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Minutes of October, 2003 VSMAA Meeting, Old Lyme, CT.

President Perkins called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM with 8 departments represented.

Special Presentations:

1. None

The minutes of the August 25, 2003 meeting were read, along with discussion notes from September 22, 2003.

The treasurer's report was read. The treasurer currently reports a balance is \$4949.41.

Communications:

1. None

Bills to be paid:

1. None

Committee(s) report(s):

1. None

Old Business:

1. Inventory sheets were discussed briefly.
2. President Perkins spoke about the fire mass in Norwich, CT stating it was attended by about 45 departments and was quite a nice mass.
3. President Perkins passed around shirt catalogs with price sheets along with the original patch that will be embroidered on the shirts.
4. Paramedic program, Chief Jim Long reported on the last meeting. The price has now come down drastically, Jim reported that the general feeling was that we would all pay for the service for 1 year and see how it goes with Middlesex Hospital. The selectman and towns should decide together.
5. Training, Haddam and Guilford RIT training on 11/1 & 11/2. Essex will host Strategy & Tactics on 12/13 & 12/14.

New Business:

1. President Perkins stated that "ERM" wanted to become a member of VSMAA. President Perkins read the bylaws that stated that members are towns in the Valley Shore Mutual Aid area. ERM is welcome to attend meetings, but by bylaws is not allowed to join.
2. DEP is buying more trailers for Decon. They will be in sometime in November. When you call, you get 4 guys and the trailer. There are no training classes scheduled for departments to learn how to use the trailer or what to set up to prepare for it's arrival. Chief Jeff True reported that the trailer is large and would have to have a truck large enough to pull it. You also need an area large enough to put it once it gets to you. Time line of trailer to you may be an issue with this.

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3. I-Call radios, Troop F will monitor them. You can communicate directly with a trooper through these if needed. Valley Shore Communications will also monitor and they can patch you through to the state police also.
4. Vernon Skau stated New London Fife & Drum is sponsoring a raffle. Drawing is 11/29.
5. Chief Scott Andrews reported that Past Chief Hugh "Oscar" Allen is in Middlesex Hospital and will be in for 4 – 6 weeks for treatment of a rare form of Leukemia. VSMAA will send flowers to Oscar.
6. At the November meeting a nominating committee for VSMAA needs to be formed.

Interest to the organization:

1. Essex will be going to a town meeting in November to get final approval on a new tanker. If all goes well the new 1800-gallon tanker should arrive by June 2004.
2. Motion made and seconded to purchase 3 polo shirts for each member department. The color will be 2 tone blue. Buck Taylor to send a sign up sheet to each town for shirt sizes.

The next meeting will be held in Old Saybrook, on November 24th at 8:00 pm.

Respectively submitted
Don Johnson
Secretary Pro-Tem