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Minutes of the May 24, 2004 VSMAA Meeting in Guilford, CT

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM with all 12 departments represented.

Special Presentations:

1. None

The minutes of the April 26, 2004 meeting were read, MMS to accept as read.

The treasurer's report was read by VP McCarthy. The treasurer reports a balance of \$4,691.04. MMS to accept as reported.

Communications:

1. None

Bills to be Paid:

1. None

Committee report(s):

1. Training: Fred Dudek reports that Dotson is available Saturday January 15, 2005 for the smoke reading class. He would be the one available, not an alternate instructor. Fred has obtained a quote indicating what is included as well as the instructors resume. The quote is for \$1,800 plus airfare, accommodations and rental car, as needed. MMS to lock this date in for Valley Shore.
2. Schools: The bond bill has passed legislation and now must go to the bond commission. The next bond commission meeting will be on May 28, 2004.
3. Statewide Disaster Plan: The committee has not met, should be in June.

Old Business:

1. A draft letter to Rick Darin of Valley Shore Communications was read by Don Johnson. MMS to approve the letter and forward to Rick Darin.

New Business:

1. Mutual Aid Discussion regarding frequency usage: The discussion consisted of what frequency to start on and use upon going to a mutual aid

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scene. Options consisted of IC making the decisions, relaying summary information through lead mutual aid officers. Automatic vs. mutual aid may be handled differently as automatic units are responding simultaneously. NIMS and ICS identify much of this and should be followed. Decision made to table to this topic for the month and potentially form a committee to further review.

2. NASH: Regional haz mat team out of New Haven can cover much of Middlesex county. If towns want to be a part of and/or covered by NASH they can obtain SOGS, by-laws and other organization information. Representatives to NASH would be needed if they join, either town by town or one rep for a group.

Interest to the Organization:

1. Chief Fazzino made a statement thanking the organization for support of the years. The organization also thanked Chief Fazzino for his years of service.

Next meeting will be June 28, 2004, 8:00 pm, at Haddam with Jed Perkins running the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 hours.

Respectively submitted
Robert McCarthy
Vice President