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Minutes of the meeting held in Old Saybrook on Nov. 23, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 8:03 with a salute to the flag.

This meeting was a combined Valley Shore fire chief's and Valley Shore ambulance chief's meeting at the request of radio committee chairman Fred Dudek. Representatives from both town agencies present at tonight's meeting were: Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook. Also present were representatives from Valley Shore Communications and Control 5, and Control 9.

Fred Dudek began the discussion with a synopsis of the past 6 months or so of what the committee's charge was and what has happened so far. He explained the goal was to find operating frequencies for the different departments to work on after being toned on 46.18. He sent out letters to bring all the agencies involved to this informational meeting and make progress in a positive direction.

Operating frequencies that were discussed were:

Old Saybrook and Clinton to share 46.26 as is now.	Killingworth and Essex to share 46.04
Westbrook Fire and EMS will utilize 46.20.	Haddam Fire and EMS will utilize 46.54.
Middlefield and Durham will share 45.88.	Chester will utilize 46.44.
Old Lyme will stay on 33.96.	Deep River will stay on 46.08

Alternate frequencies that were discussed for Rapid Intervention, pump operations, tanker shuttle etc. were 46.30, 46.34, 46.40, 45.96, and 47.62. These frequencies would not involve dispatch centers to monitor radio traffic. The incident command system will stay in effect.

Discussion continued on prioritizing 95% of radio traffic, which will be handled on a case by case scenario on the same frequencies. Toning reeds will have to be looked at a financial expense. The objective is to eliminate toning over the operating frequency. Questions were asked of possibly 3 or 4 towns use the same operating frequency to eliminate conflict of mutual aid frequencies.

Fred stated he would send out a document with the plan discussed at tonight's meeting and thanked everyone who attended.

President Johnson invited both fire and ambulance chiefs to the next meeting in Westbrook on December 21st at 8:00 PM, Dinner will be served before the meeting.

Continuing with the regular agenda:

Communications: none.

Treasurers' report: \$5108.65. MMS to accept as read. S.V.

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Training: Essex will sponsor a Firefighter 1 class starting January 5th. Clinton will sponsor a Firefighter 2 class. Dates to follow probably in middle January.

Old Business- none.

New Business- none.

Interest to the organization: Essex new rescue truck is in to be in service mid December. Also Essex new firehouse in the final stages, hoping for occupancy in December. Haddams' new firehouse is in full swing going through the committees. Westbrooks' fireboat will be out of service for the winter.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Greg Scott, Secretary
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