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## Minutes of the September 22, 2008 VSMAI meeting in Haddam, CT.

**Attendees:** Robert Gerard (Madison Hose), Dave Thomas (Madison Hose), Bob Kytte (Madison Hose), Sam Baber (Haddam), Gary Klare (Haddam), Ralph Buck (Westbrook), Gregg Provost (Westbrook), Clark Maxson (Old Saybrook), James Budney (Deep River), Jack White (Deep River), Harry Hall (Durham), Steve Biasi (North Madison), Charlie Herrschaft (Guilford) and Paul Fazzino (Essex).

### 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 (H. Hall / J.Budney) to accept the August 25, 2008 minutes as distributed.

### Reading of communications: None

**Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer reported a balance of \$9,326.35. To date we have received \$2,973 for the November seminar and there is another batch of checks that will be deposited this week. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (G.Prevost / G.Klare).

### Bills to be paid: None

### Committee report(s):

#### 1. Training:

November Training seminar was presented by Chief Clark Maxson of OSFD. Reported that there was 55 days till the November seminar and 245 of the 700 tickets were sold. 142 of the 245 tickets were purchased by Valley Shore Mutual Aid towns. There are eight vendors currently signed up for the seminar. Old Lyme FD has been send a bill for their tickets, processing is in the works and payment is awaiting. There was no response or purchasing of tickets from Madison Hose, Guilford or Chester fire departments. Press releases are being prepared and will be sent out to promote the November seminar. \$6,800.00 needs to be generated to break even with the seminar.

Chief Maxson also reported that the IMIS 300 course in Clinton is very well attended and is going well.



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Chief Harry Hall reported that a training session will be conducted Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 19:00 hrs with South District Fire Department to review and train on amusement ride rescue for the upcoming Durham Fair being held on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 27, and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Chief Steve Biasi reported that North Madison will be hosting the Basic Pump Operator's course sponsored by the Connecticut Fire Academy this upcoming weekend September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Charlie Herrschaft reported that Guilford will be hosting a Rapid Intervention Team training class on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Captain Morris of FDNY will be the lead instructor.

Chief Harry Hall reported that Durham will be hosting the Tanker Shuttle Operations course sponsored by the Connecticut Fire Academy on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Chief Hall believes the course is full.

Chief Paul Fazzino reported on behalf of Asst. Chief Brian Manware of Clinton that there were still openings for the Firefighter II course starting October 1<sup>st</sup> and running through November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The course is being held Wednesday evenings from 19:00 to 22:00 hours and Saturday and Sundays from 08:00 to 16:00 hours every other weekend. Contact the Middlesex County Fire School for detail and to sign up individuals. NIMS 700 classroom / test will be Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 18:00 to 22:00 hours. NIMS 100 course will be Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 18:00 to 22:00 hours. Traffic Control for Emergency responders is postponed and will be rescheduled for November 2008 – details to follow.

## 2. Statewide disaster:

Asst Chief Gregg Prevost reported that the next upcoming meeting would be scheduled for late October or November.

## Old Business:

NOTHING



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## **New Business:**

1. Chief Paul Fazzino reported that all the Valley Shore Mutual Aid chiefs should have received the Guidelines for OSHA Procedures developed by Rick Swan and reviewed by Steve Biasi. If anyone has any questions please contact Rick or Steve. Chief Harry Hall reported that he had an OSHA consultation in 2007 and found the experience very informative and non-confrontational. Chief Hall reported that consultation as very positive, cooperative and very helpful. Chief Hall suggested that everyone should have a written safety and health program and an active safety and health committee.
2. Engineer Jack White explained that his department (Deep River) was missing five SCBA bottles and was notified by Shipman's that they had some of their department's bottles unknown to him. Mr. White recommended and proposed that a committee be developed or a means for locating lost and missing equipment be developed. Mr. White explained most equipment is getting lost during and following mutual aid calls involving a number of fire departments. Mr. White added that Deep River currently has a voice amplifier with no identifiable markings to indicate which department it belongs to. Mr. White explain he would like to see a system for notifying other fire departments when missing equipment is discovered and fire department equipment is missing discovered missing.
3. Deputy Chief Jim Budney asked if all the Valley Shore Mutual Aid departments have engineers and explained that the engineers need to get re-involved at the Valley Shore meetings. Deputy Chief Budney added that possibly the engineers from Valley Shore towns could re-start their monthly engineering meetings and possibly conduct them on a quarterly basis if not monthly.
4. Chief Paul Fazzino explained that he would discuss the missing equipment / lost and found issue along with the engineer's meeting with Dick Bauer. Chief Fazzino asked the attendees if everyone has engineers. All stated they did except Chief Maxson who explained their department has a truck lieutenant instead of engineers. Chief Fazzino also explained that if anyone was missing any items to make sure it gets in the minutes of tonight meeting and to check with your department's engineers to see if any departments have missing equipment or are in possession of another department's equipment. Chief Fazzino also suggested engineers from all departments should have direct contact with each other.

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## Interest to the Organization:

Chief Paul Fazzino reported on behalf of Asst. Chief Brian Manware of Clinton that Clinton Fire Department has received their new engine last week. The truck should be in service within the next few weeks. Clinton also received a Fire Grant for \$308,000.00 for UHF radios. It was noted that this was 2007 fire grant money.

Chief Harry Hall reported that members of their truck committee were going out for final inspection on their new tanker. Durham is expecting delivery in October 2008.

Chief Bob Gerard reported that Madison Hose has gotten approval to open the bidding process for their new tanker.

MMS to adjourn at 20:15 hours (Harry Hall / Jack White).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer  
Secretary / Treasurer

Note: Minutes for this meeting were taken by Deputy Chief Steve Biasi, North Madison

Next meeting will be Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in Killingworth at 19:30 hours.