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Minutes of the August 23, 2010 VSMAI meeting in Durham, CT.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Harry Hall of the Durham Fire Company at 19:30 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – August 23, 2010

1. James Budney – Deep River	2. Tim Lee – Deep River
3. Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	4. Brian Manware – Clinton
5. Jay Rankin – Old Saybrook	6. JT Dunn – Old Saybrook
7. Allen Fritts – Durham	8. Clark Maxson – Old Saybrook
9. Todd Hajek – Killingworth	10. Doug Harreys – Essex
11. Gregg Prevost – Westbrook	12. Gary Klare – Haddam
13. Robert Gerard – Madison	14. David Greenbacker – Durham
15. Steve Biasi – North Madison	15. Harry Hall – Durham

Special Presentations:

A special presentation featuring former FDNY Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen was presented. Mr. Von Essen discussed the following topics:

- Remembering 9/11
- Discussed how the day of 9/11/2001 evolved and was handled
- Interoperability and firefighter accountability
- Outcomes of 9/11
- Working with families following 9/11
- Congressional testimony following 9/11
- Planning large scale events
- How 9/11 changed large scale planning
- Mr. Von Essen's FDNY career

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (T. Hajek/J. Budney) to accept the July 26, 2010 minutes as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications: None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$8,434.89, with \$100.00 of income. Ending balance is \$8,534.89. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Jenkins/Manware). A donation of \$500.00 was made to the Bridgeport Fallen Firefighters Fund in August for the two fallen Bridgeport Firefighters. An ending balance is \$8,034.89. Motion passed unanimously.

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Bills to be paid:

NONE		
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Committee report(s):

Statewide Disaster:

Chief Prevost of Westbrook explained the Region 2 IMT received twenty-nine applications for their team positions. There are 72 total positions available or opening to be filled. The deadline has passed to submit applications; however, the team is still accepting applications. Anyone interested please submit applications to Ray Piper with the State of Connecticut. There will be a planning meeting on the second Tuesday in October for all applicants. The meeting will be conducted at AMR in New Haven, CT. IMT training is currently tentatively scheduled for the last week of November. The training will be conducted from Monday to Friday of that week. There is \$50,000 available to fund the Region 2 IMT team and to get the team up and running.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

Currently, Valley Shore Dispatch is using the February 2007 version of the Tanker Strike Team SOP. The Tanker Strike Team SOP was distributed prior to the meeting to all Valley Shore chiefs for review. Please make any corrections or changes within the upcoming month and submit them to the secretary for the SOP to be updated. The updated Tanker Strike Team SOP will be voted on at the next valley shore meeting.

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

Deputy Chief Manware explained the Valley Shore frequency list has been updated to reflect the Deep River frequency changes.

Old Business:

- Chief JT Dunn of Old Saybrook explained the television commercials will be taped this Wednesday, August 23, 2010. Chief Dunn also explained he was looking into various companies that could maintain both the Valley Shore mutual aid website and the recruiting website. Chief Dunn explained he is looking into the option of each department being able to make changes to the website to update their pertinent information without extra monetary charges. Chief Dunn stated the estimated cost to maintain both website is approximately \$1,000.00.

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- Chief Hall opened discussion with the group on thoughts of using one company to maintain all Valley Shore department websites. General discussion ensued and most departments have their own I.T. personnel or company currently maintaining their websites.

New Business:

- Deputy Chief Steve Biasi of North Madison explained the sampling of Valley Shore department concerning the Firefighter I course based upon Deputy Chief Manware's request resulted in approximately 13-15 individuals from throughout the valley shore town area in need of Firefighter I. Deputy Chief Manware explained he would contact Jay Woron concerning a possible Firefighter I course.
- Deputy Chief Manware announcement Clinton Fire Department is looking to host a Fire Officer I course in early 2011. Details to follow later.
- Assistant Chief Arnie Moore of Killingworth Fire Company announced Killingworth may host a Fire Instructor I course this fall.
- Chief JT Dunn of Old Saybrook announced there were opening remaining for their upcoming RIT class on September 11th and 12th.
- Chief Dunn also announced a Railroad training drill at the end of September. Details to follow.
- Assistant Chief Doug Harrays of Essex announced Essex is putting together a CDL class for later this fall.

Interest to the Organization:

Chief Mike Jenkins of Westbrook thanked everyone and each department for the help and assistance at the Captain's Lane fire.

MMS to adjourn at 20:40 hours (Jenkins/Budney).

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Biasi
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 27, 2010 in Essex at 7:30 PM.