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Minutes of the July 23, 2007 VSMAI meeting in Guilford, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Fazzino at 19:35 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Special Presentations:

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

MMS (Hall / Hajek) to accept the June 25, 2007 minutes as distributed.

Reading of communications: None.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$5,328.35. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Hajek / Hall).

Bills to be paid: None

Committee report(s):

1. State reimbursement of FF1 training: President Fazzino noted that the State Fire Commission sent out a notice indicating that guidance would be forthcoming on how to obtain reimbursement for FF1 training. Steve Biasi questioned the timing, specifically if this would apply to only future classes or also to students currently / recently enrolled in FF1 classes. At this point is not clear how these would be handled.

Old Business:

1. Mutual Aid Agreements: Still waiting for signed agreements from Chester, Guilford, and Westbrook. Please have these signed and turned into the Secretary asap. Steve Biasi was thanked for completing North Madison's last month.
2. President Fazzino asked for feedback on the draft SOG for Mutual Aid Responses that was distributed at last month's meeting. The goal of the SOG is to minimize radio traffic during major / multi-agency incidents. It was requested that the Secretary e-mail a copy of the draft SOG to all members for discussion at next month's meeting since many of those in attendance were unaware of the proposed SOG. Frank Schrempp asked if there was further discussion about a dedicated channel for Water Supply / Tender Strike Team assignments. The current low-band channel (47.62) has not been used in the past but it was felt that a dedicated Water Supply channel (preferably UHF) would eliminate a significant amount of radio traffic on the fireground



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frequency. President Fazzino will investigate this with Rick Darin. It was also noted that a dedicated Fire Police frequency would be beneficial and allow Fire Police personnel from multiple departments to communicate at large incidents.

New Business:

1. Gary Klare reported that the Haddam elections were earlier this month and that he had been elected Chief. John Tabak remarked that the transition should be seamless to VSMAI and Middlesex County Chiefs due to Gary's active involvement in both groups.

Interest to the Organization:

1. Bob Gerard reported that Madison is planning to convert portables to UHF as of October 1, 2007. Toning and operations will still occur on 46.06 but the UHF system will allow for better portable coverage. A new UHF receiver site will be set up at the Madison Hose Company #1 on Rte 1 to support this upgrade.
2. Bob Gerard reminded all departments that Madison is in need of Fire Police that are able to assist with their 100th Anniversary parade on August 4th. Any interested Fire Police should contact Bob.
3. Bob Gerard indicated that Madison expects 40+ towns and 600+ marchers for their parade. Responses have not been received from Westbrook, Old Saybrook and Deep River. Madison would appreciate a response either way so they can plan accordingly. A bronze axe and a full-length bronze pike pole are two of the trophies that will be handed out.
4. Harry Hall asked if anyone had heard about an upcoming triathlon that will begin in Madison and go through Killingworth and Durham. Harry will attempt to get more details.
5. Todd Hajek reported that Killingworth's website had recently been re-done and encouraged any feedback from VSMAI towns.
6. President Fazzino asked for a copy of North Madison's recent truck specification for a new attack pumper. Steve Biasi will look into this, there were issues / clarifications with the original bid responses that are being addressed now.



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7. President Fazzino reported that at a future VSMIAI meeting Jamie Grzybowski has agreed to discuss the recent incident in Chester and the subsequent OSHA review. Jamie will provide information on the process, his observations and recommendations for departments should they ever be faced with a similar issue. Charlie Greeney noted that the final report was being prepared for OSHA now but based on preliminary discussions they did not expect that any large / punitive fines would be levied. It would appear that any payouts as a result of the incident would most likely focus on expenditures for compliance / safety measures in Chester. Steve Biasi offered to arrange for a representative from CT OSHA to attend a future meeting to provide an overview to VSMIAI as well as Q & A.

MMS to adjourn at 20:05 hours (Hajek / Hall).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting will be Monday August 27th in Haddam at 19:30 hours.

Attendees – July 23, 2007 - Guilford

Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Steve Biasi – North Madison
Rob Chadd - Durham
Paul Fazzino – Essex
Bob Gerard - Madison
Charlie Greeney – Chester
Todd Hajek – Killingworth
Harry Hall – Durham
Gary Klare – Haddam
Tim Lucas – Old Saybrook
Brian Manware – Clinton
Frank Schrempp – Clinton
Mike Shove – Guilford
John Tabak – Haddam