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Minutes of the September 26, 2011 VSMAI meeting in Durham, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Fazzino at 19:42 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – September 26, 2011

1. Paul Fazzino, Jr. –Essex	2. Doug Harreys – Essex
3. Harry Hall – Durham	4. Rob Chadd – Durham
5. Gary Klare – Haddam	6. Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
7. Todd Hajek – Killingworth	8. Robert Gerard – Madison
9. David Thomas – Madison	10. Greg Carroll – Madison
11. Doug Minges – Morth Madison	12. Steve Biasi – North Madison
13. Paul Fazzino – Essex	

Special Presentations:

NONE

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Klare/Hajek) to accept the August 22, 2011 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$9,184.89, with \$100.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$9,284.89. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Hajek/Harreys). 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

Website:

NO REPORT

Tanker Shuttle SOP:

There were not reported changes at the meeting concerning the Tender Strike Team SOP. The current version should be sent to all the dispatch centers within the valley shore organization. This includes Clinton, Old Saybrook, Kx(Middletown), Control 1 and Control 2. It was discussed about distributing the current SOP version and decided that Rick Darin should distribute the document to the appropriate dispatch centers.

Old Business:

Lt Paul Fazzino, Jr. of Essex reported the First 10 Minutes course will be held on May 12th and 13th, 2012. The course will be the entire weekend. There will be no live fire but there are plans to set up a stoker with gas and wet hay. Lt. Fazzino explained he would develop a task list for need resources and will be looking to valley shore departments to provide assistance. It was discussed that Old Saybrook had offered to provide communications support at past meetings. The course will be limited to 100 students and the cost has not been finalized but it should be \$150-\$200. Each student/participant must be Firefighter I certified, have a current physical, have current respiratory protection training and fit testing.

It was discussed that the course is not an Essex Fire Department sponsored course but should be considered a Valley Shore Mutual Aid sponsored course.

It was discussed that there will also be a need for EMS support, portable bathroom facilities, and security.

Lt. Fazzino explained he is currently working on an informational pamphlet/flyer.

It was discussed that possibly the valley shore organization may pick up part of the cost for each student within the valley shore organization, part of the cost for the foods and refreshments and/or possibly costs for the instructors.

Chief Herrschaft of Guilford reported his department will be sponsoring a Heavy Rescue course on either November 12th and 13th or November 19th and 20th. The training will be conducted by Captain Morris. The training will include rescues and extrications involving heavy equipment and large vehicles including concrete mixers, busses and tankers. The cost of the training and an informational flyer will be send out shortly.

Chief Hajek of Killingworth reported he was approached by Rick Darin who received a request from the Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Service (VFIS) to

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conduct a four hour Highway Safety course. The course would be hosted by Killingworth and the cost may be supported by the insurance company. Chief Hajek was looking for interest among the valley shore departments.

Chief Herrschaft of Guilford reported there will be a RIT course conducted in Guilford either the weekend prior to or the weekend after the Heavy Rescue course.

Chief Chadd of Durham inquired with the group/attendees if anyone was aware of any upcoming EMR courses. If anyone is aware of an upcoming course please let Chief Chadd know.

Assistant Chief Harreys of Essex inquired with the group/attendees about the valley shore organization hosting/sponsoring a Haz-Mat IQ course. The group/attendees decided not to sponsor and host the course and suggested the course should be provided/sponsored by the Region 2 NASH team.

Chief Hajek of Killingworth reported his department applied for an Officer I course with the State Fire Academy. Awaiting a response and is hoping to offer the course after the first of the year.

President Fazzino of Essex reviewed the Valley Shore inventory list that was recently distributed. President Fazzino reported there were some departments missing and requested that missing departments update the inventory list with their pertinent department information and equipment. Complete and updated lists should be emailed back to President Fazzino. The missing department information is primarily limited to the towns within New Haven County (Madison/North Madison/Guilford). Additionally, any towns on the list should review the list for accuracy and update the list as needed.

President Fazzino opened discussion about the valley shore accountability and RIT policies which were recently distributed. President Fazzino brought up discussion about establishing a committee to review and update the policies. Previous monthly meetings discussed establishing a committee for these policies after the summer. Discussion ensued about which departments currently are using the Salamander system. Guilford and Essex are using the system and Killingworth reported being in the process of starting the system. Also discussed was the identification tag colors which was reported as still being green, blue and red.

Past Chief Hall of Durham inquired with Chief Herrschaft about how his department handles the identification tags at emergency incidents.

Chief Herrschaft of Guilford explained anyone who enters the hazard must submit their tag to the accountability officer.

Discussion and debate ensued about whether each department should be using one or two tags. Some departments are using one tag while others are using two tags.

President Fazzino asked for volunteers to work on the Personal Accountability Committee. Individuals nominated and approved to be on the committee include Lt Paul Fazzino, Jr. of Essex, Chief Todd Hajek of



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Killingworth, Chief Charlie Herrschaft of Guilford and Deputy Chief Doug Minges of North Madison,

Discussion continued about departments using the Salamander system. Chief Hajek of Killingworth explained his department got involved into the system under a regional grant a few years ago.

President Fazzino explained the hardware is only part of the cost of the system and added the software and software upgrades are very expensive and moving the software from one computer to another computer is also expensive.

Chief Hajek inquired with the attendees if all healthcare providers must have and show identification when responding to medical emergencies. The attendees acknowledged the State law goes into effect this upcoming Saturday, October 1, 2011.

New Business:

Chief Robert Gerard of Madison reported that he will be stepping down as chief of the Madison Hose Company No. 1 on October 13, 2011. Chief Gerard has proudly and very successfully served as chief for 10 years! Chief Gerard was congratulated on his tenure as chief and it was well noted the Chief Gerard did an outstanding job.

Chief Gerard tentatively reported David Thomas will be moving up to the Chief's position, Bob Kytte will be Captain(2-0-1), Chris Yenke will be 1st Lieutenant(2-0-2) and Greg Carroll will be 2nd Lieutenant(2-0-3). Elections are scheduled for October 13, 2011.

Chief Hajek reported their first new tanker is back and will be in service shortly. Their second tanker will be going out of service for re-furbishing and overhaul around Thanksgiving.

Interest to the Organization:

NONE

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Biasi
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2011 in Essex at 7:30 PM.