



MARTEN RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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May 2023 Monthly Report

TRAINING

- May 8th Fire fighters reviewed the materials sent by the OFC (Ontario Fire Collage) regarding the Mobile Live Fire Training Unit and the firefighting plan and training objectives set out by East Ferris Emergency Service. The Who's Responding applications were reviewed and members discussed their training needs.
- May 15th A short meeting was held to debrief on the May 14th fatal MVC. Traumatic Incident reports were filed by members attending this difficult call made worse by the fact that it occurred on Mother's Day. Equipment used at the accident scene (backboards, stocks basket, emergency bags, e-draulics etc. was decontaminated and restored to its place on the rescues.
- May 25th Fire fighters N. Malbrecht, T. Malbrecht, P. Christie, and P. Elliott & MJ. Elliott attended a full day training session. Instructor Jami Myer with the OFC lead the Marten River and East Ferris firefighters through an intensive training using the Mobile Live Fire Training Unit at Laurier Fire Department in South River. Marten River fire fighters received extensive training on inspecting SCBA units, donning and doffing technics, air management and communications. Fire fighters attended training fire safety briefing and reviewed the plan. A Training safety Officer and accountability officer were named. In Full gear Fire fighters did a walk-through of the unit to get oriented. In full SCBA fire fighters experienced, ceiling rollover, live fire activity in couch and stove and the density of smoke. MRDF supported the scenarios set out with exterior attack functions, knocking down the fire and cooling the unit, through windows and doors, so interior fire fighters could enter. Some new hose and nozzle technics were learned and employed. Thanks to the Nipissing East Parry Sound Mutual Aid Association for facilitating this excellent day of training that for sure "Tested the Metal". Thanks also to Laurier Fire Department for hosting, providing the pumper and pump operators, water supply, refilling air cylinders etc.



May 29th

The following Maintenance was completed:

Repair Honda portable pump from Rescue 3 (new fuse)

Install spare Honda portable pump on Pumper 4

Order parts for Honda portable pump (inline fuel filter and new ¼ fuel line)

Inventory and maintenance checks for all vehicles were completed

Cycle the E-draulics

Torque the tires on Rescue 5 and Rescue 3

Look at ways to support the step bumper on Rescue 5. Bumper not safe because of frame issues previously disclosed in the 2022 annual report. This vehicle needs to be replaced.

Change sign Breakfast with Sparky July 2 8:30- 11

Review forms for training records and fire department correspondence

A debrief was held for the May 17/18 house fire.

INCIDENTS

May 14th

MRFD was dispatched to a single vehicle collision requiring extrication on Highway 11 North of Jumping Caribou Rd. Driver had struck an adult moose and rolled into a ditch with 4 "of water. TFD assisted. Fire fighters secured the scene, stabilized the patient holding head above water, used E-draulics to extricate the trapped occupant of the vehicle, attended to two others injured, assisted EMS, and directed alternating traffic at request of OPP. One person was declared deceased at the scene.

May 15th

Members were activated to a single vehicle MVC on Highway 16 where a driver swerved to avoid a deer and landed in the bush. EMS and OPP were on scene when the fire department arrived. Fire fighters completed fire prevention checks on the vehicle, cleared debris and controlled traffic at request of OPP until tow vehicle arrived.

May 17/18

At 8pm MRFD assisted by TFD (automatic aid) responded to a working fire at 377 Marten Lake Road. The fire department, controlled the scene, completed and 360 degree survey, preformed initial fire attack using water from Pumper4, Carried portable pumps and laid hose to the lake for water supply, dosed the fire using three 2 1/2 in lines and 1 1 ½ and cooled four propane tanks until fire control was established (4:11am) Five fire fighters stayed and continued to douse flames from rekindle until

10:52. Portable pumps and hoses were loaded, trucks were fueled and hoses and gear used were decontaminated. Call completed at 1500hrs.

May 18 At 1500hrs Fire Chief Elliott met with Michael Bird (OFM Fire Investigator) and the OPP regarding the fire at 577 Marten Lake Road.

May 18th At 2100 hrs OPP requested the fire department extinguish a small rekindle fire at 377 Marten Lake Road. Fire fighters unloaded the 500 gallons of water from Pumper 4 using hand line.

May 25th Fire fighters attended a single vehicle MVC where the driver had left the road and landed in the ditch. Air bags had deployed causing some injuries and leaving the driver in shock. Fire fighters monitored the driver's condition until EMS arrived.

May 27th Fire fighters were called to a MVC involving and adult moose on Highway 11 and Tonomo Lake Road. The fire department was stood down on route as actual location was Temagami Access Road. One member attended. OPP and EMS were on scene.

OTHER

- Fire Chief Elliott Attended the May 25th Council Meeting via Zoom
- On May 31st Fire Chief Elliott and Captain Elliott attended the Nipissing East Parry Sound Mutual Aid Meeting.
Speakers for the night were:
Robert Laporte from Kleen Sweep Chimney Service, who discussed chimney fires, new chimney construction and WETT issues.
Mike Sanford, from TSSA (Technical Standards & Safety Act) who talked about fuel storage, HVAC, carbon monoxide and incident reporting.
- Our Mutual Aid Partners at North Bay Fire Department were dispatched to a multi vehicle MVC involving a fatality and an adult moose on Highway 11 at Bidwell Road on May 17 while MRFD was attending a house fire. We appreciate that they took on this difficult task for us.
- Arbor works has completed the chipping of tress behind the fire hall revealing a flat space where the helipad could possibly be move to.
There has been three after dark MVCs with serious injuries in our jurisdiction just this month and unfortunately no night time landing by Ornge Air Ambulance at MRFD. The lot beside the hall was partial cleared as well so that equipment could access and hazards can be removed.
- The inadequacy of the MRFD pumper with only 500 gallons of water was again demonstrated at the May 17 house fire. The pumper was out of water well before portable pumps and supply lines could be employed. This Pumper was to be an interim solution only.
- Bouquets go out to the Marten River Volunteer Fire Fighting Team Association, Deputy Chief Siegner, Fire Fighter T. Malbrecht and the Marten River community for stepping up to help the family at 377 Marten Lake Road with financial, physical and moral support.

- Great work Captain Smetama for reporting to the MNR and saving the moose calf orphaned at the May 18 MVC.
- Thank you to the Municipality of Temagami and John Shymko for including eight Marten River Fire Department members in the “Still Standing” filming. A FUN NIGHT!
- The Marten River Fire Department are planning to host the community on July 2nd for our annual pancake breakfast with Sparky. This is the department’s fire prevention day.

Poster Attached.