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Minutes of the February 22, 2010 VSMAI meeting in Old Lyme, CT.

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

Attendees – February 22, 2010

1. Gregg Prevost – Westbrook	2. Jim Long – Westbrook
3. Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	4. Tim Lee – Deep River
5. Charles Greeney Jr. – Chester	6. Paul Jacobs – Killingworth
7. Sam Baber – Haddam	8. Gary Klare – Haddam
9. Brian Manware – Clinton	10. J.T. Dunn – Old Saybrook
11. David Jewett – Old Lyme	12. Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
13. Andrew Champion – Old Lyme	14. Paul Fazzino – Essex
15. Steve Biasi – North Madison	

Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Jenkins/Klare) to accept the January 25, 2010 minutes as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications: None

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$7,234.89, with \$0.00 of income. Ending balance is \$7,234.89. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Long/Jenkins). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

NONE		
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Committee report(s):

Statewide Disaster:

- Chief Prevost reported on the Kleen Energy incident on February 7, 2010 in Middletown, CT. Chief Prevost reported the IMT was mobilized for eleven days at the incident and there were no injuries reported with emergency responders.
- Chief Prevost explained there were some instances of self dispatching early on in the incident and people showing up without being dispatched.

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- Chief Prevost explained initially the incident went well but as more agencies arrived along with additional responders the IMT was needed to assist in managing the incident. Chief Prevost added some documentation was lacking especially between operating periods.
- Chief Prevost reported there was no self dispatching from any Valley Shore towns
- Chief Klare of Haddam, whose department responded to the incident, explained the incident was well orchestrated.
- Chief Prevost added the Governor provided assistance in getting some resources. Task Force 51 Team was utilized to cover the City of Middletown.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

NONE

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

- Deputy Chief Manware of Clinton stated the recent radio frequency and common language documents were sent out for review. The Middlesex County Plain Language document on Valley Shore letterhead was distributed. Ideas and recommendations were requested. Deputy Chief Manware requested a vote adopting the Plain Language document.
- Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook agreed with adopting the document but added the frequencies contained within the document need updating.
- Deputy Chief Manware recommended creating a Section 1300 in the Valley Shore by-laws for communication documents and SOPs.
- Chief Fazzino of Essex explained the mutual aid policy was created to limit radio traffic at mutual aid incidents and acknowledged the document has worked well especially during a recent incident in Essex.
- Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook explained Old Saybrook signed on the RIT Channel with Control 3 and stayed on that channel. Their department contacted the incident commander to notify their response and arrival but remained operating on the RIT Channel.
- Chief Fazzino added it worked well and kept the radio traffic pretty clean. Chief Fazzino recommends straightening out the frequencies and both documents can go to a vote at next months meeting.

Old Business:

NONE



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New Business:

- Assistant Chief Jim Long of Westbrook reported the nominating committee recommended the following officers for vote for upcoming year 2010:
 1. Paul Fazzino – President
 2. Vacant – Vice President
 3. Steve Biasi – Secretary/Treasurer
- Following discussion, Jim Long of Westbrook was nominated from the floor to serve as Vice President. With the slate of officers completed, a motion was made with a second. Mike Jenkins motioned for a second. The secretary cast one vote for each officer.
- The auditing committee reported the financial records for calendar year 2009 were reviewed with all records found in order.
- Chief Prevost of Westbrook opened discussion on the use of IMTs. Chief Prevost explained all chief should have received the e-mail from Cheshire Fire Chief Jack Casner about the IMTs. Chief Prevost reported currently only Region 3 and Region 4 have certified IMTs in place. Chief Prevost stated anyone that was looking to become a certified member an IMT must complete a five day class. Currently, there is \$50,000 for regional funding and equipment. There is also \$15,000 for training.
- Chief Fazzino recommended Valley Shore have representatives at the Wednesday night meeting.
- Chief Herrschaft explained there are various levels of IMTs and explained they were not looking to have the team at the highest level but somewhere in the middle.
- Chief Prevost explained when either Region 3 or Region 4 is activated representatives from the non-activated team goes out to survey the incident and using such information for future training.
- Chief Herrschaft questioned the proficiency of adding more teams and more people.
- Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook inquired about training of team members.
- Chief Prevost of Westbrook explained individuals will be trained to their capabilities. There will be basic training and then specialized training. The team or team leader will decide who will be designated to specific roles with each role having two to three people.
- Chief Herrschaft of Guilford inquired as to the number of team activations to date.
- Chief Prevost explained at least a half dozen including the fires in Colchester, New London and the Mill fire
- Chief Herrschaft supports the idea of using IMTs and supports the idea of having a group to document the event. Chief Herrschaft also supports having something like 40 good trained people rather than 100 or more not

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so trained people. Chief Herrschaft explained Region 1 and Region 5 will probably not construct a team due to geographic locations and lack of interest.

- The meeting will be Wednesday night, February 24, 2010 at 19:00 hours in New Haven.

Interest to the Organization:

- Chief Jewett of Old Lyme reported his department received their new quint but is not in service yet. Chief Jewett stated Old Lyme is selling a 1989 Ford/Pierce truck which contains a 1,250 gallon per minute pump, 1,000 gallon tank and 60 gallon foam tank for \$25,000 or best offer.
- Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook reported his department's Boat Committee went out to inspect the boat and view the sea trials. The boat traveled 40 knots and pumped 1,000 gallons/minute. A truck will be sent next week to pick it up. The boat should be in service by late April.
- Assistant Chief Tim Lee of Deep River reported their department's tanker is currently in the auto body shop.
- Chief Fazzino of Essex reported the Res-Q-Jack class is starting to fill up. There are two one day classes. They plan on having upwards of 48 cars to work on and will have apparatus from Guilford and Clinton to assist. The class is being offered April 17th and April 18th.
- Chief Fazzino also reported their tower truck will be delivered this upcoming weekend and will contain 1,000 feet of 5" hose.

MMS to adjourn at 20:40 hours (Long/Dunn).

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Biasi
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2010 in Old Saybrook at 7:30 PM.