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## Minutes of July 27, 2003 VSMAA Meeting, Killingworth, CT.

President Perkins called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. 9 Departments were represented. The order of the meeting was adjusted due to the late arrival of the secretary/treasurer.

### Special Presentations:

1. Bob Ziegler and Kevin Brown introduced their company, ERM, which primarily staffs EMS units for volunteer organizations for specified periods of time. They can also provide supplemental training.

The minutes of the June 23, 2003 meeting were read. MMS to accept with corrections.

The treasurer's report was read. The treasurer reports a balance is \$4749.41.

### Communications:

1. None

### Bills to be paid:

1. None

### Committee(s) report(s):

1. None

### Old Business:

1. Fire school budget is still pending.
2. Fred Dudek reported that training program was being assembled for the Disaster Planning Group. Unified Command appears to continue to be a sticking point with the State Police. Because of the lack of voluntary signatory agreement on the part of town officials to formalize the statewide mutual aid agreement for the Disaster Plan, the state legislature is looking at creating and passing a legislative act. The Group is still looking at how to put together apparatus and personnel assignments. It is likely that this assignment structure will have to occur on a county-basis due to the inability to assign volunteer personnel for extended assignments.
3. Fred Dudek also reports that East Shore Training is now looking at the Columbus Day weekend or later in the fall as new dates for the annual RIT training. The Saturday Incident Command Class will be limited to 16 officers. These 16 officers will be responsible for commanding RIT scenarios the following Sunday.

### New Business:

1. Charlie Greeney reported the results of the recent Chester elections and reports the following officer assignments:
  - o Charlie – Chief
  - o Jed Perkins – Deputy Chief
  - o John Brainard – Assistant Chief
  - o Pete Tiezzi – Battalion Chief

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- Jim Schaeffer – Captain
  - Aroha Lubritski – Lieutenant
2. Fred Dudek reports that the State Fire Academy has adopted the University of Maryland's curriculum for Fire Officer I. The state will use a new manual from the University. Fred also reports that the Academy is still working on a Fire Officer II class.

**Interest to the organization:**

1. Don Johnson reminded everyone of the upcoming Cruise Night Event sponsored by the Essex Fire Department on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.
2. Don also reported that Essex Fire Department is hosting a Strategy and Tactics class for the state Fire Academy on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Deputy Chief Bob Healey from Milford Fire and Fred Dudek from Killingworth will share teaching responsibilities for the class.

There was no other business to discuss. MMS to adjourn - so moved at 9:08 pm. The next meeting will be held in Madison, on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm.

Respectively submitted  
Buck Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer  
August 4, 2003