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Minutes of the August 28, 2006 VSMAI meeting in Killingworth, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Fazzino at 19:05 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Special Presentations:

None.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes:

The minutes of the July 24th, 2006 meeting were read, MMS to accept as read (Perkins / Hajek).

Reading of communications: None.

Treasurer's report:

Received \$100 from the Madison Hose Company for 2006 dues. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,053.35. Dues have now been received from all towns. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Hajek / Tabak).

Bills to be paid: None.

Committee report(s):

1. Statewide Disaster Plan: Gregg Prevost is still in the process of collecting the Chiefs' signatures.

Old Business:

1. Drug Lab class: No update, President Fazzino is still attempting to schedule.
2. NIMS / SOG review: There were no further changes presented during the past month. MMS to adopt the revised SOGs (Bauer / Herrschaft). The Secretary will release a final version to the VSMAI distribution.
3. Mutual Aid Agreements: MMS to accept the Mutual Aid Agreement as presented at the July 2006 meeting (Prevost / Hajek). All departments are requested to execute the agreements by 1/1/2007 and provide copies to the Secretary.



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4. Hybrid cars class: Lorensen Auto Group is willing to assist with this class but has requested that we wait until they are settled into their new facility, tentatively October / November 2006. Bob Gerard reported that State Farm has a good training DVD on new car construction and hybrids, he will attempt to secure copies for any departments interested.

New Business:

1. Common Language / Communications: President Fazzino solicited feedback from VSMAI departments regarding the use of common language. Considerable discussion ensued, including questions whether we would change truck / officer designations or just call signals. Jeff Hesper proposed that we continue to use codes until involved in a multi-agency response. Clinton recently had a multi-agency hazmat response where no communication-related issues were reported. Terry Parmelee indicated that most Middlesex County departments were looking to stay with radio codes. MMS (True / Bauer) to continue using radio codes for single agency responses, multi-agency responses would utilize common language. Motion carried 14 in favor / 1 against, no abstentions.
2. Frequency Naming / UHF Frequencies: Jeff True questioned how VSMAI would be maintaining consistency / control over new UHF frequencies being implemented across VSMAI. Many of the member towns have their own UHF frequencies and Valley Shore Emergency Communications has obtained a number of frequencies with more expected in the near future. It was agreed that a common naming convention should be agreed upon so that there is consistency amongst all departments. Dick Bauer and Gregg Prevost will prepare a preliminary list of known UHF frequencies and their primary use. This list will be reviewed & revised at the September meeting. The goal would be to have VSMAI maintain a single listing of all channels, their names and uses.

Interest To The Organization:

1. Charlie Herrschaft proposed changing the meeting start time from 19:00 to 19:30. MMS (Herrschaft / Hajek) to make this change beginning with the September meeting in Madison.
2. Jeff Hesper reported that Clinton will be hosting a RIT / Safety & Survival on September 16th & 17th.
3. Bob Gerard asked if there were any EMT classes coming up. Charlie Herrschaft reported that Guilford may be running one in the fall.



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MMS to adjourn at 19:50 hours (Hajek / Hesper).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting will be Monday, September 25th in Madison at 19:30 hours.

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Attendees – August 28th, 2006

Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Jim Budney – Deep River
Paul Fazzino – Essex
Bob Gerard - Madison
Charlie Greeney - Chester
Todd Hajek – Killingworth
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Jeff Hesel – Clinton
Gary Klare - Haddam
Brian Manware – Clinton
Steve Olsen - Essex
Jed Perkins – Chester
Gregg Prevost – Westbrook
John Tabak – Haddam
Jeff True – Old Saybrook

Visitor: Terry Parmelee – Middlefield