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Minutes of the January 24, 2011 VSMAI meeting in Madison, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Fazzino at 19:40 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – January 24, 2011

1. Phil Janssen – Madison	2. Robert Gerard – Madison
3. Jim Long – Westbrook	4. Charles Herrschaft – Guilford
5. Arnie Moore – Killingworth	6. Todd Hajek – Killingworth
7. J.T. Dunn – Old Saybrook	8. Steve Biasi – North Madison
9. Paul Fazzino – Essex	

Special Presentations:

A special presentation was conducted by Fire Service Training Concepts, the company that will be running the “First 10 Minutes” course in East Haddam. Joe Aschenbrenner, owner of the company, and Lead Instructor Mike Nelson presented information on the company, its purpose and operational capabilities. The company is based in New York and conducts fire, law enforcement, EMS and Industrial training services. The company has a combination of instructors from the career and volunteer fire service with a various mix of educational and fire service career backgrounds. The company holds a \$2 million General Liability Insurance policy through the Lloyds of London based in NY. The company has previously taught courses for the Essex Fire Department. Previously taught courses for Essex Fire Department are School Bus Extrication and Engine Company Operations. The company’s website is www.firetrainingconcepts.com. The tentative course in East Haddam will focus on residential type fires. The course will be a two day course format (Saturday/Sunday) with day one being a short classroom and individual evolutions on various firefighting tasks within the first 10 minutes of a residential structure fire. Day two will consist of real-time evolutions and scenarios based on the training conducted the previous day (Saturday) that focused on the first 10 minutes of a residential structure fire. Additionally, the course focuses on utilizing junior fire officers (i.e. Lieutenants) to run the scenarios.

Essex Fire Department Lt. of Training Paul Fazzino Jr. was looking for between 50 and 100 attendees to sign up for the course. The course fee at this point will be approximately \$150.00 per student for the two day training. Each attendee must have Firefighter I certification and must be current with all mandatory requirements such as physicals, fit testing and annual training. Additionally, Lt. Fazzino explained resources will be needed from Valley Shore towns including tankers, pumpers, ladder trucks, and SCBA support apparatus.

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Lt. Fazzino explained they were looking to set up the use of the East Haddam elementary school or high school for the classroom portion of the course and utilize buses to shuttle attendees to the training site. The schools have sufficient parking.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Todd Hajek/Charlie Herrschaft) to accept the November 22, 2010 minutes. The December Valley Shore meeting was not conducted due to lack of a quorum. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications: None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$8,034.89, with \$0.00 of income. One bill for \$50.00 was paid (see below). Ending balance is \$7,984.89. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Jim Long/Robert Gerard). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

CT Secretary of State	\$50.00	Annual corporation filing fee
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Committee report(s):
Statewide Disaster:

NO REPORT

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

NO REPORT

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

NO REPORT

President Fazzino recommended that the Valley Shore Tender Strike Team SOP be re-distributed. The SOP will be distributed with the monthly Valley Shore meeting minutes.



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Old Business:

President Fazzino explained a couple of the Valley Shore chiefs attended the NHASH regional meeting and thought the meeting overall was very good. President Fazzino explained representatives from the FBI and DEP were in attendance and offered to come to individual fire departments. It was suggested that some of the meetings continue being held in the valley shore area and possibly in a town further east such as Westbrook, Clinton or Old Saybrook.

New Business:

Chief Arnie Moore of Killingworth announced Killingworth Fire Company will be hosting a Fire Service Instructor I course starting in March 2011 through April 2011. The course will be held on Saturdays throughout March and April. Chief Moore acknowledged that one of the Saturday course dates may conflict with the East Haddam training.

President Fazzino asked for nominations and/or volunteers to sit on the annual Audit Committee. J.T. Dunn and Jim Long offered to be placed on the committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed placing J.T. Dunn and Jim Long on the Audit Committee.

President Fazzino asked for a nomination for an individual to lead the nomination of officers committee for 2011. Arnie Moore offered to lead the nomination committee. President Fazzino requested that the Secretary send an email to everyone on the Valley Shore distribution list informing anyone interested in running for an officer position within the Valley Shore organization to contact Arnie Moore.

President Fazzino announced that the Valley Shore meetings are open to all Valley Shore fire department officers and not just fire chiefs.

Interest to the Organization:

The Secretary will email the 2011 Valley Shore Meeting Schedule with the January 2011 monthly meeting minutes.

MMS to adjourn at 21:00 hours (Robert Gerard/J.T. Dunn).



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Respectfully submitted,

Steve Biasi
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2011 in North Madison at 7:30 PM.

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