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Minutes of the December 28, 2009 VSMAI meeting in Madison, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Fazzino at 19:43 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – December 28, 2009

1. Robert Gerard - Madison	2. Brian Koczak – North Madison
3. Gregg Prevost - Westbrook	4. Brian Manware - Clinton
5. Allen Alonzo – Chester	6. Bob Voss – Clinton
7. Jim Long – Westbrook	8. Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
9. Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford	10. Jay Rankin – Old Saybrook
11. Clark Maxson – Old Saybrook	12. JT Dunn – Old Saybrook
13. Tim Lee – Deep River	14. Jim Budney – Deep River
15. Steve Biasi – North Madison	16. Paul Fazzino – Essex

Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Jenkins/Budney) to accept the November 23, 2009 minutes as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications: None

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$7,284.89, with \$0.00 of income. One expense of \$50.00 to the CT Secretary of State for the Annual Report for Limited Liability Companies, Limited Liability Partnerships and Limited Partnerships. Ending balance is \$7,234.89. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Voss/Manware). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

CT Secretary of State	\$50.00	
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Committee report(s):

Statewide Disaster:

Chief Gregg Prevost explained the draft inventory list will be e-mailed. Any changes to the inventory list should be sent via e-mail to Gregg Prevost.

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Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

- Deputy Chief Manware of Clinton reported all corrections from the October 2009 and November 2009 Valley Shore meetings have been completed to the radio frequency list. All Valley Shore chiefs have signed off on the list. The finalized list will be sent to the valley shore secretary for distribution to all valley shore chiefs.
- A motion to adopt the valley shore radio frequency list as distributed was made by Deputy Chief Manware. Mike Jenkins of Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Chief Prevost explained the scanner frequency list could be distributed to everyone and could be made public, however, the programming list needs to be restricted to only the department chiefs, their designees and/or their radio vendors.
- Deputy Chief Manware explained the radio frequency committee was moving on to Phase I of the Plain Language document. The committee will be working on a draft document and will discuss the committee's progress and draft documents at next month's meeting. Draft documents will also be distributed by the valley shore secretary.

Old Business:

- VS President/Chief Fazzino of Essex explained the Tender Strike Team SOP will be re-distributed. Chief Fazzino explained Rick Darin of Valley Shore dispatching sent an e-mail describing an event whereby a request was made to South District Fire Department for a tanker in accordance with the current Tender Strike Team document; however, South District no longer has a tanker. President/Chief Fazzino explained each valley shore town is responsible for their portion of the SOP list and the accuracy of their town's list contained within the document. President/Chief Fazzino explained it was not the responsibility of Valley Shore President or Secretary to ensure their portion of the list was accurate.
- Chief Herrschaft of Guilford report no additional information on the burn trailer was available. Chief Herrschaft reported \$50,000.00 has been made available for Rescue classes within Region 2. Rescue courses include Rescue Core and RIT classes. Chief Herrschaft also explained Guilford would be sponsoring the Rescue Core Technician course in January 2010.
- Chief Koczak reported North Madison will also be hosting a Rescue Core Technician course starting in March 2010 and will also be hosting the

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Pump Operator course and Incident Safety Officer-Fire Suppression course in Spring 2010. Valley Shore Secretary will send out the dates of the course being hosted by North Madison.

- Deputy Chief JT Dunn reported Old Saybrook Fire Department may host a Fire Instructor I course sometime in 2010 and will be hosting a RIT course in 2010.
- Chief Jim Long of Westbrook reported Westbrook Fire Department would be hosting a Strategy and Tactics course will be conducted on February 5th and 6th, 2010 in Westbrook.
- Assistant Chief Tim Lee of Deep River inquired with the attendees about any possible CDL classes. Chief Prevost explained he was awaiting tentative dates for possible late January/early February. Chief Prevost explained the course will have openings but the testing is limited to 12 students per day. Chief Voss inquired as to whether the testing would be during the day. Chief Voss explained he believed that if the testing is on the weekend then the hosting department may be subject to paying the overtime for the DMV testing personnel. Deputy Chief Budney explained the last class and testing did not require paying the overtime even though the testing was conducted on a weekend day.
- Allen Alonzo of explained the Firefighter I course in Chester will start next Monday night, January 4, 2010. The course consists of a mix of various valley shore departments. Anyone having students in the course need to log in and register on-line for the course. The course will be using the Essentials of Firefighting 5th Edition book. The class has approximately 25 students at this time.
- Chief Long of Westbrook inquired with the attendees about what can be done with new firefighters that can not attend the Firefighter I course during the week due to work or school schedules. Chief Long asked how you manage that. Group discussion ensued and it was discussed that the State of Connecticut allows departments to run their own in-house program. Allen Alonzo explained he had Waterford firefighters show up at his practical testing with instructor sign offs. Mr. Alonzo explained the students must complete their live burn prior to their final practical testing. Deputy Chief JT Dunn of Old Saybrook explained many departments run an in-house program and then have certified instructors sign off on the practical testing. President/Chief Fazzino of Essex explained the State of Connecticut is not going to make the requirements and testing easier.

New Business:
NONE



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Interest to the Organization:

- Chief Robert Gerard of Madison explained their new tanker is running behind schedule and is tentatively scheduled to be delivered on or about March 1, 2010. Their old tanker had been sold and will be sent out on 12/31/2009. Engine 2-5-2 will be moved up to respond in place of their tanker.
- Chief Prevost explained Westbrook's Engine 6 is out of service for refurbishing and to have the cab enclosed.
- Deputy Chief JT Dunn of Old Saybrook reported their department's boat is still out of service and is expected to be out of service till January 2010.
- Deputy Chief Dunn also requested that incoming towns responding to Old Saybrook for mutual aid not use their personal vehicle repeaters when getting on scene and requests that responding units work on Old Saybrook's 400 frequency channels.
- Deputy Chief Dunn also reported that Old Saybrook's Mass Service Unit (3-9) is out of service. This vehicle previously carried the department's cascade system for filling SCBA bottles.
- Deputy Chief Dunn explained the old access bridge to Fenwick which was previously constructed railroad ties and concrete is in the process of being retrofitted with a precast concrete bridge.

MMS to adjourn at 20:10 hours (Manware/Budney).

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Biasi
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2009 in North Madison at 7:30 PM.