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## Minutes of the February 26, 2007 VSMAI meeting in Chester, CT.

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

**Special Presentations:** None.

### Reading of the previous meeting minutes:

Minutes of the January 22, 2007 meeting were read. MMS to accept the minutes as read (Budney / Hajek).

**Reading of communications:** Confirmation received from the CT Secretary of the State for the 2007 VSMAI corporation renewal.

### Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,028.35. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Hajek / Hall).

**Bills to be paid:** None

### Committee report(s):

1. None

### Old Business:

1. Drug / Meth Labs: President Fazzino is still trying to coordinate with Old Saybrook Fire Marshal Don Dobson about conducting a presentation on drug labs in conjunction with the DEA. Clark Maxson will also contact Don regarding this class.
2. Mutual Aid Agreements: Signed agreements have only been received from Old Lyme, Deep River, Killingworth, Haddam, Madison, Old Saybrook Clinton and Durham. Please complete and turn one copy into the Secretary as soon as possible, the deadline to complete was January 1, 2007.
3. Junior / Explorer Firefighters: Chief Herrschaft reported that discussions are taking place in Hartford but no action is expected this session. President Fazzino has spoken with Senator Eileen Daily regarding this issue and she too has offered her support. President Fazzino asked all VSMAI Chiefs to speak with their Senators / Representatives regarding this issue. President Fazzino also requested that all Chiefs invite their local Senator / Representative to attend the March 26, 2007 VSMAI meeting in Clinton for an informal discussion on this issue.

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## **New Business:**

1. **Audit Committee:** The following members were selected to serve on the 2006 audit committee:
  - i. Frank Schrempp
  - ii. Clark Maxson
  - iii. Jim Budney

The committee will meet with the Treasurer immediately after the meeting to review and audit the books for 2006.

2. **Dues:** MMS (Ballantyne / Maxson) to set the 2007 VSMAI dues at \$100 per department.

## **Interest to the Organization:**

1. Lieut. Stephen Castagliuolo, CSP Troop F Commander, was in attendance to address concerns raised at the January 22 VSMAI meeting. The general consensus of those in attendance was that the FD / CSP relationship on a local level (Resident Troopers) is strong but sometimes issues arise with Troopers that are unfamiliar with the town. Several specific examples were discussed, some of which may have been dispatch issues and / or inaccurate information provided by the 9-1-1 caller. Lt. Castagliuolo encouraged any Fire Chief that experiences issues with the CSP to contact him or the on-duty Sergeant. Lt. Castagliuolo emphasized his commitment to maintaining a strong working relationship between the CSP and local fire services.
2. Chief Herrschaft discussed a recent incident in Norwich where the USAR team was requested, approved for activation but cancelled just prior to arriving on scene. Questions have been raised regarding who made the initial call, more information regarding this incident is expected out shortly.
3. Deep River provided an overview of a recent car fire in their town.
4. Chief Herrschaft reported that there will be a NHASH / DEMS drill coming up in Guilford, the scenario will include a train / rail incident.

MMS to adjourn at 21:10 hours (Hajek / Schrempp).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer  
Secretary / Treasurer



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Next meeting will be Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> in Clinton at 19:30 hours.

**Attendees – February 26, 2007**

Tim Ballantyne – Deep River  
Dick Bauer – Killingworth  
Jim Budney – Deep River  
John Divis - Chester  
Paul Fazzino – Essex  
Charlie Greeney – Chester  
James Grzybowski – Chester  
Todd Hajek - Killingworth  
Harry Hall – Durham  
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford  
Gary Klare – Haddam  
Clark Maxson – Old Saybrook  
Steve Olsen – Essex  
Frank Schrempp - Clinton

**Guests:**

Lieut. Stephen Castagliuolo - CSP Troop F  
Rick Darin - Killingworth / VSECI  
Scott Wright - Durham

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