



## MARTEN RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### MAY 2020 MONTHLY REPORT

#### **TRAINING**

- May 4<sup>th</sup> Fire fighters met with physical distancing, hand hygiene and mask wearing measures in place to discuss **NEW COVID 19 PROTOCOLS**, including Department SOG's for fire, MVC and medical responses, Municipality of Temagami staff screening (including added COVID symptoms) and protocols and mutual aid associations changed expectations
- May 25<sup>th</sup> Members met at the fire hall respecting physical distancing and rearing masks to complete some neglected (due to the pandemic) equipment and fire hall maintenance. Task completed included: Change tires on Rescues 1 & 3 and torque – 4 Edraulic units had batteries changed and the units were cycled 2Xs – the carburetor was removed from Rescue 2 (UTV) and repaired and installed – Hydraulic pumps, chainsaw, cutoff saw and generator were all inspected, run and checked for operation – Rescues 3 & 5 were washed – bay floors were swept - meeting room floor was swept and washed. Trash was picked up along the road side in front of the fire hall - all backpack sprayers were checked for operation – the breathable air compressor was calibrated – a 6" suction hose was repaired with a new clamp and put back on Pumper 4 – an attempt was made to repair the leak on the Darly CAF system for Rescue 3 (need parts) - water was loaded on Rescue 3.
- May Nine fire fighters have completed the **SP103 Forest Fire Fighting Coarse**, home study, by reading the student manual and completing the test questions. This study required 7 hours of time to complete and we much appreciate the efforts put in by our members. We expect that the balance of the team will have the course completed in June.

#### **INCIDENTS**

- May 23<sup>rd</sup> Marten River fire fighters responded to a medical call on Pozniak Rd. The male patient had chest pains and difficulty breathing. Fire fighters monitored patient until EMS arrived.

## **FIRE PREVENTION**

The illuminated sign at the fire hall was changed after the restricted fire zone was lifted to read:



Unfortunately, Marten River's Annual Fire Fighter's Pancake Breakfast, scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>, has been cancelled due to COVID 19 restrictions. This event has been a major part of our department's fire prevention and education program.

## **NEWS**

- Fire Chief Elliott continues to participate with the Emergency Operations Committee on COVID 19, providing input for the Marten Rive Community by teleconference.
- Fire Chief Elliott participated in the Nipissing East Parry Sound mutual aid Association teleconference with OFM adviser Tara Hamilton. Discussion was in regards to, open air burning, where to direct complaints, enforcement, fireworks restrictions for Victoria Day weekend and how departments are managing training
- Fire Chief Elliott attended the May 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting via the ZOOM platform.
- Thanks to Fire fighter T. Malbrecht for sewing masks for members. These masks will help us to conserve our inventory of PPE.
- The Marten River Volunteer Fire fighting Team Association has donated embroidered fire department patches for members dress shirts. This donation is much appreciated and completes the professional look. Thanks to Fire Fighter J. McKenzie for getting the patches hot pressed onto the sleeves.
- On May 26<sup>th</sup> the Temagami Community Foundation presented the Marten River Fire Department with \$4,500.00 to be used to purchase bunker gear. We so much appreciate this donation as eight of our members are wearing either outdated or not made to measure PPE.

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