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Minutes of the July 22, 2013 VSMAI meeting in Old Saybrook, CT.

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

Attendees – July 22, 2013

Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook	Jim Budney – Deep River
J.T. Dunn – Old Saybrook	Steven Olsen – Essex
Doug Harreys – Essex	Tom Swaney – Old Lyme
Brian Manware – Clinton	Ben Bagnati – Old Saybrook
Chris Cestaro – Old Saybrook	Jim Schaefer – Chester
Jeremy Adametz – Killingworth	Todd Hajak – Killingworth
Sam Baber – Haddam	Gary Klare – Haddam
Chris Yenco – Madison	Bobby Kytte – Madison
Steve Biasi – North Madison	Paul Fazzino – Essex

Special Presentations:

NONE

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Olsen/Budney) to accept the June 24, 2013 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Bauer of Killingworth made the following correction to the June 2013 Valley Shore Meeting:

Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River inquired with Lt. Young on how Branford was able to communicate with Killingworth at the fire in Madison. Lt. Young stated both departments worked off Madison's frequency.

The Killingworth water supply engine (8-5-1) was communicating with 9-7-1 on the VS Water frequency. When Branford arrived we provided their pump operator with one of our portables on the VS Water frequency so they too could communicate directly with 8-5-1.

Reading of communications:

NONE

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$3,315.41, with \$216.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. Ending balance is

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\$3,531.41. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Manware/Olsen).
Motion passed unanimously.

Big Water seminar payment was received from North Madison (\$150.00).

Tee Shirt Payments were received from Westbrook (\$66.00).

Bills to be paid:

NONE

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

President Fazzino announced the State Fire Coordinator was looking for an inventory list from the Valley Shore towns. President Fazzino also announced the State Fire Coordinator was going to a drop box system for the OIC and Regional Planners. President Fazzino stated he was reviewing the current Valley Shore inventory list and would be updating it as necessary. If any departments have recent inventory changes please send those changed to President Fazzino.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

President Fazzino recently distributed the Valley Shore Frequency List for review. One department responded with changes. President Fazzino announced the current frequency list has been finalized and has been dated July 2013. President Fazzino announced the current list would be sent to the secretary for distribution to all departments.

Website:

No report



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Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report

Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

Accountability SOP

No Report

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

Chief JT. Dunn of Old Saybrook announced the plan is to have the revised SOG completed by the September 2013 Valley Shore monthly meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Chief JT Dunn of Old Saybrook announced the new CAD system for Old Saybrook is up and running as of last Friday. Chief Dunn stated the dispatchers now have computer-generated questions for fire related emergency calls including the size of the structure and other pertinent information. Chief Dunn stated the radio traffic for the fire calls will be monitored and will be reviewed using a scoring system to evaluate the handling of the emergency call and dispatch. Chief Dunn also stated text messages will be sent out to mutual aid departments/towns immediately prior to the mutual aid departments being dispatched for mutual aid calls to Old Saybrook. The text messages are being used as a "heads up" for the upcoming mutual aid dispatch.



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President Fazzino stated standard dispatching is still and should remain the primary means for communications between departments including for mutual aid calls.

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook stated there is sometimes a lag time between communications and dispatching so the text messages are designed to just be an awareness or “heads up” that a dispatched call for mutual aid was forthcoming.

Interest to the Organization:

Deputy Chief Brian Manware of Clinton announced Clinton Fire Department would be hosting a Firefighter II course run by Middlesex County Fire Training School starting on September 4th and ending on November 6th. The course will run Wednesday nights, Saturdays and Sundays. The course announcement will be attached to the email with the Valley Shore meeting minutes.

Second Assistant Chief Joe Johnson of Old Saybrook announced Old Saybrook Fire Department would be hosting a Firefighter I course starting on September 5th and running through the end of January 2014. The class will meet Thursday nights and every other Saturday and Sunday with a couple of Wednesdays. The course announcement will be attached to the email with the Valley Shore meeting minutes.

Chief Steven Olsen of Essex announced he was looking for a head count for a Fire Officer I course in the Fall of 2013. If you have individuals interested in participating in this course please contact Chief Olsen.

Chief Gary Klare of Haddam announced Haddam held department elections on July 1st and the new chief is Sam Baber. Congratulations to Chief Baber!

MMS to at 20:40 hours (Olsen/Harreys).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 26, 2013 in Westbrook at 7:30pm.