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 Essex Fire Engine Co. No. 1

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Minutes of the July 24, 2017 VSMAI meeting in Guilford, CT.

President Paul Fazzino called the meeting to order at 19:55 hours with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – July 24, 2017

Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	Jack Casner – Cheshire
Jed Perkins – Essex	Andy Kressley – Essex
Ethan Gollar – Essex	Chris Going – Essex
James Budney – Deep River	Paul Fazzino, Jr. – Essex
Aron Schumacher – Essex	Bobby Kytte – Madison
Mark Adkins – Cheshire	Thomas Listerti – Old Saybrook
Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook	Jim Schaefer – Chester
Ben Bagnati – Old Saybrook	Pete Terenci – Deep River
Mike Shove – Guilford	Clint Haverkampf – Guilford
Brian Manware – Clinton	Michael Neff – Clinton
Mike Penders – North Madison	Chris Bernier – North Madison
Gabe Balsamo – North Madison	Jeremy Adametz – Killingworth
Dick Bauer – Killingworth	Paul Jacobs – Killingworth
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Paul Fazzino - Essex	

Special Presentations:

Cheshire Fire Chief Jack Casner presented the background, operating system and multi-purpose uses for the Salamander firefighter tracking and monitoring system.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Jenkins/Johnson) to accept the May 2017 minutes was made. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

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Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$4,121.02, with \$0.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. The ending balance is \$4,121.02. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Johnson/Jenkins). Motion passed unanimously.

Dues have been received from the following departments:

1. North Madison
2. Westbrook
3. Essex
4. Old Saybrook
5. Deep River
6. Guilford
7. Chester
8. Haddam
9. Killingworth
10. Old Lyme
11. Madison
12. Clinton

Bills to be paid:

NONE

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

No Report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

No Report



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Website:

President Fazzino announced the new website is up and running. The website is being populated with the previous meeting minutes. President Fazzino also announced anyone that previously served on an SOG revision to please send the finalized version to the Secretary and President.

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report

Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

Accountability SOP

No Report

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

No Report

Incident Command SOG

No Report

Old Business:

President Fazzino opened discussion about the recently revised and updated SOG concerning the membership requirements for each department with the Valley Shore organization. President Fazzino stated, moving forward, how should the



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organization handle the current situation and the meeting attendees recommended moving forward by utilizing the new process by sending a letter. The President and Secretary will draft a letter to send.

New Business:

Deputy Chief Joe Johnson of Old Saybrook thanked everyone for their support during the event surrounding the services for Ron Baldi.

Deputy Chief Johnson also announced within the next 30-60 days Old Saybrook will no longer be on low band radios and will be switching to high band. Deputy Chief Johnson stated his department had just about completed replacing all the low band pagers with high band pagers. Deputy Chief Johnson announced Old Saybrook dispatch would still monitor low band radios.

Interest to the Organization:

Captain Ben Bagnati of Old Saybrook announced invitations will be sent for the Firefighter Competition and this year Old Saybrook will be looking for assistance from other departments this year and this year's competition will be in honor of Ron Baldi. The firefighter competition will be held on Saturday, September 30th with a rain date of October 1st.

President Fazzino requested departments step up and assist old Saybrook with this competition.

Deputy Chief James Budney of Deep River announced during a recent fire department incident 70 dogs were rescued from a residence and Deep River utilized the DART (Dog and Animal Rescue Team) out of Durham for this incident. Deputy Chief Budney explained how the DART organization was every effective and useful resource.

President Fazzino inquired with the attendees as to whether anyone had a contact for the DART organization for a VSMAI presentation. Dick Bauer of Killingworth announced he would contact the organization and work to set up a presentation.

Chief Paul Fazzino Jr. of Essex announced the Valley Shore organization provides a lot of training and emphasis on safety, however, everyone is still observing firefighters not using air packs during overhaul at structure fires and departments not establishing correct traffic patterns at motor vehicle incidents.



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Chief Jim Schaefer of Chester stated you must send guys home when the rules are not followed.

President Fazzino announced chiefs and officers are roll models and must adhere to and implement the department rules and policies.

President Fazzino inquired with Deputy Chief Joe Johnson of Old Saybrook as to the status of the Fire Office I course upcoming at their department. Deputy Chief Johnson announced currently there are four firefighters signed up but need ten to run the course. President Fazzino announced anyone interested in the Fire Office I course to reach out to Deputy Chief Johnson and emphasized support for this course so this training opportunity is not lost due to lack of enrollment.

MMS to at 20:45 hours (Budney/Jenkins).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 28, 2017 in Haddam at 7:30 pm.