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Minutes of the July 23, 2012 VSMAI meeting in Chester, CT.

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

Attendees – July 23, 2012

Charles Greeney Jr. – Chester	Charles Herrschaft – Guilford
Paul Fazzino, Jr. – Essex	Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Jeremy Adametz – Killingworth	Gary Klare – Haddam
Sam Baber – Haddam	Doug Harreys – Essex
Brian Manware – Clinton	Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
Don Izzo – Westbrook	Tom Swaney – Old Lyme
Tom Brown – Lyme	J.T. Dunn – Old Saybrook
Jack Dunn – Old Saybrook	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Paul Fazzino - Essex	

Special Presentations:

NONE.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Jenkins/Klare) to accept the June 25, 2012 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

NONE

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$7,971.41, with \$0.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$7,971.41. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Manware/Jenkins). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

NONE	NONE
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Committee report(s):

Statewide Disaster:

Discussion ensued about departments responding to the recent large structure fires in Colchester and East Hampton. Chief Greeney of Chester explained when Chester responded to Colchester they were instructed to utilize the “red” channel, however, none of the departments were using the red channel to their knowledge and then used the valley shore water supply channel.

President Fazzino opened discussion concerning the need to have updated information regarding which frequencies to respond on.

Don Izzo of Westbrook opened discussion concerning CT DEMHS’s changes to the STOC boxes. CT DEMHS is adding three new channels; 1) Hazardous Material, 2) Fire ground Blue, and 3) Fire ground Red. CT DEMHS has not established a time frame when the new channels will be added to the STOC boxes, however, host towns will be notified of the changes. Towns not equipped with STOC boxes will be asked to install the new channels on their portable and mobile radios. Also they will be adding a Vtach and Utach channels to the STOC boxes.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

NO REPORT

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

President Fazzino explained one to two towns were making changes to their radio systems, had contacted the wrong individual and was using the wrong valley shore radio frequency list. President Fazzino also apologized to Madison, North Madison and Deep River for not having their recent radio changes applied to the frequency list. President Fazzino explained the PL/DPL changes were needed. President Fazzino explained that towns need to contact their ambulance and police departments to explain the need to contact the necessary fire department representative to obtain the most recent fire radio frequency list. President Fazzino the most recent valley shore radio frequency list will be distributed through the valley shore mutual aid secretary.

President Fazzino explained many of the channels are licensed through valley shore communications.

Don Izzo of Westbrook questioned the licensing of the Valley Shore Water Supply channel assignment on 453.4625 because its not licensed to Valley Shore.

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The State of Connecticut and other licensees in the State license it. Mr. Izzo asked if the Valley Shore Mutual Aid group had a letter on file stating the group can us it without causing interference. Discussion followed with no resolution. Mr. Izzo explained the Town of Westbrook supports the group but feels a letter on file would be in the best interest of the departments.

President Fazzino discussed the issue of all the valley shore departments needing to have letters of understanding between departments allowing other departments to use each other's radio frequencies.

President Fazzino opened discussion on a recent radio issue when Deep River responded to Essex on a mutual aid call and was instructed to operate on Essex's operations channel but Essex does not have an operations channel. Essex has a command channel, however, the responding units from Deep River were attempting to find the operations channel. President Fazzino reminded departments to ensure their channels are properly labeled and suggested departments attempt to use the same basic channel labeling. (Example – labeling the main channel as operations or the main channel as the command channel)

Chief J.T. Dunn of Old Saybrook explained during their recent structure fire that tanker responding to Old Saybrook were responding but their was confusion as to which tankers were responding and what departments were responding. Chief Dunn explained their was confusion as to which tankers were responding on Old Saybrook's Level 1 tanker strike team level and to what level the tanker strike team SOP was being activated.

Chief Dunn explained Control 3 informed Old Saybrook incident command that only two tankers were responding from Old Saybrook's level 1 tanker response and this was possibly mainly due to valley shore communications not notifying Control 3 how many tankers were responding. Subsequently, Old Saybrook incident command, being aware of only two tankers responding to the structure fire requested to Control 3 to activate Old Saybrook's level 2 tanker strike team. However, many more level 1 tankers were responding but were possibly not acknowledged by valley shore communications or possibly valley shore communications had not advised Control 3 of all the level 1 tankers responding.

