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## Minutes of February 24, 2003 VSMAA Meeting, Clinton, CT.

President Perkins called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. 9 Departments were represented.

The minutes of the January 27, 2003 meeting were read. MMS to accept as read. So voted.

The treasurer's report was read, showing \$3852.87 in checking. MMS to accept as read. So voted.

### Special Presentations:

1. Brian Wysocki, Emergency Management, Old Saybrook, presented the Valley Shore Smallpox inoculation plan, and overview of smallpox infection. All Valley Shore members with the following exceptions: Guilford, Madison and Haddam, would participate in mass inoculations at the Old Lyme High School. Haddam will participate in the East Hampton High School Site – Thad King is Health Director, and Madison and Guilford would participate at the Madison Town Campus site.

### Communications:

1. None

### Bills to be paid:

1. Bill from Jed Perkins for the amount of \$98.08 was submitted for the plaque presented to Greg Scott. MMS

### Committee(s) report:

1. None

### Old Business:

1. Don Johnson presented state Funding Proposals for regional fires schools. A form letter concerning fire department support was also distributed for use by each department. It was suggested to put this letter on your respective letterheads and submit them to your State Representative and Senator to encourage funding for this initiative.
2. Jed Perkins announced that Jim Hite from Middlesex Hospital will attend the Deep River Meeting for Questions and Answers. Jed also announced the Chester Banquet will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### New Business:

1. Jim Long reported on the Connecticut Fire Chiefs February meeting concerning the State Police Fire Boat. The Boat was described as an 80', dual hull, 10,000 gpm fire boat with 600 gallons of foam, 2 surgical suites and 15 beds, thermal imaging and 30 knot capabilities. The boat will have a 6-man crew comprising of 3 firefighters, and will be staffed from 8 am to 5 pm. It was mentioned that this boat would probably be stationed in Bridgeport Harbor.
2. Jim also reported that the State Police would be coordinating the USAR Team in Connecticut. Fire/rescue training required is 900 hours, and no workers compensation or pay is provided by the state. Only compensation, if any, must come from your own town.
3. John Tabek announced a serious break-in on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Tylerville Station in Haddam. John proved a quick list of items taken and description of the events. Anyone who

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hears or comes across any information related to this event is urged to contact the State Police, or to contact Chief Tabek immediately.

4. Buck Taylor asked for clarifications and corrections of e-mail addresses. A sheet was also circulated to make any corrections concerning mailing addresses listed on the Valley Shore Letterhead. If you have any members in your department who would like to receive the Valley Shore minutes, please provide a valid e-mail address to Buck at: [buck.taylor@nmvfc.org](mailto:buck.taylor@nmvfc.org).
5. Scott Andrews announced the Clinton Fire Department would be purchasing a new 100' Sutphen Aerial. The new truck is expected to cost \$830,000. Scott also announced that Clinton would be launching into service its new Sea Ark Rescue Boat the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March. Chief Andrews also announced the department's conversion to Scott 4.5 Air-Packs, consisting of 40 air-packs, with an additional 40 spare bottles. Clinton is also assembling a committee for a new Ambulance.
6. Jed Perkins announced a new Ambulance in Chester would be delivered in May.

**Interest to the organization:** None

There was no other business to discuss. The next meeting will be held in Deep River, on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

Respectively submitted  
Buck Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer  
March 7, 2003