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MINUTES APRIL 23, 2001 IN ESSEX

The meeting called to order by President Bauer at 8:05 pm, with a salute to the flag, with seven departments represented; Chester, Clinton, Essex, Guilford, Killingworth, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.

Minutes of the March 26, 2001 meeting were read. MMS to accept as read, So voted.

Treasurers Report was read: showing \$6961.29 in checking with all dues paid in full. MMS to accept the report as read. So voted.

Communications and bills to be paid: none.

Reports of Committees: Discussion followed on the possible seminar. Don Johnson spoke of receiving a fax from Dennis Rubin, expressing several topics he can cover. The major consensus of discussion was focused on a two-day seminar with a fire officer type class one-day and possibly a firefighter case study class the second day. Note that both Morgan and John Winthrop are available for November 10 and 11. Don Johnson will ask for an agenda more tailored to our needs at the May meeting.

Jed Perkins handed out a draft on his ID & Accountability committee to look over and discuss. Ritt and MayDay committee did not meet, will try to get together before May meeting. Minimum Standard will have a draft for the May meeting.

Old Business: Fred Dudek spoke of the letter that was sent to Eileen Daily, see attached.

New Business: Fred asked if any other departments had problems with the Middlesex Paramedics. Discussion followed. Jed spoke of sending a letter to Madison, North Madison, Haddam and Old Lyme to try to spur up involvement at meetings, etc.

Interest to the Organization: Deep River Ambulance will be hosting a MRT class starting May 14th at their new ambulance headquarters on West Main St; East Shore will be hosting a FF 1 class in Killingworth starting May 29th.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting will be on **MAY 21**, in Guilford at 8:00 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Greg Scott, secretary/treasurer
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April 20, 2001

Senator Eileen Daily
State of Connecticut
Room 2100, Legislative Office Bldg.
Hartford, CT 06106
Fax: 860 240-0208

Dear Senator Daily,

This letter is being sent on behalf of the 12 Fire Departments that comprise Valley Shore Mutual Aid, Inc.

Of the approximately 30,000 firefighters in the state of Connecticut 25,000 are volunteers. The bulk of the basic level training of these volunteers is provided through a network of eight regional fire schools. Since as early as 1950 these regional fire schools have been operated by the local fire service as independent agencies. Today they provide most of the Firefighter I and Firefighter II certification programs. None of these training programs are conducted by the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks.

Of the eight regional schools, three are on the verge of losing their facilities. One is nearly at the end of a long term property lease, one is losing its property to state highway construction, and one is being displaced because the property that they occupy has been classified as a superfund site due to contamination caused by the dumping of hazardous waste on the site prior to the construction of the fire school. The five remaining schools all have their own critical capital funding issues.

The directors of these eight schools have formed a consortium in order to coordinate capital budgets into a five-year plan. This plan has been submitted to the state legislature and has become Raised Bill #6542 "An Act Authorizing Bonds of the State for a Capital Improvement Program for the Regional Fire Schools".

This is not a spurious piece of legislation. The continued training of firefighters in Connecticut depends upon the continued operation of these regional fire schools. Please act now to make sure that this most important funding is provided. Please support the passage of Raised Bill #6542 and the appropriation of the necessary funding to continue to train our firefighters. This continued training is the only way that our personnel can continue to safely and efficiently provide these most necessary services to their respective communities.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Bauer
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Fire Chief, Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company

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