



## MARTEN RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### APRIL 2020 MONTHLY REPORT

#### INCIDENTS

- April 10<sup>th</sup> Marten River fire fighters were dispatched to a tractor trailer with “Danger” placards in the ditch on Highway 11 North of Richfield Road. Fire fighters controlled the scene, set out flares, directed traffic, preformed fire prevention functions and put down absorbent mats to mitigate a diesel fuel leak. The cargo was loaded batteries.
- April 13 The department responded to a tree on powerline sparking on Highway 11 5KM north of Marten Lake Road. The Location to the scene could not be found.
- April 14 Members were called to a tractor trailer on fire on Highway 11 7 km north of Highway 64. Fire fighters controlled the scene set our fires directed traffic and extinguished the fire at the rear right hand trailer tires and cooled the trailer wheels and braking system an both sides.

#### TRAINING

- April 10 Following the MVC call members stayed to discuss new COVID 19 protocols for  
**Medical Responses**, - New COVID 19 SOG, PPE, airway management changes, naloxone use changes and VSA Protocols  
**Work Place** - Complete health forms and take temperature, stay home if sick or if a family member is sick. Physical distance and wear a mask when physical distancing cannot be achieved including in the truck cabs  
**Ministry of Natural Resources –Forestry-** Restricted Fire Zone and forest fire response by municipal fire departments.

NO OTHER TRAINING WAS HELD DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS.

#### FIRE PREVENTION

The restricted fire zone was added to the Illuminated sign at the fire hall.

## **MEETINGS**

Fire Chief Elliott has been involved with **the Emergency Control Group** responding to the COVID 19 pandemic, through teleconference 2-3 times each week. This is a coordinated effort to keep everyone healthy during this emergency and the messaging keeps us informed. (temagami.ca.)

On April 7<sup>th</sup> Fire Chief Elliott Teleconferenced with **Nipissing East Parry Sound Mutual Aid Fire Chiefs**, the MNR-F and OFM-EM personnel regarding restricted fire zones, forest fire management and managing the fire departments and mutual aid responses through COVID19.

On April 15 Fire Chief Elliott teleconferenced with the **Nipissing East Parry Sound Mutual Aid Fire Chiefs**, and MNR-F and OFM.

Discussion – MNRF SP103 training and municipal compensation from MNRF

-PPE survey with OFM

-PPE sourcing

On April 20<sup>th</sup> Fire Chief Elliot was on a WEBEX call with, **Fire Marshall J. Pegg, Solicitor General S. Jones, Premier Ford and Ontario Fire Chiefs.**

Discussion- acquiring PPE, completing weekly PPE surveys including PPE burn rate, fire department encouraged to source as much PPE as possible for themselves, weekly staffing surveys to determine the impact of COVID 19 on Ontario fire fighters, COVID 19 Test Results Portal and it's appropriate use, priority testing for Fire fighters with COVID symptoms.

On April 21 Fire Chief Elliott teleconferenced with **Nipissing East Parry Sound Mutual Aid Fire Chiefs.**

Discussion- Critical shortages of PPE to be reported to OFM adviser. Using minimum gear on initial patient assessment to minimize contamination to gear- decontaminating bunker gear- training possibilities (smaller groups, outside, WEBEX) fire fighter self-monitoring and use of masks- celebration drive byes – northern flood evacuees.

## **OTHER NEWS**

Thanks to fire fighters N. & T. Malbrecht for cleaning at the hall including sweeping the sand off the front apron.

### **Local COVID 19 response**

Thanks to the Marten River Community for following the regulations and only going out for essential needs. Thanks to the many community members who are shopping, baking and generally looking out for our seniors. Our prayers go out to members of the community that are essential workers. We thank you for the services you provide.