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Minutes of the June 27, 2011 VSMIAI meeting in Chester, CT.

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

Attendees – June 27, 2011

1. Paul Fazzino, Jr. – Essex	2. Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
3. Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	4. J.T. Dunn – Old Saybrook
5. Jack Dunn – Old Saybrook	6. Gary Klare – Haddam
7. James Grzybowski – Chester	8. Charles Greeney, Jr – Chester
9. Steven Olsen – Essex	10. Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook
11. Steve Biasi –North Madison	12. Paul Fazzino – Essex

Special Presentations:

NONE

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Jenkins/Klare) to accept the April 25, 2011 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications: None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$8,684.89, with \$100.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$8,784.89. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Jenkins/Herrschaft). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

NONE

Committee report(s):

Statewide Disaster:

No Report

Website:

Chief J.T. Dunn reported that photographs of all the firehouses within Valley Shore will be taken for the new website. The photographs will be frontal shots of the firehouses.

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President Fazzino opened discussion on the valley shore inventory list which was spoken about at the Valley Shore meeting held in Old Saybrook and asked for members or volunteers to comprise an inventory list for the valley shore organization. President Fazzino did not believe an electronic version was available.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

No Report

Old Business:

Chief J.T. Dunn of Old Saybrook opened discussion about the need for valley shore towns and the valley shore organization to “fine tune” the valley shore policies and procedures especially for rapid intervention teams(RIT). Chief Dunn recommended creating a RIT list similar to the tanker task force list and policy.

Chief Dunn, using a large scale incident as an example, it would be difficult in the midst of an incident to then try and determine which towns are RIT and which towns provide such service.

Chief Dunn also explained the need to “fine tune” the Mayday procedures. Chief Dunn suggested defining what is an actual additional alarm for each town under the Mayday procedures and what does each town want for a response during an additional alarm.

Chief Dunn also discussed the issue of the Valley Shore Accountability policy. Chief Dunn believed each firefighter had two tags with the first tag staying on the truck that firefighter responded on and the second tag being placed at the doorway of the fire structure or some other identified location prior to entering the structure. Chief Dunn explained asked that if valley shore towns are not going to follow the established policy then that town needs to state they do not plan on using or following the policy.

During the discussion, it was suggested the Valley Shore RIT policy be emailed to each of the valley shore chief as well as inquire with each Valley Shore department as to whether they provide RIT service and which department(s) they use as their first and second designated RIT team.



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New Business:

President Fazzino reported that he emailed out the SAFER grant information today. President Fazzino added Federal officials are meeting in Portland, CT and will attending the CT Chiefs meeting. Federal officials will identify how much money will be available for the next two to three years and will identify what the money can be used for. It is projected that there will be approximately \$790,000 available for the next two to three years.

Lt. Paul Fazzino Jr. of Essex reported on the following items:

1) The Fire Officer I course in Essex currently had 17 individuals signed up with the course allowing a maximum of 24 individuals.

2) The First 10 minutes course/class – permission was granted by the State of Connecticut DEP to use the property in East Haddam. President Fazzino will be meeting with the DEP tomorrow to determine which building(s) will be available for the course.

3) Firefighter Safety and Survival course – Lt. Fazzino opened discussion on the need to conduct training with firefighters on how and when to bail out of structures when fire conditions are not favorable, become too dangerous to continue fire suppression activities and/or an emergency occurs in the structure.

Lt. Fazzino explained the training would be geared towards identifying hazardous conditions during structural firefighting, the proper means to handle such conditions and the means and methods to safely get firefighters out of such conditions. Lt. Fazzino is looking into having FDNY Lt. Timothy Klett of Engine 88 conduct such a course as described above. The attendees at the meeting thought the idea was good and suggested that Lt. Fazzino proceed on with getting more information and costs for the course.

Chief Mike Jenkins of Westbrook reported that on Wednesday night, June 29, 2011 at the new Westbrook Town Hall there would be a PowerPoint presentation on the recent plane incident in Westbrook. Chief Jenkins explained there are some good photographs of the incident and suggested anyone interested to attend.

Interest to the Organization:

None

MMS to adjourn at 20:13 hours (Jenkins/Herrschaft).

Respectfully submitted,



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Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 25, 2011 in Clinton at 7:30 PM.

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