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Minutes of the September 27, 2004 VSMAA Meeting in North Madison, CT

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President Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM with 10 departments represented.

Special Presentations:

1. None

The minutes of the August 23, 2004 meeting were read, MMS to accept as read.

The treasurer reports a balance of \$4,691.40

Communications:

1. A rejection letter was received by the State of Connecticut stating the organization has not filed its annual status report since 2001. A review of checking account shows that the annual fee was submitted and paid for through 2002. 2 checks to the secretary of state were found for 2001.

Bills to be paid:

1. None

Committee(s) report(s):

1. Statewide Disaster Plan: No Report.
2. Schools: No Report.
3. Training: Dotson Smoke Reading Class – Need to sign up on web site (www.nmvfc.com/vsmaa/vsmaa.html), or contact Fred Dudek by November 22, 2004. Decision needs to be made at November VSMAA meeting whether to open up this class to outside departments. A location also needs to be finalized.

Old Business:

1. Charlie Herrschaft presented the NASH Mutual Aid Agreement letter. Depending on the nature of your departments Charter, your town selectperson or other authorized agent may need to sign. Please return to Charlie by October 25, 2004. An electronic version will be forwarded to you for your convenience.

New Business:

1. Jim Long announced that Westbrook F.D. would be performing a Tanker Task Force (Strike Team?) drill this Wednesday (September 29), at 18:30 hours, Station 1. All VSMAA departments are welcome to participate. Interested parties should contact Gregg Provost (westbrook.ambulance@snet.net).
2. Jim Long also announced a special screening of Ladder 49, Saturday, October 9, 2004, at Westbrook Cinemas (for firefighters only) at 10:00 a.m.

3. Charlie Herrschaft announced that a RIT class would be held the weekend of November 6th or 13th. A hosting department has yet to be identified, but a training house is available. There will be a Basic and Advanced track hosted in a concurrent single session over two days. The class is limited to 32 firefighters. It looks like a crew from Providence will provide the training. Jim Crawford may attend as guest trainer. Please sign up via the web (www.nmvfc.com/vsmaa/vsmaa.html), or by contacting Charlie.
4. Charlie also announced that the Guilford F.D. would be hosting an open house on October 17th.
5. Jeff True announced that the Old Saybrook F.D. Halloween hayride is back! Rides last 45 minutes, and will be held the last two weekends of October (23&24, 30&31). Those interested in reserving a session for their department should contact J.T. Dunn.

Interest to the organization:

1. Dick Bauer announced that Fred Dudek has accepted a position as selectperson in Killigworth. This new position conflicts with the regularly scheduled VSMAA meeting, preventing Fred from attending. Dick and/or Todd Hajek will be attending on Killigworth's behalf.
2. Jim Budney announced that Deep River has taken delivery of both a new rescue boat, and new Ferrara Engine. Jim reports that the rescue boat is being outfitted for service, while the new Engine has been rejected due to an inadequate front axel specification making the vehicle unsafe for duty. Once the issue is resolved, the new engine will reside in the Winthrop station. Jim also announced that the addition to the Winthrop station would allow Deep River to house 2 engines and a brush truck.
3. Eric Alletzhauser announced the delivery and placement in to service of North Madison's new heavy rescue. Eric also announced that the expansion of the North Madison firehouse has been delayed, and the new completion date is currently set for the end of October.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

The next meeting will be held in Old Lyme, on October 25, 2004 at 8:00 pm

Respectively submitted
Buck Taylor
Secretary/Treasurer