Chief Dunn opened discussion on how their department's radio mayday system operated and advised the attendees they would have their radio system vender provide information about the radio mayday system, the need for frequency information, a description of how the system operates and a possible standard operating procedure (SOP). Chief Dunn explained there was alphanumeric data needed and the need for the radio manufacturer's information (Motorola/Kenwood) to ensure the radios are transmitted properly and the information is adequately received at the dispatch centers. Discussion ensued about the issue of whether the emergency activation (mayday) would be



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acknowledged by other dispatch centers when fire departments and firefighters respond to mutual aid towns and transmit communications being overseen by other dispatch center besides their “home” dispatch center. More information, technical data and manufacturer’s information is needed to get all these answers.

Website:

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook explained the Valley Shore website is up and running. The www.joinyourfd.com website is waiting for the director of Sonalyst to upload the various formats for the commercial.

Many of the attendees acknowledged both websites turned out very well.

Tanker Shuttle SOP:

The secretary announced Durham Fire Department had changes to the SOP and the revised edition was distributed.

Chief Bauer of Killingworth announced his department had some changes and would send those changes to the secretary to update the SOP.

Accountability SOP

NO REPORT

Old Business:

Lt. Paul Fazzino, Jr. of Essex announced the Region 2 fire trailer would be delivered to Essex on July 30, 2012. Essex will use the trailer on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Any department wanting to use the trailer besides the above described days and time period can contact Lt. Chris Going at cgoing613@gmail.com. Lt. Fazzino explained the trailer has been damaged by previous users and believes it occurred when it was located in Orange. Lt. Fazzino also explained the trailer was used by Stamford Fire Department but since Stamford was outside Region 2 they paid a fee to use the trailer. Attendees discussed outside fire departments using the trailer and having possible restrictions on outside departments using the trailer.

Chief Herrschaft of Guilford announced he would bring up the issue of departments outside Region 2 using the trailer at the next region 2 meeting. Attendees discussed the trailer’s damage and it was announced one of the trailers’ doors on the trailer was possibly blown off during a training exercise.



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New Business:

President Fazzino reported on the Rural Supply Class that is being run by Larry Davis' brother Mark. The website is www.GotBigWater.com. The course is a two-day course with each day being seven hours. The first morning of the first day would include classroom instruction and the afternoon of the first day being hand-on training and demonstrations. The morning of the second day would include additional hands-on training with practical exercises and the afternoon of the second day being practical training and a two hour training event focusing on ISO skills, demonstrations and practical exercises on completing and passing the ISO testing.

The company is booked through November 2012 and therefore the class would probably be scheduled for spring 2013. There needs to be a host town.

Chief Bauer of Killingworth offered Killingworth as the host town.

President Fazzino explained the first or second weekend in April 2012 would possibly be the best weekend before the holidays and spring sports starts for firefighters with teenagers and children. President Fazzino announced the course fee would be \$1,600.00 with a total cost of travel and expenses being approximately \$2,500-\$2,600.

Chief Herrschaft of Guilford explained the RIT course might be conducted in October 2012. Once more details are finalized; Chief Herrschaft would send the information to the secretary for distribution.

President Fazzino announced the following firefighting course are scheduled to start in the valley shore area:

Old Saybrook's firefighter II course is scheduled to start on September 10, 2012

North Madison's Tanker Shuttle course is scheduled for August 4th and 5th.

Haddam's firefighter I course is scheduled for August 23, 2012.

Chief Bauer of Killingworth announced department elections were held. Chief Hajek stepped down. Dick Bauer is the new chief with Jeremy Adametz being the new Deputy Chief.



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Assistant Chief Brian Manware opened discussion with the attendees concerning allowing vacant buildings to burn and save necessary and sometime limited resources for extinguishing hot spots.

Interest to the Organization:

Assistant Chief Manware opened discussion on the recent Colchester fire and explained how Clinton was requested to respond two hours after the incident started.

Chief Greeney of Chester explained their department responded and 1-½ hours after arriving at the staging area or firehouse were informed they were covering New London County. Discussion ensued about how towns were dispatched to respond. Chief Greeney of Chester explained Durham was getting off exit 7 on Route 9 and going over the Connecticut River Bridge in Haddam when Chester was notified to respond.

Lt Fazzino, Jr. explained that during the recent East Haddam fire it was an operating business and East Haddam believed they could get the fire under control. Therefore, the request for numerous departments was completely understandable.

MMS to at 21:10 hours (Jenkins/Harreys).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 27, 2012 in Clinton at 7:30pm.