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 Essex Fire Engine Co. No. 1

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 Westbrook Fire Dept.

Secretary - Treasurer
Steve Biasi
 North Madison Vol. Fire Co.

Minutes of the December 19, 2011 VSMAI meeting in Haddam, CT.

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

Attendees – December 19, 2011

1. Paul Fazzino, Jr. – Essex	2. Doug Harrey – Essex
3. Christopher Cestaro – Old Saybrook	4. Doug Minges – North Madison
5. Frank Schrempp – Clinton	6. Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
7. Richard Tson – Westbrook	8. Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
9. Gary Klare – Haddam	10. Paul Fazzino – Essex
11. Steve Biasi – North Madison	

Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Jenkins/Klare) to accept the November 28, 2011 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$8,534.89, with \$0.00 of income and \$170.16 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$8,364.73. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Jenkins/Klare). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

Madison Flower Shop – Arrangement for Al Dudek, Sr.	\$170.16
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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:

President Fazzino opened discussion concerning the Deep River communications change. Secretary Biasi explained there was some concern that everyone did not receive the recent Deep River communication changes. Therefore, the recent email was sent to ensure everyone had received the changes.

President Fazzino announced that Valley Shore Communications has contracted with an outside contractor/individual based in Washington, DC to obtain additional UHF frequencies. The contractor/individual will determine whether additional frequencies can be added and will make frequencies such as 46.18 available to hear throughout the entire valley shore organization's territory. If the contractor/individual cannot obtain additional frequencies there would be no cost to Valley Shore Communication.

Website:

President Fazzino announced the most recent Valley Shore SOPs and meeting minutes need to be send to JT Dunn in order to post them to the organization's website.

Tanker Shuttle SOP:

NO REPORT/CHANGES

Accountability SOP

Lt. Paul Fazzino, Jr of Essex reported he had received some of the individual fire department accountability SOPs. Lt. Fazzino mentioned he had received SOPs from Guilford, Haddam and others

First 10 Minutes Class

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Old Business:

President Fazzino announced he emailed the most recent version of the Valley Shore Inventory spreadsheet. President Fazzino explained there are a few towns missing from the inventory spreadsheet and some towns are contained within the spreadsheet that are not part of the valley shore organization. North Madison, Madison and Guilford are missing information from the spreadsheet. President Fazzino requested that each department update the spreadsheet and email it back to President Fazzino. Once all the updated information is received the new spreadsheet with all the updated information will be sent out to all departments.

Lt Paul Fazzino, Jr. of Essex opened discussion on the Rite Rescue System that is a RIT intervention device/equipment. Lt. Fazzino explained he has watched many fire departments train with the device and believes its very useful for RIT operations. Currently, many departments are looking into purchasing the device including Essex, Guilford, Westbrook, and possibly Clinton. The cost of the device/equipment is \$1,200.00 for individual departments, however, if five (5) or more departments purchase the device/equipment together the cost for each department would go down to \$975.00. The device/equipment was present at the meeting for attendees to review and evaluate. President Fazzino explained the flotation part inside the unit was installed for use by the Coast Guard.

Chief Herrschaft of Guilford announced that all Guilford firefighters have been trained on the RIT device. Chief Herrschaft explained he was quite impressed with the device after Tommy Gavin came to his department with the device and demonstrated it's purpose, functions and possibilities.

President Fazzino inquired with the attendees as to whether any departments have conducted any additional instructor training with the burn trailer. Old Saybrook and Westbrook announced they have completed more instructor training on the trailer and now have additional personnel trained to use the trailer. President Fazzino informed individuals that if they need additional training in order to get their personnel trained to call Guilford Fire Department and inquire with Assistant Chief Vetre to get the additional training.

Deputy Chief Minges of North Madison announced his department was looking to get four individuals trained on the use of the trailer

New Business:

NONE



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Interest to the Organization:

Chief Frank Schrempp of Clinton announced he had information CDs on Electrical Safety from CL & P for anyone interested. Chief Schrempp obtained the CDs from John Benedict from CL & P.

Chief Herrschaft of Guilford opened discussion on the current tree trimming ongoing in many shoreline towns.

Assistant Chief Harrey of Essex explained one recent statistic he heard was that during the 1938 Hurricane there was approximately 89 trees down for each acre and during Hurricane Irene there was approximately 500 trees down per acre.

President Fazzino announced the annual elections for the Valley Shore organization would be held at January 2012 meeting. President Fazzino asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. The attendees nominated Chief Todd Hajek of Killingworth and Chief JT Dunn of Old Saybrook to sit on the committee. President Fazzino also requested volunteers to conduct the annual financial review of the secretary's records. The attendees nominated Chief Todd Hajek of Killingworth and Chief JT Dunn of Old Saybrook to sit on the committee. A motion to accept the nominees was made by Chief Jenkins of Westbrook, A second was made by Chief Herrschaft of Guilford. The motion was passed unanimously.

MMS to at 20:08 hours (Schrempp/Jenkins).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2012 in Killingworth at 7:30pm.

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