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Minutes of the August 25, 2008 VSMAI meeting in Guilford, CT.

Special Presentations: None

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

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Prevost / Hall) to accept the July 25, 2008 minutes as distributed.

Reading of communications: None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported a balance of \$8,232.35. To date we have received \$1,879 for the November seminar. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Herrschaft / Hall).

Bills to be paid: None

Committee report(s):

1. Training: November Training seminar – JT Dunn was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the following report which was read at the meeting: 84 Days until the seminar. We have sold 186 out of 700 tickets so far. We have 2 vendors for \$99 that have paid and know of two more with \$99 checks on the way. Valley Shore towns to date account for 123 of the 186 tickets sold. Killingworth, Deep River, Durham, North Madison, Westbrook, Clinton, & Old Saybrook have paid. Old Lyme received a bill for 12 tickets and they are processing it, their 12 are not counted in the totals yet. Essex is working on their sign up list and Chief Fazzino is keeping me in the loop. Have not heard from Madison, Chester, Guilford, or Haddam. The Commission on Fire Prevention & Control sent us out in the weekly e-mail to their mailing list a week ago. Last Friday we e-mailed the flyer to each local with a website in the Professional Uniformed Firefighters Association of CT. Spoke with the Dept of Public Safety Fire Marshals office training person who is working on Fire Marshal credit for the seminar. We e-mailed 142 potential vendors about the vending space last Friday. Vendors are \$99 per table and \$99 per vehicle. Our goal money required is approx \$6,800 to break even. With current receipts (not deposited / accounted above) we still need \$4,104 to fully fund the conference. Without additional vendors we break even at 275 more tickets sold at the \$15 non-Valley Shore town price. For each vendor that signs up we need to sell about 7 less tickets. We need people to spread the word.

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2. Statewide disaster: Presentation held earlier this month in Old Saybrook, the third delivery of the SW Fire Rescue Disaster Plan. 32 attended the Old Saybrook event. Durham is looking to host a presentation after the Durham Fair. Gregg is now working on an EMS component of the plan, with the primary role being to provide rehabilitation. Any department wishing to participate please contact Gregg.
3. NIMS: JT Dunn was unable to attend but provided the following report which was read at the meeting: The 100 & 700 study class in Deep River in June was very poorly attended. No towns have stated to me that they are sending anyone to the one in Deep River on September 18th so that session will be cancelled. Clinton has the full 100 class scheduled at their firehouse on October 20th and 22nd and a full 700 class on September 29th. The July NIMS 300 class in Old Saybrook went well and over 20 people completing it. Clinton's class starts Thursday September 4th and runs each Thursday in Sept from 6pm to 10:30pm. Chester's is Saturday Sept 27th and Sunday Sept 28th from 8am to 5:30pm both days. Sign up for 300 by contacting JT at jdunn@savelives.com.
4. Durham is looking to schedule a ferris wheel rescue class the Tuesday before the Durham fair. Harry will provide details if they are able to confirm the class.
5. The Middlesex County Fire School is sponsoring the following upcoming classes: FF1 in Haddam (September). FF2 in Middlefield (September) and a FF2 in Clinton (October). Flyers have been mailed to all County departments.
6. Guilford is in the process of confirming dates for a heavy lift (truck / bus) and RIT class this fall. Details will be provided as soon as they are available.

Old Business:

1. UHF: Brief discussion on the status of each town's UHF conversion. Chester is waiting on Valley Shore and Haddam is in progress, dates TBD.
2. Bob Gerard inquired about the new requirement to wear vests at MVA's on the highway. Dick Bauer will forward a presentation that outlines the vest requirements & dates.
3. Charlie Greeney asked if anyone had information on the new NFPA standard requiring the inner liners of turnout gear to be tested every 3 years. Dick will forward information to Charlie.



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4. Jim Budney reported that several VS departments utilized the building in Deep River for training. Departments that used the buildings extended their appreciation to Deep River.

New Business:

1. Clinton has been notified by FEMA that they are being considered for a Fire Grant award for UHF radios.
2. Harry Hall asked if there was a standard within VSMAI for water resources (underground tank size, basin vs. standpipe, etc). President Fazzino asked Chief Hall to chair a committee to develop a VSMAI SOG for this.
3. Essex will be having the final inspection for their water supply engine on 9/11/2008. The truck is a 2,250 GPM pump, carries 3,000 feet of 5" hose, (4) 6" suction intakes, 300 gallons of water, 80 feet of suction, (4) 4" LDH outlets on a Spartan Gladiator 2-person cab.
4. Clinton's new engine is in RI and will be delivered shortly.
5. Chester's new rescue / pumper (752) is in service at HQ. 761 has been moved to the Whelen station, 762 and 79 have been retired.
6. Charlie Greeney thanked all VSMAI towns for their continued support at the Chester structure fires and for their help loading 5" on their new truck.

Interest to the Organization:

None

MMS to adjourn at 20:10 hours (Greeney / Hall).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting will be Monday September 22nd in Haddam at 19:30 hours.

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Attendees – August 25, 2008

Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Steve Biasi – North Madison
Jim Budney – Deep River
Paul Fazzino - Essex
Bob Gerard – Madison
Charlie Greeney – Chester
Harry Hall – Durham
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Paul Jacobs – Killingworth
Gary Klare – Haddam
Gregg Prevost – Westbrook
Bill Wright – Killingworth

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