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Minutes of the October 23, 2006 VSMAI meeting in North Madison, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Fazzino at 19:30 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Special Presentations: None.

Reading of the previous meeting minutes:

The minutes of the September 25, 2006 meeting were read, MMS to accept as read (Hall / Perkins).

Reading of communications: None.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,053.35. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Prevost / Hall).

Bills to be paid: None.

Committee report(s):

1. Statewide Disaster Plan: No update, there has not been a meeting. Still waiting on signoff from some of the upper county departments.

Old Business:

1. Mutual Aid Agreements: All departments were reminded to complete the VSMAI Mutual Aid Agreements by January 1, 2007 and return a copy to the Secretary. To date responses have been received from Deep River, Old Saybrook and Haddam.
2. Hybrid cars class: Waiting on deliveries to Lorenson Auto. They are expecting some cars to arrive within the next 1-2 weeks, the class will be scheduled at that point.



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3. **SOGs:** Terry Parmelee reported that Middlesex County Chiefs have adopted new SOGs which mirror the VSMAI SOGs that were recently adopted. Terry thanked President Fazzino and Dick Bauer for their assistance in aligning the two SOGs, this is the first time in memory that both groups have had SOGs that are the same. Hard copies were distributed to all Chiefs present. Terry noted that page 20 of the SOGs deals with Common Language, Middlesex County has agreed to implement common language for 46.18 (which is governed by them), individual departments can decide how to operate on their local / operational channels. Terry Parmelee reported that Middletown Control and KX have converted to common language for their departments. Gregg Prevost reported that Middlesex County is looking for consistency between day-to-day operations and multi-agency responses.
4. **Frequency Naming / UHF conversion:** A draft list of UHF frequencies that was assembled by Gregg Prevost was distributed to the group. President Fazzino tasked Gregg Prevost, Dick Bauer, Harry Hall and Charlie Herrschaft with developing a list of common names for all VSMAI UHF frequencies.
5. **Middlesex County Schools:** No update.
6. **Minor Firefighters:** President Fazzino reported on behalf of John Brady that the State Fire Commission and Department of Labor (DOL) have agreed to guidelines for minor firefighters. The document is with the Commissioner of the Department of Labor awaiting final signature. The current delay in signing apparently has to do with an issue related to “ride-alongs” for police and EMS explorers. Both sides agreed that this would be a living document, with changes allowed upon agreement from both sides.
7. **Bob Gerard** reported that the Madison Hose Company #1 recently held their elections. Bob Gerard was re-elected Chief, Dave Thomas as Captain, Bob Kyttle as Lieutenant and Bob introduced Jim Carson as their new Lieutenant.
8. **Harry Hall** asked if any departments had experience with Fireman’s Fund grants. Harry had received some information regarding the program and was scheduled to meet with a rep within the next few weeks. Several departments responded positively that they had been awarded grants in the past and that this was a worthwhile program to pursue.
9. **Chief Herrschaft** reminded all departments of the upcoming RIT weekend in Guilford (November 11 & 12).



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10. Dick Bauer announced that Killingworth will be transitioning to their new UHF frequencies for day-to-day operations as of Monday evening, November 6. Mutual Aid department will be contacted separately regarding the transition, Valley Shore Communications is ready. Incoming departments without UHF capabilities should continue to use 45.88 as VS will be simul-casting on 45.88 and the new UHF frequency. As needed UHF portables can be handed out to incoming apparatus / officers that do not have UHF radios.

11. Dick Bauer asked for vendor recommendations from area departments for hose testing, ladder testing and background / driving checks.

12. President Fazzino noted that Secretary Bauer recently had a loss in his family and proposed (MMS Fazzino / Hall) that VSMAI pick up a portion of the costs for the reception that followed the memorial service.

13. Gregg Prevost reported that John Tabak's mother had recently passed away.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting will be Monday, November 27th in Old Lyme at 19:30 hours.



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Jim Carson - Madison
Paul Fazzino - Essex
Bob Gerard – Madison
Charlie Greeney - Chester
Harry Hall - Durham
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Jeff Hesel - Clinton
Dave Jewett – Old Lyme
Don MacMillan – North Madison
Brian Manware – Clinton
Steve Olsen - Essex
Jed Perkins – Chester
Gregg Prevost – Westbrook
John Tabak – Haddam
Bob Voss – Clinton

Visitor: Terry Parmelee - Middlefield