



MARTEN RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2019

TRAINING

- July 2nd Fire fighters preformed yard and equipment maintenance and repair tasks. Fire Chief Elliott led the team in pump panel practice using Rescue 3's CAF system and Engine 4's Panel and Foam systems.
- July 16th Fire fighters were tested on their ability to set up and run all portable, pumps pumping water from the lake to a hose crew. Safety and communication with the hose crew was stressed and practice. A practical review of the CAF system on Rescue 3 was also conducted.

INCIDENTS

- July 11th The department was dispatched to 3017 Highway 11, a Union Gas transfer station where there was indications of leaking gas. Fire trucks set up as per evacuation requirements and were ready to block the highway if necessary. Fire fighters monitored the scene until personnel from the utility arrived.
- July 14th At the request of OPP MRFD returned to 3017 Highway 11 (Union Gas Station) to monitor the location until OPP and Union Gas arrived.
- July 31st Fire fighters responded to a medical call on Red Cedar Lake Road. The ambulance that was in the area was on scene when MRFD arrived.

FIRE PREVENTION

At the Marten River Pork Barbecue, Fire prevention materials from the "Spring into Summer Kit" were distributed. Alarm batteries were handed out and new smoke and carbon monoxide alarms were available for sale. **Summer Smart** magazines were set out at each of the 200 place setting

OTHER NEWS

- A big thank you to: fire fighters Devost and Cantin for painting the fire hall's exterior passage doors.
- On July 22 Fire Chief Elliott met with Union Gas personnel at 2017 Highway 11 to discuss the issue of the strong gas smell coming from the station and to discuss when repairs would be made.

- On Sunday July 21st at Marten River's 18th Annual Pork Barbecue the Bill Edwards Memorial Award was presented to Madeleine Jackson. by Captain Bill's daughter Kim and her family. This award is presented to a community member that inspires others to serve.

**2019 Bill Edwards Memorial
Award Winner**

Madeleine Jackson

Madeleine is always supportive of the projects taken on by the "Sisters-By Choice" and often has taken on a leadership role. The quilt project that outfitted the fire hall kitchen and installed the valuable community illuminated sign benefited by her guidance, work and talent. She took the role of organizing the food for the Ladies Teas raising monies for the Canadian Cancer Society. In the past she was instrumental in the organization of the Rummage Sales that raised funds for the North Bay Hospital Foundation and for a local mission, insuring that everything that was donated went to a worthy cause. Madeleine has for many years taken charge of the Winterfest lunch and donated beautiful handcrafted items to this event. Madeleine's generosity extends beyond this community organizing Christmas packages for Canadian Soldiers in Afghanistan and for Christmas gifts for the Women's mission. For the past two years she has organized the Clean Out Your Closet Sale with proceeds going to Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer. She is a generous neighbour and friend bringing her handcrafted items, baking, pickles and fruits of her garden to those around her. All of the "Sisters" have enjoyed the benefit of her baking for meetings. Gardening is by the way a passion she had shared with Bill as is feeding people.



Well deserved: Madeleine!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Many thanks to the committee, J. Devost, R Cantin, J McKenzie, and M Bryan for their work in this file.

- Thanks to N. and T. Malbrecht for organizing this year's barbecue and for all the volunteers that helped setup, cook, serve bartend and clean up etc. **GREAT JOB**
- **Also a big thanks to** Moore's Propane for providing the propane for the kitchen and outdoor burners for our events
- **Thanks to Ursula's Shaffrath.** Your delicious butter tarts were again a big hit at our barbecue.