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***Marystown Volunteer Fire Department
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The month of April was a busy month for the Marystown Fire Department. The department conducted the regular monthly meeting, assisted with a school program, participated in community events, performed apparatus/equipment maintenance, attended a Fire and Emergency Services - NL training session, conducted training, assisted with a regional project, responded to emergency calls, conducted fire prevention activities, and undertook fundraising efforts.

In April, the fire department conducted the following training: Vehicle extrication/patient stabilization and packaging training, Vehicle Fires, Foam Application, and SCBA training.

Firefighters continued to assist with the Breakfast Program at Sacred Heart Elementary for the first two days of April. The department was at the school assisting with the program Monday, March 31st, to Thursday, April 2nd. The department provides a week of assistance, twice per school year.

On Monday, April 6th at approximately 11:40AM, the Fire Department received a call for assistance at a 2-vehicle Motor Vehicle Collision on Route 210, the Grand Bank Highway. The collision, which didn't require extrication, was just north of the intersection for Route 210 and the Creston Causeway. 2 Officers and 4 Firefighters responded with Mobile #5. Marystown Ambulance and the RCMP were also on scene.

During the week of Sunday, April 5th, to Saturday, April 11th, several teams from Marystown Mariners Minor Hockey participated in provincial tournaments at home, and across Newfoundland and Labrador. The Fire Department participated in a Motorcade for the PeeWee 1 Team, who won gold, on Wednesday, April 8th. The PeeWee 2 Team got silver, the Midget 1 team won gold, and the Midget 2 Team won bronze. On Sunday, April 12th the Fire Department participated in a motorcade for the Bantam 1 Team who won gold, and were joined by the Midget 1 Team who won gold earlier in the week. Congratulations to all teams who played in their provincial tournaments!

An Emergency Management Plan Exercise was conducted in the Town of Portugal Cove - St. Phillip's on Tuesday, April 14th. Fire Chief Alex Coady attended the exercise which was hosted by the the Town of Portugal Cove - St. Phillip's, with the support of Fire and Emergency Services - Newfoundland and Labrador, and other emergency management agencies. The exercise, titled "Smoked Out," was to validate that town's emergency management plan and emergency response capabilities with both live

and simulated scenarios. The exercise offered a lot of good information and insight for other communities.

National Volunteer Week 2015 was from Sunday, April 12th to Saturday, April 18th. The theme this year was "The Many Faces of Volunteering" and highlighted the diversity of the people who volunteer in our communities and the many ways they are involved, including our Fire Department. Fire Chief Alex Coady, and Firefighters Terry Price, Jordan Hannam, and Justin Bolt attended the Town of Marystown Volunteer Appreciation Night on the evening of Wednesday, April 15th. The department representatives joined other volunteers at the event. The Volunteer Appreciation event is held each year during Volunteer Week as the Town of Marystown takes the opportunity to say thank you to the many volunteers. At this time, we would like to thank our 30 committed and dedicated volunteer firefighters for their continued professional service through everything from community involvement, to training, to emergency calls. Also, the department would like to extend a thank you to all volunteers in our community and across the province for your work!

On Monday, April 20th, at approximately 12:53PM, the Fire Department received a call regarding a Brush Fire at a residence in Lower Mooring Cove. 4 Officers and 12 Firefighters responded with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Crews worked quick and extinguished the fire, then returned to the fire hall about a half hour later.

Again, on Monday, April 20th, at approximately 5:20PM, the Fire Department received another call for a Brush Fire. This time, crews were called to the property surrounding Macbeth and Associates Law Office on Ville Marie Drive. 5 Officers and 13 Firefighters responded with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Firefighters again were quick to extinguish the fire and returned to the fire hall a half hour later. The RCMP also attended the scene. The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department would like to recommend for the public to exercise extreme caution around grass, brush and wooded areas as conditions pose the risk of fires.

The Town of Marystown, led by the Recreation Committee, participated in the Find Your Fit NL, a 30 Day Challenge by Recreation NL. As part of this challenge, our firefighters took an opportunity to show their fit side and participated by performing stretches prior to drill on Monday, April 20th.

The Family & Friends of Patricia Legge, a recent kidney donor to Former Marystown

Firefighter Gary Warren, welcomed her home on Tuesday, April 21st with a Motorcade. The Fire Department participated in the motorcade, led by the RCMP, and Ladder #1.

Sacred Heart Academy hosted its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, April 24th. Each year the school invites individuals and groups, who assist with the Breakfast Program, along to the event. Assistant Fire Chief George Shave, and Firefighters Terry Price and Justin Bolt represented the department at the event this year.

