



MARTEN RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2019

TRAINING

Aug 6th Chief Elliott led the training on small engines and pumps operation. The fuel was dumped from all the small engines and replaced with fresh premium fuel. All of these pieces of equipment, including 3 Honda portable pumps, 2 generators, 2 hydraulic pumps and 2 chain saws were run, tested and some repairs and adjustments made. Operator safety when using this equipment was stressed. The kitchen area of the fire hall received a cleaning and the illuminated messaging sign was changed.

Aug. 20th Maintenance work was performed on Rescue 3 to stop a water leak. SCBA tanks used on Aug.7th were refilled and a donated refrigerator was cleaned and put in place so cold water and ice packs are readily accessible for fire fighters to take on calls. Deputy Chief /Trainer A. Siegner started the **ACCESSIBILITY TRAINING** using power point and video from the Ontario Emergency Management website.

Aug. 29th Ten, Marten River Fire fighters met at the City of North Bay Garage for orientation training on the Spartan Pumper truck. This training was put on by the Crew from North Bay Station #1.

INCIDENTS

Aug. 2nd Fire fighters responded to a senior female on Old Mill Road with abdominal pain radiating into her neck. Temagami EMS was on scene when the fire department arrived.

Aug 7th/8th The fire department was dispatched to a motorhome on fire on Highway 11. Fire fighters used water/foam from Rescue 3 for the initial attack but when water could not be dumped from Engine 4 because the pump would not engage, Temagami Fire Department was asked to respond and assist with water. The fire was extinguished, spot grass fires extinguished, scene lighting provided, cones and flares were set up to divert traffic, traffic was controlled and Hydro One was alerted to attend as overhead wires were damaged.

Fire Fighter N. Malbrecht fell while working on the embankment and injured his left ankle. Medical attention for this injury was acquired at The North Bay Regional Health Centre.

Aug.23rd A medical call at Ridgewood Cottages was responded to. Fire Fighters assisted EMS with a 59 yr. old unconscious male with difficulty breathing.

FIRE PREVENTION

At the Aug.4th Community Yard and Bake Sale fire prevention materials and promotional items from the **"Spring into Summer Kit"** were distributed. Smoke Alarm batteries were available **FREE** for anyone needing to replace one. Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms were available for sale. We featured a Kidde talking combination alarm with a 10 year lithium battery for \$38.00. **Fire Smart** Magazines were handed out and put into shopping bags with purchase. **Sparky.org** played on the Smart TV throughout the event.

OTHER NEWS

1. Marten River Fire Department was able to procure a 1992/1993 Spartan Pumper Truck with: a triple combination pump, Odometer reading 100,000 ,a Hale 1050 GPM pump that was flow and pressure tested (annual inspected) 2 weeks ago, Detroit diesel engine, foam, cannon, generator panel, Tires new last year and 2 ladders (current inspection completed).

Price \$7,500.

This truck should serve us well as an interim truck until a new pumper truck can be afforded.



Thanks to North Bay's Fire Chief Whiteley, Deputy Chief Saunders Fleet Manager Ouellette and the crews from Stations #1 and #2 for their help in acquiring this unit and for the orientation training.

2. Fire Chief Elliott met with the Timiskaming Health Unit to complete the annual fire hall inspection.
3. Quotes for new battery operated Jaws of Life have been received from Code 4 Rescue, A.J. Stone and Darch Fire.

4. Jim Moore Petroleum has been approached to install a new fiberglass heating fuel tank. This tank has a 30yr life.
5. We thank Ted and Madeleine for the donation of a refrigerator for the use of the fire department. They are moving out of our community and will be missed.
6. **Kudos** to the new chairpersons (J. Devost, R. Cantin & T. Malbrecht) of the Community Yard and Bake Sale. A very well run event with quality donations, lots of lovely baking and a fantastic breakfast. Thanks to the volunteers that again so graciously offering their services and to the community for its support. All unsold items were donated to other organizations or were properly recycled. Thanks Ladies a job well done!!!



7. The dishes at the Temagami Community Centre are being replaced. The current dishes were delivered to Marten River fire hall There are 100+ of bowls, mugs, plates, cutlery....