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Minutes of June 23, 2003 VSMAA Meeting, Haddam, CT.

Vice President Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. 8 Departments were represented.

The minutes of the June 2, 2003 meeting were read. MMS to accept with corrections.

The treasurer's report was read. The treasurer reports a balance is \$4349.41.

Special Presentations:

1. Connecticut Special Signal Fire Association (CSSFA) presented information regarding Canteen 1, which is sponsored by the Salvation Army and Red Cross. Documents were distributed by CSSFA outlining the details and availability of Canteen 1, which is also known as Car 22. Canteen 1 is dispatched through Groton Emergency Communications Center, and is available to all Valley Shore Departments. The dispatch number is (860) 448-1562. Personnel are being trained in Haz-Mat Awareness and CPR. Canteen 1 should be positioned close to fire ground REHAB, and in obvious cold zones at Haz-Mat calls. Canteen 1 is equipped with multiple radio frequencies, and can communicate with almost all possible fire ground channels in the state.
2. Jim Hite presented clarifying information regarding the budget and staffing of Middlesex Hospitals Paramedic Program. Jim apologized for not being able to disclose the pending layoffs and suspension of Medics 4&5 at the March 24, 2003 meeting in Deep River. Jim conveyed the Hospital was operating with a \$1 million deficit in December and had to make cuts to operating expenses. Jim stated that Middlesex is looking at the Windham Hospital fiscal model, and wanted to avoid the mistakes that Windham had made. This was the reason for the development of the "Steering Committee". Issues discussed included communications, in particular from Jodi White, and billing issues. Middlesex hopes to start billing with a new system starting with each respective towns July 1, 2004 fiscal year budget. Jim also stated that Middlesex will continue to subsidize the program at some level, and that equipment comes from an endowment fund, and is not considered part of the operating expense. Jim presented an abbreviated spreadsheet showing call stats as reported by Valley Shore and KX. Jim reports calls are down, and there has been no significant difference in "percentage available" and "average response" times overall, however each town may have different data and/or underlying issues. Concerned services can call Jim at (860) 344-6081 to discuss individual town statistics or issues.

Communications:

1. None

Bills to be paid:

1. None

Committee(s) report(s):

1. None

Old Business:

1. Don Johnson reports that he is still waiting to hear back from the state concerning the Petersboro trainer.

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2. Paul Fazzino provided a RIT Weekend Training update: Jim Crawford and his instructors would like to make the RIT weekend August 10th, however the East Shore Bd. Of Directors are trying to work on the traditional last weekend of August as the preferred date. Paul reports that there will be the regular Basic RIT and Advanced RIT, in addition to a new, 2-day Incident Command class for officers. Paul states that East Shore is looking for host towns and buildings (sites) where classes may take place. Jim Long reports that a building thought available, was torn down by the developer prematurely. Jim states that there may be some additional buildings available later in the season and will report back. Paul asks anyone with any potential buildings to contact members of East Shore Training (Herrschaft, Fazzino, Dudek, North Madison [Taylor]). Paul will also be looking for apparatus as training plans are shored up.
3. Jim Long is interested in discussing and coordinating a group bid for hose testing for Valley Shore Departments. Buck Taylor will send out an e-mail to all Valley Shore Departments soliciting interest in this plan. Jim will coordinate the bids and logistics with interested parties.

New Business:

1. Jed Perkins reports that modifications to the Inn at Chester are now complete. All rooms are now running gas fireplaces. Jed also reports that the basements contain multiple hazards and are quite complex – and urges extreme caution to those who may enter. Jed also reports that the building(s) are now fully sprinkled with a wet system.

Interest to the organization:

1. Rob McCarthy reports elections in Old Lyme were recently held. Rob will take over as Chief, with Deputy Dave Jewett, 1st Assistant Tom Rozanski and 2nd Assistant Brian Dow to help. Congratulations to Rob and his crew!

There was no other business to discuss. MMS to adjourn - so moved at 9:06 pm. The next meeting will be held in Killingworth, on July 28th at 8:00 pm.

Respectively submitted
Buck Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer
June 23, 2003