



MARTEN RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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JANUARY 2021 MONTHLY REPORT

TRAINING

- Jan. 11th Deputy Chief/Trainer Siegner let the group through its annual **WHMIS** review. **Working in the Cold** safety concerns, hazards protective measures and emergency procedures were discussed. Fire Chief Elliott reviewed the **cold weather operating procedures** for the pump panels on Rescue 3 and Pumper4. Fire department correspondence was discussed.
- Jan. 18th Fire Department members met using the ZOOM platform because of the stay at home order issued by the province. Members reviewed the summary of responses for 2020 and were informed of all correspondence and information coming from the Fire Marshal's teleconference. Budget submissions were discussed.

January was an incident free month.

NEWS

- Fire Chief Elliott attended Emergency Operations Control cycle meeting via Zoom on January 7, 14 and 21.
- Chief Elliott participated in a WebEx teleconference with Fire Marshal Jon Pegg.
Topics Discussed Were:
 - Emergency Declaration by the Province of Ontario**~ Departments advised to follow the guidance in OFN Communique and avoid unnecessary operations.
 - Vaccinations**~ First responders that perform medical will be included in Phase 1 of vaccine rollout. This includes fire fighters.
 - Fire Fighter Training** ~ The Ontario Fire College will be closing on March 31, 2021. Training will be moving to regional centers.
 - Live Fire Training** ~ Two mobile live training units will be made available.
 - Masking in Stations** ~ Is now required.
 - Fire Training and the Declaration of Emergency** ~ Training can continue with a strong adherence to regulations.
 - Inspections** ~ Circumstances that meet definition of a threat to life should be dealt with.
- Core Fire Service conducted an inspection of the fire department's fire extinguishers and the kitchen's suppression system.

- Fire Chief Elliott and Fire fighter N. Malbrecht designed and built a stand for the new air compressor. Thanks to Captain Smetana and Firefighter DesRoches for assisting them with the air compressor installation.
- Fire Chief Elliott attended the January 21st Council Meeting via ZOOM.

