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## Minutes of the October 27, 2014 VSMAI meeting in Chester, CT.

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

### Attendees – October 27, 2014

J.T. Dunn - Old Saybrook	Jim Budney – Deep River
Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook	Andy Kressley – Essex
Paul Fazzino, Jr. Essex	Jay Rankin – old Saybrook
John Brainard – Chester	James Grobowski – Chester
Tom Risom – Old Lyme	Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
John Davis – Chester	Jed Perkins – Essex
Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	Jeremy Adametz – Killingworth
Sam Baber – Haddam	Todd hajak – Killingworth
Steve Biasi – North Madison	Paul Fazzino - Essex

### Special Presentations:

None

**Approval of the previous meeting minutes:** MMS (Jenkins/Baber) to accept the September 22, 2014 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

### Reading of communications:

NONE

**Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$6,576.25, with \$150.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$6,726.25. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Baber/Jenkins). Motion passed unanimously.

### DUES PAYMENTS for 2014:

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

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

**1. Durham**

**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

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report

Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

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No Report

### Accountability SOP

No Report

### RIT/Mayday SOG Review

- President Fazzino distributed the SOG for RIT.
- Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook stated the RIT document's title was incorrect and should be changed from Procedure to Guideline. Chief Dunn also announced paragraph 7.3, the "PPV" paragraph needed to be removed.
- Deputy Chief Jenkins discussed removing the "dedicated hose line" in paragraph 9.0. The paragraph was removed after discussion.
- President Fazzino asked the attendees if anyone had any more questions and/or concerning. None were mentioned.
- A motion was made by Deputy Chief Mike Jenkins of Westbrook to approve the RIT SOG. Deputy Chief Jay Rankin of Old Saybrook seconded the motion. The motion and adoption of the SOG was approved unanimously.
  
- President Fazzino opened discussed concerning the mayday SOG.
- Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook announced there were little changes to this SOG.
- Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River inquired whether anyone review these documented with Rick Darin.
- President Fazzino stated the documents were sent to Rick but Rick did not provide feedback.
- Deputy Chief Mike Jenkins of Westbrook made a motion to approve the adoption of the revised Mayday SOG. Chief Grzybowski of Chester seconded the motion. President Fazzino asked if there was any further discussion.
- Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River inquired whether the dispatch centers had been notified of the revised changes.
- Chief Fazzino Jr. of Essex stated the documents are written with "should" and departments "should" notify their dispatch centers.

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- Captain Andy Kressley of Essex stated dispatch centers should have these documents provided by each department they dispatch for.
- The motion was passed unanimously.
- Chief Risom of Old Lyme inquired with President Fazzino whether there were additional documents that needed review.
- President Fazzino stated just the accountability SOG was currently under review but there were other documents that needed review and updating.
- Chief Risom stated Old Lyme is currently updating and revising their policies and operating guidelines. Chief Risom stated he is using the valley shore documents as a guideline to update and create documents at Old Lyme

### Fall Fire Seminar – November 8, 2014

- Captain Andy Kressley of Essex announced at least one vendor has confirmed attending and a second vendor may also attend.
- The speakers are all set and are ready to present.
- Each department should send the Secretary a rough count of attendees from their department as soon as possible.
- President Fazzino inquired as to how many attendees from outside valley shore.
- Chief Fazzino from Essex estimated at least fifty attendees from outside the valley shore organization and believes there will be between 150-200 attendees total.
- The Secretary will have attendance sheets available for each department to sign in with.

### Man vs Machine course

- President Fazzino announced he heard the course went very well and it was well attended.
- Chief Fazzino from Essex stated firefighters from Essex attended and it was a great course and was well worth attending. All feedback was positive!



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## TIC Course

- Chief Herrschaft of Guilford stated the hands-on portion of the course was today and next Sunday (11/2/14). Chief Herrschaft stated the course was very good and many very experienced firefighters thought it provided good techniques and knowledge.
- President Fazzino inquired with the attendees whether anyone was aware of any upcoming courses.
- Chief Fazzino of Essex announced Deep River was in the process of setting up a Fire Instructor I course with Middlesex County Fire School. Deputy Chief Budney from Deep River confirmed his department was in the process of setting that course up.

## **Old Business:**

Nothing reported

## **New Business:**

Nothing reported

## **Interest to the Organization:**

- Deputy Chief Mike Jenkins of Westbrook announced he will be traveling to the Seagrave manufacturing facility to conduct a final inspection for their new aerial truck. Westbrook is anticipating the delivery around the end of this year or the very beginning of next year.
- Chief Paul Fazzino, Jr. of Essex reported the passing of Past Fire Chief Earl Brown (Brownie). Chief Fazzino announced the services would be this Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Essex Fire Station. Calling hours will be from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and the service will be from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. A reception will follow.

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- Chief James Grzybowski of Chester announced the New Haven burn trailer is on site in Chester and will be in Chester for the next two months. Chief Grzybowski stated if any department was interested in using the trailer to please contact his department.
- President Fazzino announced for next month's valley shore meeting in Clinton Captain Mike Shove of Guilford will be doing a presentation on use of Kaplan University, an on-line training resource for emergency services. The cost is \$15 per person each year. The service is good for conducting annual training and assists department with documenting their training.
- Chief Herrschaft stated it was widely accepted by the volunteers in his department especially for the classroom type training and some routine training.
- President Fazzino inquired with the attendees about the next two upcoming valley shore meetings being around Thanksgiving and Christmas. The meeting dates are November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Nobody thought the dates would be impacted by the holidays so the meeting dates were not changed.

MMS to at 20:45 hours (Perkins/Baber).

Respectfully Submitted,

*Steve Biasi*

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Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2014 in Clinton at 7:30pm.