



MARTEN RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FEBRUARY 2020 MONTHLY REPORT

TRAINING

- Feb.3rd 1. Using power-point presentations from OFM-EM and Ontario Building Code, Deputy Chief/Trainer Siegner instructed on the causes of **Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**, its prevention, signs and symptoms and treatment. The Hawkins-Gignac Act making carbon monoxide alarms mandatory in Ontario was discussed as well as proper in home placement and correct installation of these alarms.
2. Deputy Chief / Trainer Signer instructed the **Canadian Red Cross CPR/AED** certification program for members. The objectives were to understand and demonstrate the ability to recognize and assist during conscious choking and unconscious choking for Infant, child and adult and to preform CPR on an infant, child and adult patient. Members were tested using an AED training unit with as two person delivery of aid.
- Feb 24th Maintenance tasks completed included: connecting battery charger on Pumper 4 to the portable Honda pump battery (to extend battery life), and replace the rear bumper, headliner and rear brackets on Engine 4. Inventories were completed for Rescue5, Rescue3 and Pumper4. Correspondence was discussed including **CACC'S Novel Coronavirus Protocols** for Emergency Health Service and the screening and triage tool provided. The screening tool was place in Rescue5 as to be available for future reference.

INCIDENTS

- Feb 27th Fire Department members attended a **Multi Vehicle Incident** on Highway 11 just north of Jumping Caribou Road involving a tractor trailer loaded with lumber, a pickup truck with a snowmobile trailer and an OPP cruiser. One person sustained injuries and was transported by Temagami EMS. Fire fighters controlled the scene, set out cones and flares and preformed fire prevention initiatives.

FIRE PREVENTION

The following fire prevention messages were placed on the Marten River Volunteer Fire Fighting Team Association Facebook page.

It's important to plan ahead!!



TECNOLOGY WITH LITHIUM BATTERIES RISING AS A CAUSE OF HOUSEHOLD FIRES

“We would take this opportunity to warn the public that they should not leave electrical devices on soft furnishings like beds or sofas. Laptops, phones and tablets contain lithium batteries that get very hot and can build up heat — potentially causing a fire. “Laptops specifically have air vents underneath the computer that are designed to allow the device to cool — if you have ever used a laptop on your lap you may have felt the build-up of heat as clothing stops this ventilation.”—

People can reduce their risk of fire by:

- Putting laptops on a hard, flat surface like a table — but never on a bed, carpets or cushions.
- Never leaving items charging on soft materials.
- Keeping portable computer air vents unblocked and removing dust or debris caught in them.
- Avoiding damaged laptop power cords, phone chargers or extension cords.
- Turning off devices when not in use and avoid leaving them unattended when switched on.
- Checking smoke detectors at every level to ensure they work properly.

NEWS

- On February 4th Fire Chief Elliott attended the staff meeting at the municipal office.
- Work continues to complete the changeover of tools to Pumper 4. On Feb. 8th P. Elliott and R. DesRoches installed the hose reel on to the pumper. This gives us quick access to a hose line as well as offering an option for on scene decontamination. On the 13th P. Elliott completed the plumbing for the hose reel.
- **The 2019 Annual Report** for the Marten River Fire Department was completed and submitted.

- Four members are registered to attend this year's **North Eastern Fire Education Conference**.
- Debbie Morrow of the **Temagami Community Foundation** sent us a grant application which we completed asking for assistance to fit every Marten River Fire Fighter with up to date made to measure Bunker Gear.
- Kathy Faulkner, Administrative Assistant for the North Bay Fire and Emergency Services declared a **SPARKY SUIT** surplus for their department. We were fortunate enough to be the first to reply and Fire Chief Elliott picked up the suit from her on February 27th.

