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Minutes of the June 28, 2010 VSMAI meeting in Clinton, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Fazzino at 19:53 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – June 28, 2010

Gary Klare – Haddam	Arnie Moore – Killingworth
Jim Long – Westbrook	Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
Brian Manware – Clinton	J.T. Dunn – Old Saybrook
C.J. Dunn – Old Saybrook	Andy Kressley – Essex
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford	Robert Gerard – Madison
Bill Carroll – Madison	Frank Schrempp – Clinton
Paul Fazzino – Essex	Steve Biasi – North Madison

Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Long/Klare) to accept the May 24, 2010 minutes as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications: None

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$8,034.89, with \$300.00 of income. Ending balance is \$8,334.89. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Klare/Long). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

NONE		
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Committee report(s):

Statewide Disaster:

No Report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

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Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

No Report

Old Business:

Deep River's tanker is in service and the department is currently conducting drills with the tanker.

New Business:

- Chief Gerard of Madison introduced Bill Carroll of their department. Mr. Carroll explained their department was looking into a possible means for fire department billing and was looking to inquire with the other departments as to whether any of the other departments were conducting fire department billing.
- Deputy Chief Manware of Clinton explained he could put him in touch with the Clinton EMS billing person for more information.
- Chief Herrschaft of Guilford explained it was maybe possible to bill for motor vehicle incidents but was not sure on how feasible that would be.
- Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook explained his department established a SOP comparable to the police departments to bill at an hourly rate for certain fire department operations.
- Assistant Chief Long of Westbrook explained when he submitted FEMA funding following the recent springtime rains and flooding they could only submit requests for equipment and not for firefighter pay since the fire department was comprised of volunteers.
- Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook explained he established the SOP for more long term events in order to get the firefighters reimbursed for their time spent at the incident.
- Chief Fazzino of Essex explained their department has a SOP as well for events since the department provides fire protection at approximately 35-40 tent events each year.
- Chief Herrschaft of Guilford explained with the ambulance you must bill everyone including residents and non-residents.
- Deputy Chief Kressler of Essex added that you must also bill insured and non-insured patients the same as well in the event the department is subject to an audit.
- Chief Fazzino of Essex explained to Mr. Carroll to check with Chief Charles Greeney Jr. of Chester who was possibly going to start billing for motor vehicle incidents.
- Assistant Chief Long of Westbrook inquired with Chief Gerard as to why they were interested in billing for fire department incidents.

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- Chief Gerard of Madison explained they were looking for alternative means of funding with budgets getting voted down and not being able to spend any money from capital budget accounts. Chief Gerard was looking for a means to have the funds come directly to the fire department.
- Assistant Chief Long of Westbrook explained towns will be looking for the money if you start generating funds from incidents and will be looking for the generated funds to support the apparatus and operating costs.
- Chief Herrschaft and Chief Fazzino recommended inquiring with the departments that have fire tax districts such as Stamford (specific areas) and Middletown (Westfield and South District).
- A general discussion amongst the attendees was had discussing mailers to residents requesting possible donations.

Interest to the Organization:

- Chief Gerard of Madison explained their new tanker, 2-6-1, was in service. Chief Gerard explained C & S had troubles getting the finishing work completed and had been contacted by the fire chief in Brookfield, CT concerning their department having the same servicing issues as Madison. The Brookfield chief was so frustrated at some points that he considered sending the new truck back to Crimson.
- Chief Fazzino explained Crimson, the truck manufacturer, is very good but the trouble occurs with C & S, the local servicing company.
- Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook reported the television commercial looking for volunteers is almost completed. The background and staging has been established. Chief Dunn reported there will be one minute and 30 second commercials. Chief Dunn explained they were still working on the website where interested individuals could visit to obtain information about their local department and how they could apply. Once the commercials are completed they will be sent to the local television companies.
- Chief Klare of Haddam thanked everyone and departments for their support during the services for Steven Ouellette.
- Deputy Chief Manware of Clinton thanks all the departments for responding to the commercial fire Clinton recently had on West Main Street.
- Deputy Chief Manware announced the Clinton Fire Department will be hosting the 2011 Connecticut State Convention on September 18, 2011.
- Deputy Chief Manware inquired with the attendees as to whether anyone was aware of a Firefighter I class starting in the near future. Deputy Chief Manware had about five to six individuals in need of Firefighter I. None of the attendees were aware of a local class being established at this time.



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MMS to adjourn at 08:45 hours (Klare/Jenkins).

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Biasi
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 26, 2010 in Deep River at 7:30 PM.

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