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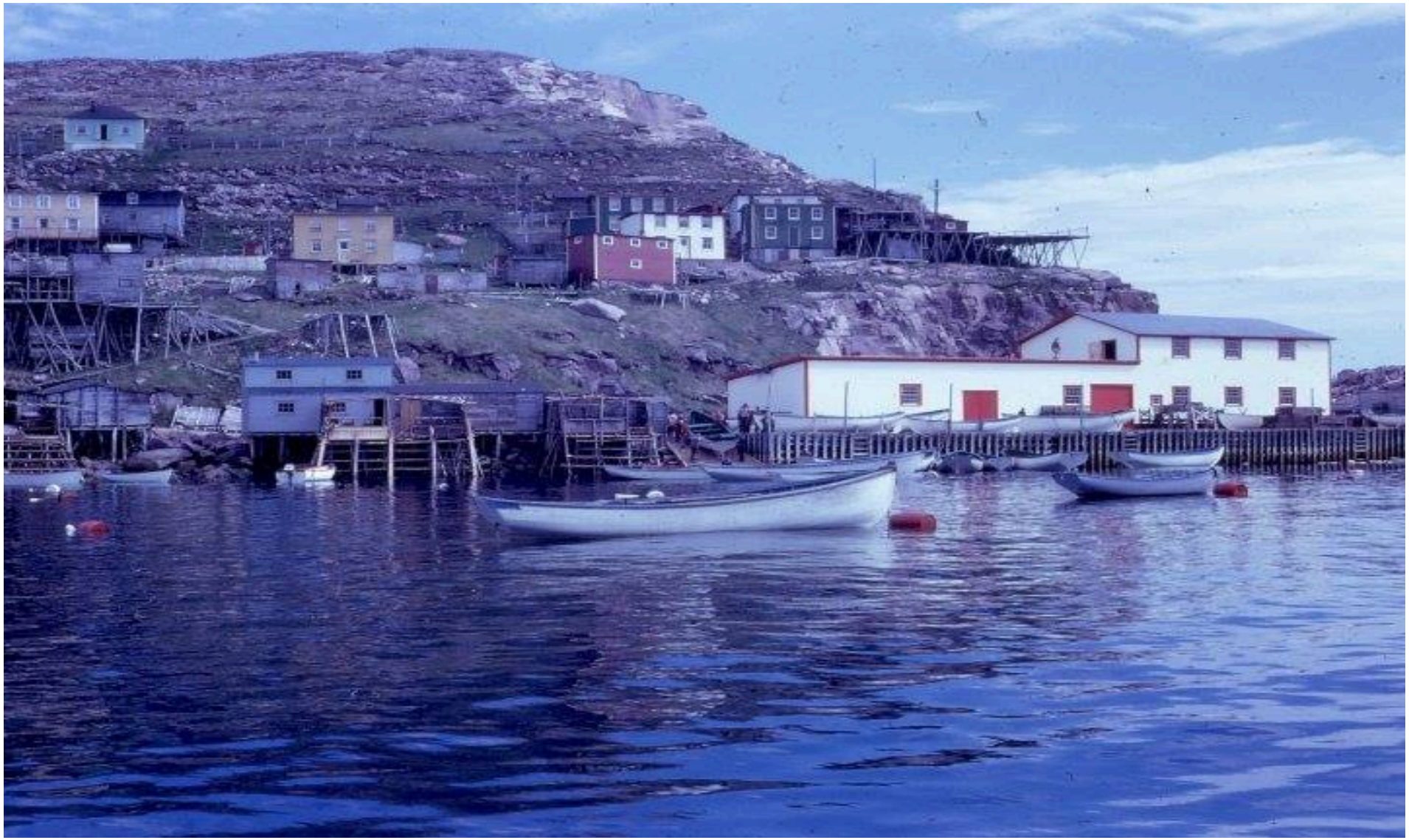

It grew to this….



And now all we have left is….





Bay de Verde Fire
April 11, 2016

Sequence of Events

- 5:41AM - Call received
- 6:00AM - Old Perlican Fire Department arrived.
- 6:30AM - Mayor wanted the harbour evacuated and the Town Emergency Plan activated.
- 6:41AM - Town Clerk/Manager of Old Perlican contacted and requested she contact FES.
- 6:50AM - Road blocks entering the community were set up.



Sequence of Events Cont.

- 6:56AM - EMC arrived at the Town Hall to be briefed by the Assistant Fire Chief in Old Perlican. Calls to FES, Newfoundland Power and the RCMP had been made.
- 7:00AM - The Mayor declared a State of Emergency.
- 7:30AM - Hants Harbour & Winterton arrived
- 7:48AM - The Mayor requested a water bomber.
- 8:00AM - AES was called





Sequence of Events Cont.

- 9:45AM - Aerial trucks on site from Bay Roberts & Carbonear, Harbour Grace arrived
- 10:00AM - RCMP officials onsite offering to assist with evacuations.
- 11:00PM – Telephone conference with FES
- 12:30PM - Coast Guard boat arrived
- 3:00PM - Inspection of site by EMC & Fire Commissioner.
- 3:15PM - Telephone conference with FES



Sequence of Events

- 3:30PM – EMC visited evacuation center to assess needs of residents
- 3:45PM – Mayor lifted evacuation order and state of emergency.
- 4:00PM -Telephone conference with FES
- 7:00PM – EOC closed
- 10:00PM – BDV FD relieved of duty for the night by 3 other departments.
- 7:30AM – BDV FD back on scene until 12:45 when all hot spots were declared out.

What worked?

- Town Hall could be used as the command center after power was restored.
- Support received from neighbouring fire departments and neighbouring town.
- Evacuation center set up within minutes and the Lion’s Club responded with aid.
- Dispatching of additional fire departments when needed.

What didn’t work!

- 911 & local RCMP detachment did not know the number to call FES.
- No media coordinators available
- Both security/access personnel were fighting the fire.
- No where to park at the EOC due to fire department member vehicles.
- Council never met during the emergency.
- No water bomber available.

How we communicated

- Called as many residents as possible on the immediate evacuation side.
- Used the fire departments and RCMP to assist in evacuating residents door to door.
- Used loud speaker on the ambulance to assist in evacuation notifications.
- Operated both phone lines at the Town Hall
- Used multiple media conferences/interviews to provide updates

How we communicated cont…

- No internet due to power being restricted to the community– relied on outside sources.
- VHF Radio with the Fire Department.
- No cellular service in the community.
- Made face to face visits to residents sent to the evacuation center.
- Kept in contact with the fire departments throughout the night as needed via radio.
- Briefings with outside agencies as required.



Presented by: Mayor Gerard Murphy & Town Clerk Tara North



Questions

