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Minutes of the April 26, 2004 VSMAA Meeting, Essex, CT.

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President Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM with 10 departments represented.

Special Presentations:

1. None

The minutes of the March 22, 2004 meeting were read, MMS to accept as read.

The treasurer's report was read. Treasurer reports a balance of \$4,491.40. MMS to accept as reported.

Communications:

1. None

Bills to be paid:

1. A bill for \$25 to the Secretary of State for annual Incorporation dues was presented. MMS to pay bill.

Committee(s) report(s):

1. Schools: Fred Dudek reports that the current legislative session ends May 4th. A state budget must pass before the first of two \$10 million dollar bonds can be enacted. Fred also reported an article in the Middletown press published that the state was willing to pay \$7.6 million dollars to acquire a piece of property for the Middlesex Fire school before a property has even been selected. The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is expected to release a list of candidate sites soon.
2. Education Committee: Fred Dudek reports that the committee met last Thursday. The plan for the fire schools remains that Hartford will get a new Class A burn building, and New Haven's Class A building will be rebuilt in the first round. In the second round, a site will be selected and purchased for the new Middlesex fire school. The biggest sites being evaluated are located in Middletown; however, sites in Haddam and Old Saybrook are also being considered. The Middlesex Fire Chiefs will have the final say in which site will be selected.
3. Statewide Disaster Plan: No report. The next meeting is scheduled for May 6th.
4. Training, Fred Dudek reports that the preferred instructor for the Smoke Reading Class is not available until after the first of the year. A discussion about scheduling resulted in selecting a weekend in January, not to compete with the Super bowl. Fred will contact Instructor Dotson to work out a date, and have a price for the next meeting.

Old Business:

1. Don Johnson and Jed Perkins have yet to meet to respond to Valley Shore Communications about the proper protocol for changing mutual aid assignments.

New Business:

1. Bob White, V.P. from the Middlesex County Fire Chiefs reported that he has paperwork to request paperwork to file for injury claims for firefighter injuries. Bob can be reached at (860) 347-4302 should you require copies of this paperwork. Bob reinforced the need to make sure any injury is properly reported.
2. Bob White also reports that the Connecticut Firefighter Memorial is looking for donations. Individuals or departments can purchase a brick in their name for \$100. Applications are available from the Connecticut Fire Academy Bookstore.

Interest to the organization:

1. Bob White also discussed that a special meeting to discuss Workers Compensation for firefighters will be discussed with FEMA at this years annual fire convention in Cromwell. Additional discussions illustrated that unions have stalled the issue of workers compensation over battles and issues with "Volunteer" departments.
2. Fred Dudek states that new legislation concerning "Position of Authority" is likely to pass. This legislation arises over several recent issues concerning a local Policeman and local firefighter having questionable relations with minors under their supervision.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 hours.

The next meeting will be held in Guilford, on May 24, 2004 at 8:00 pm

Respectively submitted
Buck Taylor
Secretary/Treasurer

VALLEY SHORE MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

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NAME	COMPANY
Tim Ballantyne	DREFD
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FRED DUDEK	KILLINGWORTH
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