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## Minutes of the May 22, 2006 VSMAI meeting in Essex, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Fazzino at 19:00 hrs with a salute to the flag.

### Special Presentations:

President Fazzino introduced Senior Field Representative Lew McGouldrick from Insurance Services Office, Inc (ISO) who provided an overview of ISO, how the ratings are determined, what can be done to improve our communities' ratings followed by a question and answer session.

### Reading of the previous meeting minutes:

The minutes of the April 24, 2006 meeting had been distributed previously. MMS to accept as distributed (Hall / Tabak).

### Reading of communications: None.

### Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$3,853.35. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Ballantyne / Hall). Note: 2006 dues have not been received from Old Lyme and Madison.

### Bills to be paid: None.

### Committee report(s):

1. Statewide Disaster Plan: Preliminary plan was distributed last month, Jed Perkins is looking for feedback.
2. Schools: Jed Perkins indicated that the Middlesex County School posted 25,000 man hours of training during 2005, the most of any regional school in the state. Funding from the State to the Middlesex County School was increased from \$28,000 to \$51,000. It was also noted that \$10M in funds had been released for the design of the new regional fire schools.
3. Middlesex County Chiefs recently participated in a tour of the USAR facility at Brainerd Airport. Jed Perkins reported that it was an informative trip and the USAR team is very well equipped to respond to any incidents.

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### **Old Business:**

1. President Fazzino is still attempting to schedule the Drug Lab Class. State Police instructors for the class are currently short-handed.
2. Training:
  - Clinton will be sponsoring a dive class, dates TBD.
  - FF1 in North Madison begins on Thursday 6/1. Registration forms will be mailed by the Middlesex County School or departments can contact Bill Wright (Killingworth) with a student count.
3. HazMat Techs: Charlie Herrschaft has received lists from Clinton and North Madison.
4. NIMS / SOG review: Changes to the Tender Strike Team SOG should be sent to Dick Bauer asap. In addition each Department should designate a water supply engine for each of the strike team levels. These engines will be responsible for setting up & managing the tanker fill site(s).
5. Mutual Aid Agreements: President Fazzino solicited feedback from the group regarding the New London and Middlesex County Mutual Aid agreements that were distributed at the April meeting. There was discussion over who the signers would be for each town (First Selectman, Chief, Commissioners, etc).

MMS (Ballantyne / Hall) that VSMAI adopt the wording used in NL and Middlesex Counties and that the Secretary prepare / distribute several versions of the agreement with different signers to meet each Town's needs. Each version will require the Chief's signature.

### **New Business:**

1. Rob McCarthy introduced Old Lyme's new Chief Officers in attendance: Chief Dave Jewett, Deputy Chief Brian Dow and 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief Steve Super. President Fazzino congratulated the new officers and thanked Rob McCarthy for his years of service as President of VSMAI and contributions to the organization.
2. Don Johnson from Essex announced the annual Red Knight charity ride which will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Flyers were distributed at the meeting and were e-mailed to the group.
3. Chief Herrschaft thanked the VSMAI departments for their support & kindness during his recent loss.



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

1. President Fazzino thanked Chief Hall for coordinating the ISO presentation. The presentation provided important information that pertains to all departments.
2. President Fazzino reminded all members to provide the Secretary with their e-mail addresses so that they can receive all announcements / minutes.

MMS to adjourn at 20:45 hours (Ballantyne / Hall).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer  
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting will be Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> in Guilford at 19:00 hours.

### **Attendees – May 22, 2006**

Tim Ballantyne – Deep River  
Dick Bauer – Killingworth  
Jim Budney – Deep River  
Brian Dow – Old Lyme  
Paul Fazzino – Essex  
Harry Hall - Durham  
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford  
Jeff Hesel – Clinton  
Andy Kressley - Essex  
Dave Jewett – Old Lyme  
Gary Klare – Haddam  
Rob McCarthy – Old Lyme  
Keith Nolin – Essex  
Steve Olsen – Essex  
Jed Perkins – Chester  
Paul Phoenix – Essex  
Bob Raymond – Deep River  
Steve Super – Old Lyme  
John Tabak – Haddam