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Minutes of the April 27, 2009 VSMAI meeting in Chester, CT.

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

Attendees – April 27, 2009

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| 1. James Budney - Deep River | 6. Jim Long - Westbrook |
| 2. Tim Lee – Deep River | 7. Charles Greeney - Chester |
| 3. Harry Hall – Durham | 8. Steve Biasi – North Madison |
| 4. Charles Herrschaft – Guilford | 9. Paul Fazzino - Essex |
| 5. Bob Voss – Clinton | 10. Clark Maxson – Old Saybrook |

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Special Presentations:

A special presentation was conducted by Eugene Cieri and Leandro Cieri of Emergency Logistical Assessments located at 197 Fairfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114. Telephone number 860-690-6454. Both individuals presented a demonstration of Hartford Fire Department's mobile data computer system. Both individuals demonstrated and explained how Hartford's mobile data computer system was implemented and being currently utilized.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Hall/Long) to accept the March 23, 2008 minutes as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications: None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$5,984.89, with \$300.00 of income and no expenses. Ending balance is \$6,284.89. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Long/Hall). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

NONE		
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Committee report(s):

Statewide Disaster: None

Fire Scene photography/videotaping:

Chief Hall of Durham handed out a draft policy for the Valley Shore Mutual Aid organization pertaining to individuals and the media obtaining photos and videotapes at fire department incidents. Chief Hall requested that each



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department review the policy and return next month with comments on the draft version.

Chief Hall also explained that he spoke with individuals in the Durham area that were responding to fire department incidents, entering fire department operating areas and obtaining photographs and videotapes without the consent of the incident commander.

Radio/communications committee:

The committee had a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2009. The committee will report at next months meeting. President Fazzino explained that the committee was brainstorming various ideas and concerning regarding the radio and communication operations within the Valley Shore organization. President Fazzino also explained the committee will address all the technological problems currently being encountered including the frequency problems.

Old Business:

President Fazzino explained that the Tender Strike Force document had gone out immediately prior to the February meeting. Essex had reviewed the document and made corrections. President Fazzino asked each department to review the document, make any necessary corrections and return for updating.

Deep River and Essex will be conducting a Ladder Company Operations course on May 2nd and May 3rd. On May 2nd the class will meeting in Essex with breakfast being served at 07:30 hrs and will be meeting in Deep River on May 3rd with Breakfast being served at 07:30 hrs. Currently, the class is full with 24 students whereby the CFA prefers a maximum of 20 students but the class will be run with the current number.

Chief Voss of the Clinton Fire Department is hosting a Firefighter I course starting on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River explained the CDL class being conducted in Deep River is continuing and reported that the written and classroom portion of the course is complete. The driving/hands-on portion is beginning shortly and plan on finished the course at the end of May with State testing.

New Business:

Chief Hall of Durham inquired as to whether anyone attended the fire conference in Indianapolis, IN. Chief Herrschaft explained that he did attend and the focus this year was on firefighter training and there was new equipment presented by Ferraro Manufacturing. The conference also focused on firefighter safety and fire officer size up. Chief Herrschaft explained that the attendance at the conference was good.



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Assistant Chief Tim Lee of Deep River informed the group that three of its department members were flying out to Crimson Manufacturing to review Deep River's new rescue truck.

Chief Hall opened discussion on the new 5 inch hose available from Mercedes which is a dual jacketed hose and has a better friction loss value than the conventional 5 inch supply hose but the cost of the Mercedes hose was higher.

President Fazzino explained their department had had no issues with its new water supply truck. The truck carries 300 gallons of water and has a 250 gpm Hale pump.

Interest to the Organization:

Chief Greeney of Chester inquired as to whether any department had planned or is planning a tanker training drill. Chief Voss explained that Clinton is looking to put one together but did not have a date established. Chief Hall of Durham explained that his department and Killingworth were looking to put one together but also did not have a date established.

Chief Greeney of Chester also announced that Chester Fire Department's radios will be going over to UHF on July 1, 2009.

Chief Hall of Durham announced his departments Tip-A-Firefighter event at Applebees in Wallingford on May 11, 2009.

President Fazzino announced that Essex Fire Department will be hosting a Cruise Night every Tuesday night starting on May 12, 2009 through September 29, 2009. Anyone interested can bring their fancy cars, trucks fire trucks, tractors, bicycles, tricycles, go-carts or any other motorized or non-motorized mode of transportation.

MMS to adjourn at 21:10 hours (Hall/Herrschaft).

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Biasi
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 25, 2009 in Clinton at 7:30 PM.