

Valley Shore Mutual Aid Association
Meeting minutes 10/28/02

Prior to the start of the meeting, a presentation was made on the SHARP Team. David Cone headed the presentation. Dave explained the coverage areas, types of responses, response times and rules for calling. Dave explained that Middlesex Hospital is aware of the SHARP Team and is ok with us calling them in as an additional resource because they do not have a similar resource available.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM by President Perkins with a salute to the flag. There were 10 towns represented.

Committee reports – Need S.O.G.'s from Dick Bauer. Jed and Fred will work on getting them.

Old Business – State disaster plan will be explained again at the Middlesex County Chiefs meeting on November 13th at 7:00 PM in Killingworth. Chief Richards will be there to explain the details. Every chief should have gotten a letter to be signed by themselves, first selectman and possibly the EMS chief. If you sign the agreement to send apparatus, you must be prepared to send it and man it for up to 10 days, 24/7. You can rotate crews, but you must be able to provide what you agree to. Bid specifications are complete on radios and each department should get a high band radio after the first of the year.

New Business – North Madison has been granted a license for UHF. Madison, North Madison and Guilford are implementing a PL system shortly. Old Saybrook is hosting a mass casualty train drill on Saturday November 9th beginning with a meeting at the middle school at 8:00 am. Several other agencies are bringing equipment in including 2 Chinook helicopters from the National Guard, a portable cell tower, SHARP Team and the Mashatucket Pequots will bring their mass casualty vehicle. The incident will take place at RR Donnelly with the radio traffic to run on the primary radio frequencies. Evaluators for each sector will be from outside the immediate area to ensure fairness.

Good of the association – Fred Dudek stated that the smallpox vaccine details are being worked out for first responders. They will be available in the spring of 2003, with many details still to be worked out.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Johnson
Secretary Pro - Tem