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Minutes of the February 23, 2009 VSMAI meeting in Old Saybrook, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Fazzino at 19:45 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – February 23, 2009

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| 1. Paul Fazzino – Essex | 10. Paul Jacobs - Killingworth |
| 2. Steve Biasi – North Madison | 11. Robert Gerard - Madison |
| 3. Clark Maxson – Old Saybrook | 12. Bobby Kytte - Madison |
| 4. Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford | 13. Brian Manware - Clinton |
| 5. James Grzybowski – Chester | 14. Bob Voss - Clinton |
| 6. Jim Long – Westbrook | 15. J.T. Dunn – Old Saybrook |
| 7. Mike Jenkins – Westbrook | 16. David Heiney Sr. – Old Saybrook |
| 8. Tim Lee – Deep River | 17. David Heiney Jr. – Old Saybrook |
| 9. James Budney – Deep River | 18. Dave Thomas - Madison |

Special Presentations: A special presentation was made by President Paul Fazzino and Vice President Clark Maxson to J.T. Dunn for his great effort and work in putting the November 2008 seminar in Old Saybrook together. Thanks again to J.T. – A great job done!!

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Budney/Voss) to accept the January 26, 2008 minutes as distributed. Motion passed with one obtaining (J. Long).

Reading of communications: None

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$6,209.89, with no income and an expense of \$25.00. Ending balance is \$6,184.89. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Long/Budney). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

None	\$0.00	None
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Committee report(s):

1. Statewide Disaster: NO REPORT – Gregg Provost reported nothing was currently ongoing.

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2. Audit Committee: The accounting records for the VSMAI was reviewed last month by J.T. Dunn, Paul Jacobs and Jim Long on January 26, 2009. J.T. Dunn reported that the records were found accurate and in good standing. A motion to accept the records review was made as presented (Voss/Grzybowski). Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Chief Manware asked about the use of the Valley Shore tactical channels and inquired as to whom they were licensed to. A group discussion ensued and it was noted that the channels were licensed under Valley Shore and there is a current Valley Shore standard operating procedure (SOP) for using the channels.

New Business:

1. Chief Herrschaft inquired to the group as to when the last time the UHF frequency list was updated with the most recent list of department channels and current P.O.'s. VSMAI President/ Chief Fazzino requested that Gregg Provost e-mail the most current list to VSMAI Secretary/Deputy Chief Steve Biasi who would send the list out to all the department chiefs for review. Upon each department chief's review, the corrections would be e-mailed back to Secretary Steve Biasi who would then forward the corrections to Gregg Provost. **GREGG PROVOST MADE AN EMPHASIS THAT THE LIST MUST REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL TO ONLY THE CHIEF OFFICERS OF EACH DEPARTMENT.**

2. Chief Jim Long asked the group if it was possible to obtain the most recent Valley Shore mutual aid agreements. Chief Long explained that there was a new Selectperson in Westbrook and he needed to complete a current mutual aid agreement. VSMAI President/Chief Fazzino informed the group that he would send VSMAI Secretary/Deputy Chief Steve Biasi the most current version and Secretary Biasi would distribute the agreement to all departments. A discussion ensued with the group as to whether the mutual aid agreement should be revised and completed on an annual basis. Chief Gerard questioned as to whether it was necessary each year if the Selectperson remains current.

3. Chief Jim Long requested a copy of the Valley Shore mutual aid agreement.

4. VSMAI Secretary/Deputy Chief Steve Biasi presented to VSMAI President/Chief Fazzino and all attendees that the annual dues for all participating VSMAI departments were due. The group agreed to leave the dues at \$100.00 per year. Secretary Steve Biasi inquired as to whether the group wanted the invoices sent e-mail or regular mail. The consensus of the group was via e-mail.



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5. Chief Gryzbowski inquired to the group as to the state of the VSMAI website and it's updating. The group agreed that Chief Gryzbowski would investigate the state of the website and would investigate, if needed, the website's updating.

