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Minutes of the July 28, 2014 VSMAI meeting in Old Lyme, CT.

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

Attendees – July 28, 2014

Dick Bauer – Killingworth	Jeremy Adametz – Killingworth
Ray DesJardin, Jr. – Killingworth	Juan DiZirodo – Old Lyme
Edwin Wolff – North Madison	Jim Jake – Old Lyme
Tom Risom – Old Lyme	Jed Perkins – Essex
Charles Herrschaft – Guilford	Jeff Hesper – Clinton
Brian Manware – Clinton	Michael Shove – Guilford
Don Venuti – Killingworth	Richard Tsou – Westbrook
Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	James Budney – Deep River
Jay Rankin – Old Saybrook	J.T. Dunn – Old Saybrook
Chris Yanco – Madison	Bobby Kytte – Madison
Aron Schumacher – Essex	Paul Fazzino, Jr. – Essex
Jim Schaefer – Chester	John Brainard – Chester
Sam Baber – Haddam	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Paul Fazzino - Essex	

Special Presentations:

The Middlesex Hospital firefighter rehabilitation presentation originally planned with Jim Santachroace has been rescheduled to the August 2014 meeting in Old Saybrook.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Manware/Bauer) to accept the June 23, 2014 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

NONE

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$6,426.25, with \$0.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$6,426.25. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Budney/Manware). Motion passed unanimously.

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DUES PAYMENTS for 2014:

Secretary received dues payments from Westbrook, North Madison, Haddam, Essex, Guilford, Clinton, Deep River, Madison, Killingworth and Old Lyme.

The following departments have **NOT** submitted their annual dues:

1. Chester
2. Durham
3. Old Saybrook

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook requested the dues invoice be recent by the Secretary.

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

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

No Report

Fall Fire Seminar – November 8, 2014

- ☞ Chief Paul Fazzino, Jr. of Essex announced the information flyer for the seminar has been finalized and will be distributed. Chief Fazzino, Jr. stated presenter Sean Gray is in the process of making airline reservations and is seeking hotel options. Chief Fazzino, Jr. stated at this time there has not been much interest from vendors seeking to participate or attend the seminar.
- ☞ President Fazzino requested that Chief Dunn from Old Saybrook assist with coordinating the outside vendors and to post the seminar information to the Valley Shore website. Chief Dunn stated he would coordinate both efforts.
- ☞ Chief Fazzino, Jr. of Essex announced the cost would be \$10 per person for personnel outside the valley shore organization and there would be no cost for personnel from valley shore departments.



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Old Business:

- ☞ President Fazzino inquired with Chief Herrschaft from Guilford about the status of the TIC course. Chief Herrschaft stated there was not update since last month but should have more information in the near future.

The discussion opened about firefighter rehabilitation.

- ☞ President Fazzino stated this topic originated from OEM and Middlesex Hospital is looking to cover their liability on this matter.
- ☞ Deputy Chief Manware of Clinton and Captain Shove of Guilford obtained a hard copy or paper version of the U.S. Fire Administration's Emergency Incident Rehabilitation document (referred to as the white paper).
- ☞ Deputy Chief Manware stated NFPA 1584, the standard for Firefighter Rehabilitation along with the Fire Administration's document contains numerous "should" and "Shall" and also goes into great detail with how to monitor and observe firefighters at fire incidents where firefighters are exposed to significant physical stress.
- ☞ Captain Shove explained how the documents define "Medical Monitoring" and completing the EPCR (Electronic Patient Care Report). Captain Shove also explained the two levels of medical monitoring and described level one, self-rehabilitation, and level two, structured rehabilitation. Captain Shove summarized level one as a firefighter that is provided with water after actively participating in firefighting activities and using one bottle from his or her SCBA. Captain Shove summarized level two as a firefighter that is provided with medical monitoring after actively participating in firefighting activities and using two bottles from his or her SCBA.
- ☞ President Fazzino stated OEM rules are followed when vital signs are checked and monitored and emphatically stated vital signs for all firefighters are going to be elevated during and after actively participating in firefighting activities.
- ☞ Deputy Chief Manware of Clinton stated the purpose of having Jim Santachroace from Middlesex Hospital attend a valley shore meeting was to clarify many of these issues and answer questions fire officers have concerning these standards, policies and rules.
- ☞ Captain Shove of Guilford detailed how NFPA 472 standard defines parameters for hazardous materials responders, however, the firefighting standards previously described in the meeting are not as detailed and do



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not identify those parameters. The firefighting standards leave the vital sign parameters to EMS and fire ground personnel to determine.

