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 Essex Fire Engine Co. No. 1

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 North Madison Vol. Fire Co.

Minutes of the February 27, 2012 VSMAI meeting in Madison, CT.

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

Attendees – February 27, 2012

Paul Fazzino, Jr. – Essex	Brian Manware – Clinton
David Thomas – Madison	Bob Gilhuly – Madison
Greg Carroll – Madison	Chris Yenco – Madison
Todd Hajek – Killingworth	J.T. Dunn – Old Saybrook
Paul Fazzino – Essex	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford	Wayne Wysocki – Old Saybrook
Doug Minges – North Madison	Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
James Budney – Deep River	

Special Presentations:

NONE.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Manware/Budney) to accept the January 23, 2012 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

NONE

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$8,364.73, with \$0.00 of income and \$220.16 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$8,133.57. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Wysocki/Fazzino, Jr). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

State of Connecticut Secretary of State	\$50.00	
Flowers/arrangement for Irwin “Rupe” Wilcox	\$170.16	

A motion was made by Westbrook Chief Mike Jenkins to pay the above bills. Seconded by Deputy Chief Jim Budney of Deep River. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Committee report(s): **Statewide Disaster:**

No Report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

President Fazzino has been in discussion with the committee concerning the recommendation of developing a memorandum of understanding for each Valley Shore department to utilize another department's frequencies during fire related incidents.

Chief JT Dunn of Old Saybrook explained he has created a memorandum with Old Lyme and Essex concerning the use of each other's frequencies.

Website:

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook also announced he was still in need of photographs from each fire department showing each department's firehouse for the recruiting website. Currently, Chief Dunn has photographs for Deep River, Old Saybrook and Killingworth. Please send photographs to Chief Dunn at jdunn@savelives.com.

Chief Dunn explained the development of the websites is moving along quickly since the new personnel has been working on them. Chief Dunn reported the President and Secretary would have capabilities of updating the websites. Chief Dunn also explained the Join Your Fire Department website will have links to each department's website for obtaining information on how to join that fire department.

Tanker Shuttle SOP:

No Report

Accountability SOP

No Report



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First 10 Minutes Class

Lt. Paul Fazzino Jr. of Essex is currently attempting to lock in new dates for the course since the previously tentative dates included Mother's day. Currently, looking to schedule the course for the last weekend in May or the first weekend in June. Lt. Fazzino is actively coordinating to lock in the dates with the instructors. President Fazzino has confirmed using the facility with the CT DEP and is awaiting a written approval.

President Fazzino requested to all departments to forward any possible date conflicts for the end of May and the beginning of June to Lt. Paul Fazzino, Jr. Lt. Fazzino, Jr. explained the course will be very informative and a great learning tool for all firefighters. The instructors are very experienced with a wide, diverse range of specialties and will be coming from all geographic areas of the country including as far as the west coast.

Old Business:

Lt. Fazzino, Jr. of Essex opened discussion about a topic that was discussed at their last monthly departmental meeting. At their meeting, their members were discussing the recent double fatality MVA on Route 9. One of their firefighters attempted connect a Hurst tool to a Holmatro pump, which obviously did not work. One of their members made the recommendation at their meeting that all departments in the area including Valley Shore departments should work towards obtained all the same equipment in order to prevent incompatible tools and equipment from being used. The attendees at the meeting had a very short discussion on the topic and it was unanimously agreed to that it was not monetarily feasible.

It was discussed that neighboring departments and mutual aid departments should preform training together and become familiar with each other's equipment for all emergencies. It was also discussed that firefighters need to be aware of which equipment is needed during various situations and need to know how to proper set up and use various fire department equipment.

New Business:

President Fazzino asked Rick Darin, Todd Hajek, Dick Bauer and Steve Biasi to meet and discuss the recent Killingworth OSHA inspection.

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Interest to the Organization:

Chief JT Dunn of Old Saybrook announced for Chester that their 100th anniversary would be June 9th.

Chief Dunn announced the Old Saybrook Fire Department Golf Tournament would be May 20th with a rain date of June 2nd.

Chief Dunn announced the Firefighter Competition would be held June 3rd with a rain date of June 10th.

Chief Dunn announced Old Saybrook would be hosting a Firefighter I course starting on March 5, 2012.

Deputy Chief Manware of Clinton announced the FDNY Burn Foundation's seminar is scheduled for March 31, 2012 at Randall's Island. The seminars are very informative and are great learning tools.

MMS to at 20:20 hours (Hajek/Jenkins).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2012 in North Madison at 7:30pm.

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