6. Asst. Chief Tim Lee from Deep River FD announced an Aerial Operations class being sponsored by the Deep River Fire Department on May 2, 2009 and May 3, 2009. This is a sixteen (16) hour course. The first class, Saturday, May 2, 2009, will be held at the Essex Fire Department and will be the classroom portion of the course. The second class, Sunday, May 3, 2009, will be held at the Deep River Fire Department and will be the hands-on portion of the course. The class times will be 08:30 – 16:30 hours each day. At this time, there is no class limit size. Deep River FD is looking to have as many aerial trucks as possible and invites all departments with aerial trucks to participate. VSMAI President/Chief Fazzino called on Chief Gerard of Madison to participate since Madison has a heavy duty aerial truck. Chief Gerard agree but explained that adequate notification was not provided for the last aerial operation course and they could not participate but would make every available attempt for this course in Deep River.

7. VSMAI Vice President/Chief Clark Maxson announced that Old Saybrook Fire Department is sponsoring the Rescue Technician Core Class being conducted on the following dates:

The dates for the class are:

Monday, 3/9

Thursday, 3/12

Saturday, 3/14

Sunday 3/15

Monday, 3/23

Thursday, 3/26

Saturday, 3/28

Sunday, 3/29

The Monday and Thursday classes will be evening classes; the Saturday and Sunday classes will be all day classes.

As a reminder, the prerequisites for this class are Firefighter I, Hazardous Materials Operational and MRT.

Cost for the class is \$300 per student, payable to Old Saybrook Fire Company No.1



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Chief Maxson also announced that Old Saybrook FD is now currently responding to Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) calls with the Rescue truck and no long 3-5-1. The department is also responding with the Ranger on RIT calls and will be using the Ranger to shuttle their equipment between their staging area and the incident location.

Chief Maxson also announced that the 2009 Firefighter Competition will be conducted on Sunday, June 7, 2009 with the rain date being Sunday, June 14, 2009.

Chief Maxson also announced that the Old Saybrook Fire Department has a forcible entry Friction Force Door available for use either at their department or for pick-up to be used at your department.

8. Discussion ensued about the Chief Jack Casner e-mail to all departments requesting input concerning regional resource needs. The majority of VSMIAI departments requested the Class "A" mobile burn trailer.

9. Chief Herrschaft announced that there was legislation in the Connecticut Legislature whereby there would be a budget reduction in the Emergency Management Budget and combine the Emergency Management Agency with the State Police. All attendees at the VSMIAI meeting felt it was a poor idea. Chief Herrschaft provided background information of how the Emergency Management Agency was previously under the State Police authority along with various other State emergency agencies. Chief Herrschaft does not believe the pending legislation will pass the Connecticut House or Senate.

10. Deputy Chief J.T. Dunn of Old Saybrook FD announced that Old Saybrook FD will have 400 band channels in the next couple months and plans on training all their personnel in the new radios and frequencies. Deputy Chief Dunn announced that the 400 band channels will cross band to 26. The UHF list will be updated with primary and secondary channels. Deputy Chief Dunn announced that Old Saybrook FD will operate on the Valley Shore Mutual Aid RIT channel at all RIT calls.

Interest to the Organization:

1. Asst. Chief James Grzybowski announced that Chester Fire Department will be conducting its 100th anniversary celebration on June 9, 2012.

2. Chief Bob Voss thanked everyone for attending its annual banquet last Saturday, February 21, 2009.



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3. Deputy Chief Brian Manware announced that Clinton Fire Department will be conducting it's 100th anniversary celebration in September 2011 and will also be hosting the State Fire Convention in 2011.

Chief Manware also announced that Clinton Fire Department was looking to sponsor a Firefighter I course starting in late April/early May through late July/early August to accommodate college students home for the summer. Many departments in attendance vested interest in the course and had candidates for the course.

Chief Manware also provided a three (3) page hand-out to all VSMAI attendees. The hand-out was Clinton Fire Department's standard operating guideline (SOG) for Mutual Aid assignments to the Town of Clinton. Chief Manware also requested that any fire department having Clinton FD on their Mutual Aid SOG to please forward such SOG to Chief Manware at the Clinton FD.

4. Gregg Provost explained that the Tanker Task Force List has not been updated.

MMS to adjourn at 20:17 hours (Herrschaft/Grzybowski).

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Biasi
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting will be Monday, March 23, 2009 in Westbrook at 7:30 PM.