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## Minutes of August 25, 2003 VSMAA Meeting, Madison, CT.

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

### Special Presentations:

1. Jim Hite from Middlesex Hospital provided an update on the budget proposals for Paramedic Services. A report showing system-wide statistics was distributed. This report showed that summertime volume was up, and Paramedic availability had dropped 3% on average, system-wide. Jim reported that Jody White has left Middlesex, and Jim will be meeting with his new boss to go over the proposed budget. The budget will be presented to the steering committee before distribution to other town officials. Jim asked that EMS and Fire Chiefs review the budgets with their respective town selectpersons to help explain the services. Jim states that the current billing structure proposal consists of a "per Capita, per transport town basis, based on numbers from 2002.

The minutes of the July 27, 2003 meeting were read. MMS to accept with corrections.

The treasurer's report was read. The treasurer reports a balance is \$4849.41.

### Communications:

1. None

### Bills to be paid:

1. None

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

1. Fred Dudek reports that the Fire school budget funding has passed with the budget, however the state has not put forth it's capital spending budget yet, and the schedule for schools is still unknown. Don Oullette is working on the Civil Projects team, and will keep the fire service updated.
2. Fred Dudek also reported that 4 people for Middlesex County have been assigned 4 towns to represent each for the Disaster planning teams. Fred reports that any Disaster Plan mutual Aid agreements are secondary to existing mutual aid agreements. The four members are:
  - o Bob Ziegler: Responsible for Portland, Cromwell, Middletown, Westfield & South District.
  - o Paul Owen: East Hampton, East Haddam, Haddam and Haddam Neck.
  - o Jed Perkins: Chester, Deep River, Essex, Old Saybrook
  - o Fred Dudek: Killingworth, Clinton, Westbrook, Durham.
1. Charlie Herrshaft reports that East Shore Training has now scheduled November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> as the 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. There will also be a Residential Collapse Class. If anyone has any buildings, please contact East Shore Training.

### Old Business:

**CHESTER HOSE CO., INC.**  
P.O. Box 214  
Chester, CT 06412  
526-0019

**CLINTON VOL. FIRE DEPT.**  
35 East Main Street  
Clinton, CT 06413  
669-8131

**DEEP RIVER FIRE DEPT.**  
57 Union St.  
Deep River, CT 06417  
526-6042

**ESSEX FIRE ENGINE CO. NO. 1**  
11 Saybrook Road  
Essex, CT 06426  
767-1258

**GUILFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
31 Park Street  
Guilford, CT 06437  
453-8000

**HADDAM VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
439 Saybrook Road  
Higganum, CT 06441  
345-4945

**KILLINGWORTH VOL. FIRE CO.**  
331 Rt. 81  
Killingworth, CT 06419  
663-1785

**MADISON HOSE CO. NO. 1**  
P.O. Box 573  
Madison, CT 06443  
245-2772

**NO. MADISON VOL. FIRE CO.**  
864 Opening Hill Road  
No. Madison, CT 06443  
245-2772

**OLD LYME FIRE DEPT.**  
69 Lyme St. P.O. Box 102  
Old Lyme, CT 06371-0102  
434-2424

**OLD SAYBROOK FIRE DEPT.**  
310 Main St.  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475  
395-3149

**WESTBROOK FIRE DEPT.**  
P.O. Box 691  
South Main Street  
Westbrook, CT 06498  
399-9492

1. Don Johnson reports a successful Cruise Night event at the Essex Firehouse despite the regional power outage. Don reports over 80 entries. Essex is planning on another Cruise Night sometime in spring.
2. A brisk discussion of the Middlesex Paramedic budget and process was held. Some chiefs reported that their selectpersons have not received or discussed the situation with them.

**New Business:**

1. Jed Perkins queried the interest of the organization concerning branded Polo shirts. Jed will investigate pricing, and report back.

**Interest to the organization:**

1. Don Johnson reported that Essex Fire placed a new Suburban “light” rescue into service.

There was no other business to discuss. MMS to adjourn - so moved at 8:51 pm. The next meeting will be held in North Madison, on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 pm.

Respectively submitted  
Buck Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer  
August 25, 2003