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## Minutes of the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 VSMAI meeting in Deep River, CT.

### Special Presentations: None

The meeting was called to order by President McCarthy at 20:00.

The minutes of the February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting were read, MMS to accept as read. (Andrews / Johnson)

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,753.25. A bill of \$486.09 was paid for Naples Restaurant (pizza for Smoke Reading class) in the past month.

MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. (Andrews / Hajek)

### Communications:

1. None

### Bills to be Paid: None

### Committee report(s):

1. Statewide Disaster Plan: Jed Perkins indicated that the TOPOFF drill is scheduled to begin on Monday 4/4/2005. Minimal involvement is expected from the Valley Shore towns.
2. Schools: Middlesex County school: Letter of intent has been drafted, if approved by Mdsx County Chiefs the City of Middletown will purchase the land and turn it over to the Mdsx County Chiefs. The Mdsx County Chiefs will then turn the land over to the State Comptroller.

### 3. Training:

### Old Business:

1. Radio frequencies: An updated listing of frequencies was distributed. After considerable discussion it was agreed that VSMAI would identify 9-10 channels that all departments would have available in their radios. This would primarily consist of the VSMAI operating frequencies. The IC or Water Supply Officer would then determine which channel would be used for water supply based on the location of the call. A listing of the suggested 10 frequencies will be distributed for confirmation at the April meeting in Essex.

### **New Business:**

1. Paul Fazzino discussed a recent decision by Middlesex Hospital to solicit bids for a single dispatch center for the Paramedics. This would require, as an example, Valley Shore Emergency Communications (VSEC) to dispatch the R5 for the upper county towns / cities in addition to their current service area. The bid request also requires changes to the EMD program used by Valley Shore and several other operational changes. VSEC feels strongly that the current 2-dispatch center model (Valley Shore & KX) works well and should not be disrupted. The Valley Shore Ambulance Chiefs have sent a letter to the CEO of Middlesex Hospital expressing their concern with these changes, MMS (Greeney / Andrews) for President McCarthy to send a similar letter to the Middlesex's CEO expressing VSMAI's concern with this proposal.
2. OSFD has some surplus Scott 4.5s that they would be willing to make available to any VSMAI department in need. Contact Rick Swan or Jeff True if interested.
3. Rick Swan discussed 3 recent incidents where OSFD has had issues with CL & P's response to their requests to shut off power at an emergency scene, including a Priority 1 incident where the response from a Supervisor took approximately 22 minutes. OSFD is arranging for a meeting with CL&P's Sr. VP of Operations to discuss these issues (date / time TBA), any VSMAI department is welcome to attend, especially if they have encountered similar issues.

### **Interest To The Organization:**

1. Charlie Greeney & James Grzybowski attended a conference in NC in early March to see new releases of the Firehouse software. This software can be integrated with Valley Shore's dispatch software. Chester is currently using this software (Fire & EMS), several other local services have started to implement. James will present an overview of the software / capabilities before the April VSMAI meeting in Essex.
2. Don Johnson reminded all Departments to come early to the April meeting in Essex to tour Essex's new HazMat trailer.
3. Tim Ballantyne questioned whether the VSMAI SOP for Incident Command will be updated to reflect NIMS standards (example – structure sides changing from 1,2,3, 4 to A,B,C,D). There may be other changes necessary, will need to review the VSMAI SOP.



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4. Charlie Herrschaft announced that Guilford would be hosting an EPA HazMat Tech course starting in May.
5. Scott Andrews discussed the reinstatement of funding for responses to limited access highways.
6. Rick Swan indicated that there was a recent recall on Holmatro rescue tools / issue with check valves. OSFD's equipment was part of the recall and will be out of service.
7. Charlie Greeney thanked all departments that provided assistance at their March 5<sup>th</sup> structure fire.

Next meeting will be April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in Essex at 8:00 PM.

MMS to adjourn at 20:35 hours (Johnson / Hajek).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer  
Secretary / Treasurer

**Attendees:**

Scott Andrews – Clinton  
Tim Ballantyne – Deep River  
Dick Bauer – Killingworth  
Jim Budney – Deep River  
Paul Fazzino - Essex  
Charlie Greeney, Jr - Chester  
Todd Hajek - Killingworth  
Charlie Herrschaft - Guilford  
Don Johnson – Essex  
Gary Klare - Haddam  
Rob McCarthy – Old Lyme  
Jed Perkins - Chester  
Bob Raymond – Deep River  
Frank Schrempp – Clinton  
Rick Swan – Old Saybrook  
John Tabak - Haddam