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**Minutes of the June 23, 2014 VSMAI meeting in North Madison, CT.**

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

**Attendees – June 23, 2014**

Sam Baber – Haddam	Tom Risom – Old Lyme
Charles Herrschaft – Guilford	Don MacMillan – North Madison
Brian Manware – Clinton	Bobby Kytte – Madison
Jeff Hesar – Clinton	John Senn – Essex
Paul Fazzino Jr. – Essex	Jed Perkins – Essex
Jim Schaefer – Chester	Jim Budney – Deep River
Dich Bauer – Killingworth	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Paul Fazzino - Essex	

**Special Presentations:**

NONE

**Approval of the previous meeting minutes:** MMS (Sam Baber/Don MacMillan) to accept the April 28, 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 (Sam Baber/Don MacMillan). Motion passed unanimously.

**DUES PAYMENTS for 2014:**

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

**Bills to be paid:** NONE

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## **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

### Tanker Strike Team SOP:

The Secretary inquired with the attendees as to whether any department had changes to the Tanker Strike Team SOP. The last revision was completed in December 2012. All stated they had no changes.

### Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

### Accountability SOP

The SOP is currently under review and the committee should have information on the revision in the upcoming meeting(s).



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## RIT/Mayday SOG Review

- President Fazzino announced he would email the revised edition of the RIT/Mayday SOG for review. Changes with the new preamble will be sent with the new SOG and will be discussed at the next monthly meeting.
- President Fazzino, following Deputy Chief Budney's discussion in Killingworth about firefighter liability when participating in mutual aid fire calls, revised the mutual aid agreements. The revised agreements were handed out to the attendees of the meeting. President Fazzino requested completed agreements be sent to the Secretary to maintain on file.

## Fall Fire Seminar – November 8, 2014

- Chief Paul Fazzino, Jr. of Essex announced an informational flyer is being prepared for distribution. The seminar is scheduled for November 8, 2014 at the Killingworth/Haddam High School in Killingworth. The cost of the seminar is \$3,000.00 plus approximately \$1,000.00 for additional miscellaneous costs. Chief Fazzino, Jr. announced the cost of the seminar would be between \$5 and \$15 per person. Firefighters from Valley Shore towns would not be subject to a fee for attending. Firefighters outside the Valley Shore organization would be subject to the cost.
- Chief Bauer recommended charging \$10 per person and includes lunch.
- President Fazzino inquired whether contacts have been signed with the speakers.
- Chief Fazzino, Jr. of Essex will check the status of the contract and will have an answer for next month's meeting. Chief Fazzino stated the costs quoted would cover the airline flights and hotel costs.
- Attendees inquired whether vendors would be allowed to set up at the seminar. Attendees stated the vendors would defray the costs.
- President Fazzino stated the seminar committee needed to coordinate with the vendors and obtain commitments from the vendors.

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## Old Business:

- Chief Herrschaft of Guilford stated dates for the upcoming TIC training has not been finalized. Chief Herrschaft stated he was waiting for a house to become available to conduct the training.

## New Business:

- Chief MacMillian of North Madison thanked each department that participated in North Madison's propane incident.
- Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River thanked Old Saybrook for hosting the recent Field Day.
- President Fazzino stated he has offered assistance to Old Saybrook on behalf of the valley shore organization but they have not needed assistance up to this point.
- Chief Fazzino, Jr. of Essex inquired with the attendees as to how their department is handling Middlesex Hospital's request on firefighter rehabilitation. Chief Fazzino stated there are many apparent "gray" areas.
- Chief Herrschaft of Guilford stated he believed that if firefighter treatment went beyond first aid and rehabilitation then that individuals should be treated and either transported or sign a patient refusal form.
- President Fazzino inquired with Chief MacMillian as to his opinion on the matter.
- Chief MacMillian stated his department does have a policy on firefighter rehabilitation and it is similar to the guideline Sponsor Hospital recommends. Chief MacMillian stated he would send that guideline out to the organization.
- Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River believed that once the firefighter made contact with the ambulance personnel for medical treatment then an ambulance run sheet needed to be completed.
- Chief MacMillian of North Madison stated there are no specific firefighter treatment guidelines for ambulance personnel to comply with.
- President Fazzino recommended the valley shore organization may want to consider implementing a policy on firefighter rehabilitation and the president recommended having Jim Santachroace from Middlesex Hospital attend either the next monthly meeting or a future meeting to

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answer and discuss many of the concerns departments are having with the new guidelines being presented by Middlesex Hospital.

- Chief Hesser of Clinton opened discussion about compliance with NFPA 1521 and whether CONN OSHA was going to enforce the standard. The issue was whether there would be enforcement of the requirements to have an Incident Safety Officer for Health and Safety. The new requirement becomes effective on July 1, 2015. The Secretary stated he would reach out to CONN OSHA and would inquire as to their possible enforcement policy.

### **Interest to the Organization:**

- Deputy Chief Brian Manware of Clinton inquired whether a Firefighter I course was being offered locally.
- Chief Sam Baber of Haddam stated his department would be hosting a Firefighter I course starting on August 21, 2014.
- Deputy Chief Manware also inquired about a Fire Officer II course.
- Chief Risom of Old Lyme stated his department was planning to host a Fire Officer I course in the near future but the start date has not been determined.
- Deputy Chief Manware stated the Man vs. Machine course is a great class and encouraged everyone to take the course. Deputy Chief Manware announced Clinton would be hosting the class on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The evening of October 17<sup>th</sup> will be the classroom portion and the 18<sup>th</sup> will be the hands-on part. Deputy Chief Manware stated he would send the course information out shortly. At this time, Deputy Chief Manware did not have a projected cost for the course but that information would be included in the information sent out.
- Chief Bauer of Killingworth inquired with Chief MacMillan of North Madison about the progress and status of the Bernier family. Chief MacMillan stated the family was in need of financial support and fundraising efforts were underway. Chief MacMillan stated the support and efforts so far have been overwhelming and very good.



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MMS to at 20:30 hours (Bauer/Manaware).

Respectfully Submitted,

*Steve Biasi*

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Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 28, 2014 in Old Lyme at 7:30pm.

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