

On Saturday, September 29, 2018 four members of the Westchester Volunteer Fire Department participated in the Truro Fire Brigade's Annual Walk In Our Boots Firefighter Challenge. They placed first over teams from North River, Truro (2 teams), Cobequid, Bible Hill and Balmoral (NB). Team members include Captain Troy Moore, Captain Kendall McNutt, Firefighter Noah Moore and Chief Justin Rushton. This was the third year that Westchester has had a team at this event.

The course is set up by the Truro Brigade and two teams compete at a time. The first firefighter had to dress in full turnout gear and SCBA, run down the course to lift a hose tied to a rope up to the top of the ladder truck and then tie it so it could not fall back down to the ground. The next member had to carry a high rise hose pack over their shoulder down the course, drop it, hit a tire with a maul five times then flip the tire four times end over end. The third member of the team had to advance a charged inch and a half hose line and knock a pylon off of a sawhorse. The final member had to drag Rescue Randy to the mat ending the course. Westchester had to complete the course five times to come home with the first place prize.

This is an annual event that promotes teamwork and recruitment for the fire service. Teams from differing departments were cheering each other on as Truro celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> year in its community.

Way to go guys!!