- ☞ Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River questioned with the attendees if a firefighter that actively participated in firefighting activities, went to rehabilitation at the fire scene, and was cleared by EMS personnel does that liability go back to EMS. The majority of the attendees believed the liability did go back to EMS but this is a good question for Jim Santachroace from Middlesex Hospital.
- ☞ Chief Fazzino, Jr. of Essex inquired with the attendees about patient/firefighter refusals.
- ☞ Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook felt it depended on whether the EMS service being used is a licensed service, however, many attendees believed that since EMS and paramedics were licensed with the State of Connecticut that burden would be covered under their license and the service that person is working under.
- ☞ Chief Herrschaft of Guilford stated there is a difference between firefighting activities and Hazardous materials activities and it is not reasonable to compare the two activities.
- ☞ Deputy Chief Manware of Clinton questioned whether the EMS service should be able establish or set up firefighter rehabilitation services without the oversight of the fire department or a fire officer. Attendees believed the EMS service should be able to set up or establish that service without fire department or fire officer oversight; however, the fire department should ensure prior to a firefighting event that the EMS service is trained and capable of providing such service.
- ☞ Chief Risom of Old Lyme inquired with President Fazzino whether there was a Valley Shore organizational policy of this topic and matters.
- ☞ President Fazzino stated the organization may create a guideline for this matter and topic but the organization does not enforce the guideline with departments and each department may adopt the entire guideline, portions of the guideline or none of the guideline.
- ☞ President Fazzino announced he does have the electronic versions of the white paper and the NFPA standard and he would distribute those guidelines to the valley shore fire chiefs.
- ☞ President Fazzino again announced Jim Santachroace from Middlesex Hospital would be present at the next meeting to discuss this issue and explained Don MacMillan from North Madison and Yale-New Haven/Sponsor Hospital provided his opinion's last month.



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- ☞ Chief Herrschaft of Guilford summarized the discussion by stating the white paper makes it clear that for fire officers if EMS touches the firefighter after actively participating in firefighting activities then the EMS paperwork should be completed.

New Business:

- ☞ Deputy Chief Manware of Clinton inquired with the attendees if any other department besides Haddam was hosting a Firefighter I course. Nobody was aware of any other Firefighter I courses being sponsored.
- ☞ Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook stated he department was in the process of putting together and hosting a Firefighter II course. The dates are to be determined (TBD).
- ☞ Assistant Chief Jim Schaefer of Chester announced Chester has submitted the paperwork to host a Fire Officer I course.
- ☞ President Fazzino announced if any department have courses upcoming to please forward that information to the Secretary for distribution and so that information can be posted to the organization's website.

Interest to the Organization:

- ☞ Chief Bauer of Killingworth announced his department recently had their elections and the following officers were elected:
Chief – Dick Bauer
Deputy Chief – Jeremy Adametz
Assistant Chief – Station #1 – Ray DesJardins, Jr.
- ☞ Chief J.T. Dunn of Old Saybrook announced on August 26th Old Saybrook Fire Department will be having their 90th anniversary celebration on the town green from 6:00-8:00 pm. This will be a potluck dinner with the fire department providing free burgers and hot dogs.
- ☞ Deputy Chief Jim Schafer of Chester announced his department recently held their elections and the following officer were elected:
Fire Chief – James Grzybowski
Deputy Fire Chief – Jim Schaefer
Assistant Fire Chief – Allen Alonzo



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Battalion Fire Chief—John Brainard
Captain—Jim Skeffington
1st Lieutenant—Sara Blaschik
2nd Lieutenant—Michael Whaples

☞ President Fazzino announced Essex recently held their elections and the following officers were elected:

Paul Fazzino, Jr. – Chief
Deputy Chief – Doug Herrays
First Assistant Chief – Jed Perkins
Second Assistant Chief – Steven Olsen
Lieutenant – Aron Schumacher

Chief Tom Risom of Old Lyme announced the State of Connecticut communications van from East Lyme was set at behind the firehouse for review. Chief Risom stated the van is available for search and rescue and other firefighting activities.

MMS to at 20:30 hours (Fazzino, Jr./Schaefer).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2014 in Old Saybrook at 7:30pm.

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