



MARTEN RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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MONTHLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2019

TRAINING

- Sept. 9th Using the “Essentials of Fire Fighting “ video, DC/Trainer A. Siegner led the team through the types and purposes for various **FORCIBLE ENTRY** tools, demonstrations of different forcible entry through windows and doors & various locking systems. Safety considerations when making a forced entry were discussed.
- Sept. 23rd Videos and power point presentations from, the Ontario Ministry of Health (Carry naloxone) and the Canadian Center of Addiction were used to instruct members in a sound understanding of **NALOXONE** uses, naloxone administration (2 methods nasal spray & injection) opioid overdose signs and symptoms and responder safety.
- Sept. 25th North Bay Fire Chief J. Whitely discussed **ON SCENE DECONTAMINATION** and offered tips and Ideas to improve fire fighter health and safety. Eight Marten River fire fighters attended this eye opening presentation.
- Sept. 30th New inventory sheets prepared by fire fighter Devost were used to familiarize everyone on the placement of inventory on **Pumper 4**. Fire Chief Elliott went over the pump controls with members. The team did some brain storming on what should be contained in the **Jenny's Heroes Fall Equipment Grant** application.

INCIDENTS

- Sept. 9th The fire department attended a MVC on Highway 64, 3.8 km south of Highway 11. The front and side air bags had deployed on a vehicle that was in the ditch and the male driver suffered injuries to his head and ribs. Fire fighters at the request of the OPP directed alternating traffic until the EMS had cleared the scene.
- Sept. 11th Fire fighters responded to an 85 year old female on Marten Lake Road with injuries/lacerations from a fall. The patient was monitored until the ambulance arrived.
- Sept. 24th Members were dispatched to a senior on Marten Lake Road who was nauseous and having difficulty with balance. Fire fighters monitored the patient until EMS arrived.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- On September 5, Fire Chief Elliott attended the Municipality of Temagami Council Meeting.

- Fire Chief Elliott met with David Phillips, Aerodrome Compliance Coordinator, Ornge, for the annual Helipad Compliance Inspection on September 9th.
- The required paper work was picked up at North Bay City Garage and the owner ship and license plates transferred at the MTO office so that Fire Chief Elliott and Fire Fighter Lagrou could bring the 1992 Spartan Pumper Truck (Pumper 4) back to Marten River on September 11th.
- On September 12, Marten River's Engine 4 was decommissioned. This was a bitter /sweet day for the Marten River fire fighters as so much of what we are as a department is tied up in the story of Engine 4.



Equipment from Engine 4 was cleaned and then mounted on Pumper 4. This included the portable pump, hydraulic pump, firefighting hoses and tools, extrication tools, fire extinguishers and highway traffic cones, flares and signs. The radio system was transferred from Engine 4 to Pumper 4. There are still item to be removed from Engine 4 but Pumper 4 is now in service at the fire hall

- Eight Marten River Fire fighters attended the September 25th Nipissing East Parry Sound Mutual Aid Association Meeting at Fire Station 1, in Powassan
- On September 24th, Jim Moore Petroleum changed out the furnace oil tank, installing a new fiberglass tank that has a 30 year life span. Thanks to Fire fighter Devost for monitoring the fire hall while they were there and for keeping busy creating new inventory sheets for Pumper 4.
- On September 26th Fire Chief Elliott attended the Municipality of Temagami Council Meeting
- Fire Chief Elliott attended the Municipal Staff Meeting on September 27th.
- We neglected to mention last month that Thames Center Fire Department had donated to Marten River Fire Department two firefighting hose nozzles. These gifts are much appreciated.

