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## Minutes of April 28, 2003 VSMAA Meeting, Chester, CT.

President Perkins called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. 7 Departments were represented.

The minutes of the March 24, 2003 meeting were read. MMS to accept as read.

The treasurer's report was not read. The treasurer reports a balance is \$4149.41.

### Special Presentations:

1. None

### Communications:

1. None

### Bills to be paid:

1. None

### Committee(s) report:

1. None

### Old Business:

1. Rob McCarthy reported that no apparent progress concerning the break-in at the Cross Lane station has been made by police.
2. ITAC portable radios are in, Middlesex county towns are to report to DPS headquarters in Middleton for delivery and training on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Towns east of the CT river are to report to DEP building in Old Lyme on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
3. Charlie Greeney reported that Middlesex Hospital sent a letter to department heads and officials in Chester asking for lump sum payment for Paramedic service from MH. Charlie reports poor billing practices from MH are part of the MH issue.
4. Grants were briefly discussed, and Jed Perkins reminded everyone that we are assembling a library of grant applications for use by Valley Shore departments.
5. Deep River has chosen Valley Shore as it's new dispatch center, and has forwarded this request on for town approval. Chester also announced that they have signed on with Valley Shore for dispatching services.
6. Jeff True asked for the website address for the FCC narrowband directives. Here they are again: <http://www.apco911.org/frequency/narrowbandmandate.htm>

### New Business:

1. Don Johnson announced he is in discussions with the State Fire Academy to bring an "Abbottville" like table-top scenario trainer to Valley Shore later this fall. The States version is called Petersboro, and is currently offered to state departments free of charge. The recently departed Ron Keene was responsible for this training, and Don is waiting to hear back from the state on Ron's successor.
2. Don also announced that Essex Fd will be hosting a Strategy and Tactics class on December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> fro the State. Classes will likely run from 8:00 – 4:30 on both days.

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3. Jed Perkins reminded us that Fred Dudek is instructing a Rural Water Supply class in Durham on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Those interested should contact Fred.

**Interest to the organization:**

1. Don Johnson announced that Essex is back up on the web at: [www.essexctfire.com](http://www.essexctfire.com) Feedback is welcome. Immediate feedback: Don it looks like you have the titles under Chief and Secretary reversed!
2. Scott Andrews announced that Clinton's new 34' boat is in the water at the town dock. Scott announced that the boat will do 50+ knots, and he expects to have certified operators by the May 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend. Scott has offered to take us to Long Island in 12 minutes for refreshments and shopping. Scott also announced that Clintons new ladder truck is due in on September 1, 2003.
3. Scott Andrews announced that Clinton has thousands of feet of 4" hose available with some appliances. He is giving the first right of refusal to Valley Shore departments. If you have a good home or know of a good home for it, please contact Scott.
4. Jim Budney reminded everyone of upcoming Hose Testing needs. Frank Shrempp announced that Clinton is currently communicating with a potential new vendor from Oregon after last year's problems. Frank will forward the web site address of this possible new vendor. A MMS to form a small committee to look into the possibility of creating a large RFP to aggregate the solicitation of this service for all interested Valley Shore Departments as a way to reduce costs and entice more potential vendors. Buck Taylor will work with Frank Schrempp to put forth a proposal for the Associations review.
5. Jeff True announced that Old Saybrook's Deuce and a half is available for big water service at brush fires. The apparatus carries 1200 gallons of water. Jeff also announced that the departments Privateer (water rescue) is almost prepped and ready for launch.

There was no other business to discuss. MMS to adjourn - so moved at 8:40 pm. The next meeting will be held in Guilford, on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

Respectively submitted  
Buck Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer  
April 28, 2003