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MARTEN RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2023

TRAINING

- August 2nd Deputy Fire Chief/Trainer Anne Siegner provided training in Radio Communications and Documentation as per the NFPA Firefighter 1 & 2 Legacy Requirements. The team completed a Standard Incident Report on 2 scenarios and also reviewed all of the necessary forms and reports to be completed for calls.
- August 15th Fire Fighter Ray DesRoches led portable pump training. The members set up the portable water pump to draw water from the lake, pumped water to the fast attack pumper and deployed lines and practiced/demonstrated water and foam attack. Operator safety when using this equipment was stressed.
- Deputy Fire Chief Anne Siegner with assistance from Firefighters Nicole Bedard and Tina Malbrecht audited Training Manuals for the Exterior Attack/Auto Ex Legacy Certification. 10 Members will be applying for Legacy.
- August 29th Deputy Fire Chief/Trainer Anne Siegner Lead the team through a review and discussion of the Incident Command structure, duties and responsibilities. Other topics discussed were Traffic Control, Communications and Safety. Deputy Fire Chief/Trainer Anne Siegner submitted the following members for Exterior Attack/Auto Extrication Legacy Certification through the Ontario Fire Marshals Office:

Pete Christie
Nicole Bedard
Tina Malbrecht
Norm Malbrecht
Ronda Nichols
Rod Bossert
Rachel Cantin
Charlie McDougall
Ron Brandow
Dave Smetana

Applications were submitted to the Ontario Fire Marshals Office for Team Lead/Officer Certification for Pete Christie and Nicole Bedard.

Deputy Fire Chief Anne Siegner announced that Firefighter Ray DesRoches will fill the vacant Captain position that became open after Captain Mary-Jane Elliott's Retirement. Ray has been a longstanding valued member of the Marten River Fire Department who has held the positions of Firefighter, Captain and Deputy Chief.

INCIDENTS

August. 3rd – Call #20

High winds knocked a tree onto the power lines at Hwy 11 and Old Mill Rd, causing the tree to catch on fire. Rescue 3, 4, and 5 responded. Marten River Fire Department monitored situation until Hydro one arrived.

August 4th - Call #21

A Tractor Trailer slid off the road, rolled and landed on its side in the northbound ditch at Hwy 11 and Bidwell Rd. No Injuries were reported. Rescue 3, 4, and 5 deployed. Marten River Fire Department monitored the scene and set up single lane traffic for North and Southbound. Signage and cones were set up for 3 lanes and provided Traffic control.

August 10 - Call #22

Marten River Fire Department was called out for an 84 year old male complaining of abdominal pain and shortness of breath. The patient was assessed and shortly thereafter, Ambulance Services arrived and care was transferred to the Paramedic crew.

Aug 22 - Call #23

Mutual Aid Call to assist Temagami Fire Department with a Tractor Trailer fire carrying straw near mile marker 427 on Hwy 11. Rescue 3, 4 and 5 deployed. Marten River Fire department assisted with fire suppression, traffic control and clean up.

Aug 23rd - Call #24

Single motor vehicle hit the guardrail at Hwy 11 and Tonomo Lake Rd. and flipped onto it's roof in the southbound lane. Marten River Fire Department secured the scene, checked the vehicle for fluid spills, set up safety barriers, closed 1 lane and controlled traffic.

Fire Prevention Initiatives

August 6th

At the August 6th Community Yard and Bake Sale, fire prevention materials and promotional items from the "Spring Summer Kit" were available to the public. Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms were available for sale. We featured a Kidde talking combination alarm with a 10-year lithium battery for \$38.00. Fire Smart Magazines were handed out and put into shopping bags with purchase.

OTHER NEWS

Congratulations to the chairpersons (J. Devost, R. Cantin & T. Malbrecht) of the Community Yard and Bake Sale. A very well-run event with quality donations, lots of lovely baking and a fantastic breakfast. Thanks to the volunteers that again so graciously offered their services and to the community for its support. All unsold items were donated to other organizations or were properly recycled. Thanks Ladies a job well done!!!

Fire Chief Paul Elliot announced that Fall and Hunting season is approaching and that he has made the decision to delegated Pete Christie as Acting Fire Chief in his absence moving forward. We welcome and support Pete Christie to this new position.