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Minutes of the March 25, 2013 VSMAI meeting in Madison, CT.

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

Attendees – March 25, 2013

Robert Kytte – Madison	Jeff Young – Madison
Sam Baber – Haddam	Gary Klare – Haddam
Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Jim Budney – Deep River	J.T. Dunn – Old Saybrook
Steve Biasi – North Madison	Edwin Wolff – North Madison
Paul Fazzino – Essex	

Special Presentations:

NONE

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Jenkins/Klare) to accept the February 25, 2013 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

NONE

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$7,351.25, with \$400.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$7,751.25. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Klare/Jenkins). Motion passed unanimously.

Dues payments were received from Deep River, Haddam, Old Lyme and Westbrook.

Bills to be paid:

NONE	
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Big Water Supply Course – April 6th and 7th, 2013:

President Fazzino reviewed the attendance and apparatus spreadsheet to the attendees.

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook presented the Big Water course tee shirts and tee shirt sign up sheet. Chief Dunn handed out paperwork showing the tee-shirt design and description.

President Fazzino opened discussion concerning the need for fire police during the course. Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook stated his department would provide one fire police vehicle and one fire police officer. Chief Kyttle of Madison stated his department could provide one fire police officer with a fire police vehicle. Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River stated his department could provide four to five fire police officers. Chief Jenkins of Westbrook stated his department could provide one fire police officer.

President Fazzino requested that any department having “Fire Department Training” signs please bring them on Saturday April 6th to the course.

President Fazzino stated Guilford Fire Department is donating a pallet of water for the course.

President Fazzino stated certificates would be provided to all attendees to the course. Please send a list of attendees to the secretary.

Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River inquired about handouts for the course. President Fazzino explained the handouts are currently being obtained and may look to Staples to get an adequate number of handouts for all attendees.

President Fazzino opened discussion concerning vendors participating at the Big Water Supply course. President Fazzino stated at this time Fold-A-Tank and Kochek did have plans on setting up a display at the course. President Fazzino stated he did not get a response back from Firematic and Shipmans.

Committee report(s):

Statewide Disaster:

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Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

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Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

President Fazzino announced since last month's meeting one chief has responded with radio frequency changes. President Fazzino stated the radio frequency list is being finalized and the most updated list will be distributed within the next one to two weeks.

President Fazzino stated radio vendors are looking to have the recent changes to the radio frequency list highlighted in order to more easily identify the recent changes especially with the large and increasing number of frequencies.

Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River also advised attendees to check their radios, frequencies and PL's to ensure all the radios have the correct information and data.

Website:

NO REPORT

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

President Fazzino announced the recent changes to the SOP have been completed. The changes included the one requested by Madison.

President Fazzino announced he would be asking Valley Shore and Kx to notify dispatch centers outside of their coverage to dispatch those departments.

President Fazzino will like to see Valley Shore and Kx call and notify the other dispatch centers of the mutual aid need(s) and have that "home" dispatch center perform the dispatching.

Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

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Accountability SOP

Chief Herrschaft explained the committee was cleaning up some of the language in the current version of the SOP but besides that the document was satisfactory and the plan is to stay with the “home rule” policy.

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook announced the next meeting would be held on April 9, 2013 at 7:30 pm. Chief Dunn announced everyone is welcome.

Old Business:

President Fazzino announced Essex Fire Department still has the regional burn trailer and should have the trailer until the end of April.

All attendees that have used the trailer acknowledged the trailer is a good resources and it’s working very well. Fire crews seem to progress very well while using the fire trailer.

New Business:

Chief Kytte of Madison announced they have been approved or a new generator, thirty-two new Scott air packs with spare bottles and a SCBA fill compressor. Chief Kytte stated the request has to go before a town vote on April 27th for a final vote.

Deputy Chief Budney inquired with the attendees about the shelf life of the bottles.

Chief Herrschaft of Guilford stated the self-life for the carbon wrap bottles is 15 years.

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook announced the Firefighter Competition would be held on June 9th. Chief Dunn announced the competition would be held at

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Fireman's Field. Chief Dunn announced there is not a rain date for the competition this year.

Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River was the lead representative for the 2013 nominating committee. Deputy Chief Budney announced the same officers as 2012 and each current officer offered to remain in their current position. Deputy Chief Budney made a motion to keep the current officers in their respective position for 2013. Chief Herrschaft seconded the motion. The votes were cast and each officer was unanimously voted in for 2013.

Interest to the Organization:

Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River announced Deep River FD's new tower ladder is progressing well. Chief Budney announced the truck will be painted next week and the completed truck should be delivered around the end of May 2013 or beginning of June 2013.

Chief Kytte of Madison opened discussion concerning an issue with a fire call a few days ago with an Amtrak training involving a passenger having a medical issue. Chief Kytte discussed the dispatching and communications issues encountered during the incident. The fire department and dispatch centers (both Madison and Amtrak) had problems with trains being stopped. Chief Kytte stated while emergency personnel were attempting to access the railroad property an Acela train traveled past in a very fast. Chief Kytte stated there was a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to discuss these problems and issues with Amtrak representatives.

President Fazzino announced he would like Chief Bauer of Killingworth, Steve Biasi and Rick Darin to conduct a presentation at next month's meeting about OSHA related issues and compliance.

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook announced their fire boat is in the water and in service.

MMS to at 20:30 hours (Jenkins/Dunn).



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Respectfully Submitted,

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Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2013 in Killingworth at 7:30pm.

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