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Minutes of the October 27, 2008 VSMAI meeting in Killingworth, CT.

Special Presentations: None

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

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Hall / Biasi) to accept the September 22, 2008 minutes as distributed.

Reading of communications: None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported a balance of \$10,999.35. To date we have received \$4,677 for the November seminar. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Voss / Biasi).

Bills to be paid: \$31 to Bank of America for deposit tickets. MMS to pay the bill as presented (Manware / Hall).

Committee report(s):

1. November Training seminar: JT Dunn reported that 352 tickets had been sold thus far for the seminar and orders continue to come in each day. Essex, Old Lyme and Guilford will be sending in their checks shortly. First Responder News published a half-page ad and will be providing copies of their newspaper for distribution at the event. The evening prior (11/15) there will be a steak dinner at the OSFD fireman's field, please let JT Dunn know if you will be attending. Certificates for attendees were discussed, Dick Bauer will contact John Kollmer to coordinate providing certificates to the attendees. President Fazzino thanked JT Dunn for all of his efforts thus far coordinating the event.
2. Chief Hall indicated that Durham will be hosting an MRT refresher sometime in January. Dates TBD.
3. JT Dunn advised that OSFD will be hosting a Strategy & Tactics class in January. Priority will be given to OSFD members but any openings will be offered through VSMAI.

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Old Business:

1. President Fazzino asked if any departments had discussed re-starting the Engineers' meetings. This will be brought up again next month.

New Business:

1. Chief Hall asked how VSMAI departments were responding to the recent DOL guidelines sent out regarding Junior firefighters. Steve Biasi from North Madison indicated that earlier in the day he had spoken with Jim Fusaro from the Department of Labor Wage & Hour Division (860-263-6791 or 860-263-6558) regarding this issue. Jim's response to Steve was that there are no exceptions to the hours as outlined in the recent document from the CT DOL. According to Jim the hours as outlined in the document would apply 7 days per week, 365 days per year (no exceptions for weekends, holidays or non-school nights). A general discussion followed regarding individual departments' policies for Junior / Cadet firefighters.

Interest to the Organization:

1. Chief Hall reported that Durham's new tanker will be in service on Tuesday 10/28 and that the Tender Strike Team SOG would be updated. The new tank is 2,500 gallons with a 500 GPM pump. Chief Hall brought the tanker to the meeting for VSMAI departments to see.
2. Chief Greeney reported that Chester is still having issues with Task Force Tips (TFT) regarding their policy to provide a free remote if a TFT truck-mounted deck gun is specified. According to Chief Greeney they will only honor the offer if a TFT Sales Rep visits your department before the truck goes out to bid. Chief Greeney cautioned other departments to fully research the offer prior to going out to bid.
3. Chief Hall asked how VSMAI departments were handling the upcoming requirement to wear vests at MVAs. A general discussion followed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bauer
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting will be Monday, November 24th in Madison at 19:30 hours.



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Attendees – October 27, 2008

Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Steve Biasi – North Madison
James Budney – Deep River
Rick Darin – Killingworth
JT Dunn – Old Saybrook
Charlie Greeney – Chester
Harry Hall – Durham
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Paul Jacobs – Killingworth
Brian Manware – Clinton
Gregg Prevost – Westbrook
Bob Voss – Clinton
Pete Woodcock – Deep River

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