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Minutes of the April 25th, 2005 VSMAI meeting in Essex, CT.

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

Special Presentations:

1. Essex's new HazMat / Mass Casualty trailer was on display from 19:00 – 20:00.
2. James Gryzbowski provided an overview of *Firehouse* software's capabilities and how Chester has integrated the software with Valley Shore's CAD system.

The minutes of the March 28th, 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. (Johnson / Andrews)

Communications:

1. A letter dated April 5th, 2005 from Robert Kiely, President / CEO of Middlesex Health System (MHS) to President McCarthy was read. Paul Fazzino indicated that Valley Shore Emergency Communications met with David Tine from MHS earlier in the day (4/25) and felt that David was receptive to & understood our concerns.

Bills to be Paid: None

Committee report(s):

1. Statewide Disaster Plan: Jed Perkins indicated that the Middlesex Coordinators were contacted for ATV's during the recent TOPOFF drill but were cancelled almost immediately. The Middlesex Coordinators continue to meet and will be presenting to VSMAI in the near future with more information regarding Strike Teams, Task Forces, etc.
2. Schools: Jed Perkins reported that the Middlesex County Chiefs unanimously approved a letter of intent that has been sent to the City of Middletown for further action.
3. Training: No report.



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Old Business:

1. Radio frequencies: An updated list of frequencies was distributed. Rob McCarthy clarified that OLFD still uses 33.96 as their primary operations frequency but they are currently in the process of transitioning to 33.62. There was discussion regarding the used of the ITAC frequencies, Scott Andrews and Tim Ballantyne reported that they had attempted to use the ITACs for large events (Bluefish Festival / Muster) and the range was poor. All VSMAI departments will work towards installing the 10 operational frequencies indicated on the list, the IC or Water Supply Officer will designate which channel will be used for WS operations depending on the location of the incident and / or other activity on the air.
2. Jeff True reported that OSFD met with CL & P (Area Supervisors & Senior Management) regarding recent issues with responses in Old Saybrook. CL & P indicated that there were several "freak" incidents that occurred during these responses that contributed to the delays. There was considerable discussion regarding CL & P's ability to shut down entire towns / streets / areas remotely and their standard operating procedures for shutting off power at emergency scenes. Several Chiefs in attendance reminded all departments to ensure the crews have grounded the lines before allowing personnel into an area with downed lines. Jeff True will coordinate inviting the CL & P reps to a future VSMAI meeting.

New Business:

1. John Tabak questioned information recently received from the State of CT regarding "Mark-1" antidote kits (who receives, training required, etc). None of the departments in attendance were actively pursuing obtaining these kits.
2. Scott Andrews expressed his gratitude, personally and on behalf of the Clinton Fire Department and the Miller family, for the outpouring of support that was received during Jeff Miller's recent illness. Scott thanked all VSMAI Departments for their support of fundraising and other activities since November 2004 when Jeff was first diagnosed.

Interest To The Organization: None



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MMS to adjourn at 20:45 hours (Grzybowski / Hajek).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting will be May 23rd, 2005 in Guilford (Headquarters) at 20:00 hours.

Attendees – April 25, 2005:

Scott Andrews – Clinton
Tim Ballantyne – Deep River
Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Jim Budney – Deep River
John Divis - Chester
Paul Fazzino – Essex
James Grzybowski - Chester
Todd Hajek - Killingworth
Charles Herrschaft – Guilford
Jeff Hesel – Clinton
Paul Jacobs - Killingworth
Don Johnson – Essex
Gary Klare - Haddam
Rob McCarthy – Old Lyme
Keith Nolin - Essex
Steve Olsen - Essex
Jed Perkins - Chester
Bob Raymond – Deep River
Frank Schrempp – Clinton
John Tabak – Haddam
Jeff True – Old Saybrook