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Minutes of the May 23rd, 2005 VSMAI meeting in Guilford, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President McCarthy at 20:00 with a salute to the flag.

Special Presentations: None

The minutes of the April 25th, 2005 meeting were read. MMS to accept as read Hajek / Perkins).

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,753.25. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. (Andrews / Johnson)

Communications: None

Bills to be Paid: None

Committee report(s):

1. Statewide Disaster Plan: Another drill is being planned for later this year in Middlesex County. More to follow regarding time, place, resources needed.
2. Schools: Middlesex County Chiefs has hired a Secretary / Treasurer to assist the Training Director with the administrative activities associated with operating the County Fire School.
3. Training: No report.

Old Business:

1. Radio frequencies: Rob McCarthy reported that Old Lyme now has 46 MHz radios in their tankers.

New Business:

1. Scott Andrews reported that Clinton has lost another member, FF/EMT Joe Battista. Calling hours will be from 15:00 – 20:00 on Friday, May 27th, the funeral will be Saturday, May 28th, 11:00 AM at the Westbrook Congregational Church. Scott thanked all VSMAI departments for their continued support during these difficult times.



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- Jed Perkins attended the Harrisburg, PA show on Friday May 20th. Jed reported that the show was excellent, would like VSMAI to consider chartering a bus next year & inviting members to attend. Jed rode with Windsor this year, cost was \$50 / per person for bus & show.
- John Tabak extended a personal invitation to all Chiefs to attend the monthly Middlesex County Chiefs meeting in Essex on June 8, 2005. Dinner will be served at 19:00 with the meeting to follow at 20:00. Guest speaker will be Rob Ross from CT Dept of Homeland Security who will be presenting a synopsis / summary of the recent TOPOFF drill. John encouraged all Chiefs to become active in the Middlesex County Chiefs Association, lately the attendance has been dwindling. John cited the County Chiefs' jurisdiction over the use of 46.18 as one example of where additional support / feedback from active Chiefs is needed.
- Jim Budney reminded all VSMAI departments of the established protocol for apparatus call signs. Example – "Engine 2" being used instead of "5-5-2". This is especially important when multiple agencies are operating at an incident. Jed Perkins noted that NIMS does not allow for the use of a numbering scheme, everything would be common / plain language. Rob McCarthy indicated that the New London Chiefs are in discussion regarding a plan to transition to common / plain language.

Interest To The Organization:

- Don Johnson indicated that the Essex elections will be held on Thursday May 26th. The slate of officers that will be voted on is as follows: Chief: Keith Nolin; Deputy Chief: Ron Senn; 1st Assistant Chief: Andy Kressley; 2nd Assistant Chief: Steve Olsen. Don will be stepping down this year.

MMS to adjourn at 20:15 hours (Johnson / Andrews).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting will be June 27th, 2005 in Haddam (Station 1) at 20:00 hours.



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Attendees – May 23rd, 2005:

Brian Ahearn - Killingworth
Scott Andrews – Clinton
Tim Ballantyne – Deep River
Dick Bauer – Killingworth
John Brady – North Madison
Jim Budney – Deep River
John Divis - Chester
Bob Gerard - Madison
Todd Hajek - Killingworth
Charles Herrschaft – Guilford
Jeff Hesel – Clinton
Don Johnson – Essex
Gary Klare - Haddam
Rob McCarthy – Old Lyme
Jed Perkins - Chester
Frank Schrempp – Clinton
John Tabak – Haddam
Jeff True – Old Saybrook

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