmas Party and Family Day in the month of December. The highlight of the Christmas Party was the Santa Claus visit as always, and the Family Day involved an outing to the Matinee showing of the movie "Frozen."

The department made a donation to the Sacred Heart Academy Breakfast program. The department supports this great program at our local elementary school both with monetary donations and serving breakfast at the school.

Kiewit Offshore Services made a joint donation to the Fire Department and the Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue. The donation was scrap material which Kiewit no longer needed and would give a great return from recycling companies. The money received was divided between both groups. The Fire Department appreciates this donation and the past donations by Kiewit Offshore Services.

The department also spent the month conducting its monthly meeting, along with vehicle and equipment maintenance.

The department met for its last drill for 2013 on Monday, December 16th. This is a time to relax and reflect on the years past events.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our residents, and brothers and sisters of the fire service a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, be Fire Safe!



Picture 1. Community Christmas Parade



Picture 2. Special Olympics Christmas Party

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.