



MARTEN RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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DECEMBER 2020 MONTHLY REPORT

TRAINING

Dec. 7th Fire fighters were individually trained on the setup of the new "Emergency Scene Ahead" sign. Then the group discussed sign placement, safety precautions and highway hazards. Signs were then stowed on Rescues #3 and #5. New boots were distributed to members providing fire fighter footwear that is warmer and has more grips and replaces outdated (over 10 year old) boots.



Fire fighter DesRoches completed the wiring for the emergency lights on top of Pumper 4. The E-draulic equipment's batteries were changed and the units cycled. The fire hall floor was washed. The illuminated sign's message was changed. Fire department correspondence was shared with members.

Dec. 21st Members watched the MidCanada Fiberglass Limited video on the rescue sled operations. Then Fire Chief Elliott ran an orientation for the snowmobile, rescue sleigh, first aid and safety equipment and the snowmobile trailer. Deputy Chief Siegner continued the training with recognition of head, neck and spinal injuries training, patient boarding and immobilization techniques and patient helmet removal to avoid further injury.

Dec. 28th Fire fighters met to perform a number of maintenance tasks:

- Washed all trucks
- Tape and paint lines on floor for truck parking alignment
- Tape and paint lines on floor around electrical panel as per request for insurance provider
- Paint three floor grates
- Change illuminated sign to read BE COVID SMART STAY SAFE AT HOME
- Repair and reprogram opener for #3 garage door
- Restock PPE on entrance tables



INCIDENTS

December was an incident free month.

Fire prevention

The illuminated sign carried a Holiday fire safety message for the month.



OTHER ITEMS

- ✓ Fire Chief Elliott continued to participate with the Emergency Operations Control Group on the COVID 19 Pandemic response attending Zoom meetings on December 10th and 21st.
- ✓ On December 17th Fire Chief Elliott attended a virtual Emergency Management Program Committee meeting that reviewed the municipal response to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA), the critical infrastructure list and the emergency operations control procedures.
- ✓ A purchase of a new Porter Cable air compressor and two retractable hose reels was made. This purchase will make the use of pneumatic tools while completing in house repairs more viable as well as allowing the maintenance of proper air pressures for department apparatus.
- ✓ Marten River Fire fighters were pleased to be part of the “Virtual Breakfast with Santa and Gift Giving. Deliveries of pancake mix, breakfast items and toys for the Marten River area children were made using fire department vehicles (lights and sirens). Lots of happy faces. Kudos to the municipal recreations committee for their work this very different holiday season.