On Friday, April 24th, at approximately 8:25PM, the Fire Department received a report of a Structure Fire on Markland Road. 4 Officers and 13 Firefighters responded with Engine #3 and Rescue #4. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered a small fire burning on the floor of the kitchen, which was quickly extinguished with a fire extinguisher in the vacant home. Before arrival, there were reports of people running from the home, but it is not known for certain what people were doing in the house when the fire started. It may have been a hang-out for kids to get out of the weather, but parents are urged to remind their kids that places like these are not where they should hang out. Crews returned to the Fire Hall shortly after 9PM. The RCMP also attended the Structure Fire call.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Burin Peninsula Chapter, hosted a "Grad Party Gone Wrong" Mock Crash on Wednesday, April 29th. Over 750 students from all over the Burin Peninsula gathered with members of the public at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena. The event began with a number of speakers, then a mock of a grad party and car crash acted out by Christ the King School Drama Troop. Following the crash, the Fire Department, Marystown Ambulance, RCMP, Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue, and Wiseman's Funeral Home took over the scene and performed their work. The mock crash delivered a strong message to the students and public to not drink and drive, and the consequences which may result if the right decisions are not made. Congratulations to the local MADD Chapter Volunteers, supporters, sponsors, Christ the King School Drama Troop, all First Responders, and Wiseman's Funeral Home for a job well done!

Kiewit Offshore Services hosted a Safety Event on Thursday, April 30th, for both their Day and Night Shifts. For this event, the fire department was requested to use their Fire Extinguisher Simulator in a Fire Safety Booth. Firefighters who work at the facility, along with representatives of other fire departments on the peninsula who are employed at the facility, and other volunteers from the workforce, hosted the Fire Safety Booth. Employees at the facility attended the presentation on Fire

Safety & Prevention for the home and workplace, then a demonstration was conducted on proper use of fire extinguishers (P.A.S.S. Method) with the simulator, followed by an opportunity for employees to try their skill. The Fire Department would also like to remind all businesses and groups that presentations and demonstrations can be requested at anytime.

Renovations to the Gerard J. Kelly Memorial Firefighters Heritage Museum continued this month. Plastering has been completed, the bulkhead has been primed, and now ready for paint. The electrical is installed for the new lighting, materials have arrived for the ceiling, and the new T-bar ceiling will soon be installed. The room will be completely painted, then focus will be on the displays and room layout. Heritage Room Committee Chairperson Wayde Clarke would like to say thank you to all those who have helped with the renovations or supported in any way. The department would like to acknowledge the efforts and long hours of Chairperson Wayde Clarke throughout these renovations, thank you Wayde!

As in past years, the Fire Department are once again having a "Grand in Each Hand" ticket sale. The ticket sale is in support of Burin Peninsula - Cancer Relay for Life. The grand prize is \$2000, tickets are \$10 each, and can be purchased from any firefighter. There are only 400 tickets printed and the draw for the winning ticket will be Sunday, June 21st. The department would like to thank you in advance for your continuous support!

The Atlantic Chapter of Muscular Dystrophy Canada is holding its Annual Harley Davidson "Road King" Ticket Raffle again this spring. The Grand Prize is a 2015 Harley Davidson "Road King" or \$18,000 in cash, the second prize is a \$1000 Future Shop Gift Card, and the third prize is a Leather Jacket. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact Firefighters Michael Power, Justin Green or Justin Bolt. Thank you in advance for your support for Muscular Dystrophy as we continue our fight to make muscles move!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Wednesday, May 6th, 2015** - Participation in the McDonald's Annual McHappy Day at the Marystown Main Restaurant on McGettigan Boulevard.



Picture 1. Town of Marystown Volunteer Appreciation Social



Picture 2. Firefighters at the Town of Marystown Volunteer Appreciation Social



Picture 6. Vehicle Fire/SCBA Training



Picture 3. Brush Fire 1 on April 20th



Picture 7. Vehicle Extrication Training



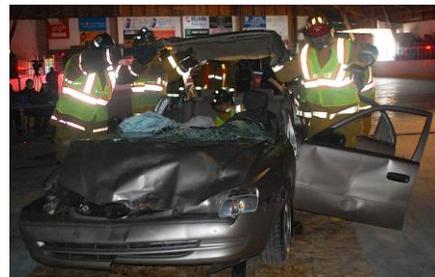
Picture 4. Brush Fire 2 on April 20th



Picture 8. MADD Mock Crash



Picture 5. Find Your Fit NL Challenge



Picture 9. MADD Mock Crash



Picture 10. MADD Mock Crash

To schedule a demonstration, presentation or tour, call us at (709)279-2226 or email us at marystownfiredept@nf.aibn.com

****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 Truck, 2 Rescue Vehicles, 1 Pick-up Truck, 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.****

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