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Minutes of the September 22, 2014 VSMAI meeting in Westbrook, CT.

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

Attendees – September 22, 2014

Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	Trauss Jenkins – Westbrook
Rich Tsou – Westbrook	Jay Rankin – Old Saybrook
J.T. Dunn – Old Saybrook	John Brainard – Chester
Jim Scafer – Chester	Charles Herrschaft – Guilford
James Budney – Deep River	Tom Risom – Old Lyme
Dick Bauer – Killingworth	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Paul Fazzino – Essex	

Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Jenkins/Bauer) to accept the August 25, 2014 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

NONE

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$6,426.25, with \$150.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$6,576.25. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Jenkins/Bauer). 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 and Old Lyme.

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

1. Chester
2. 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:

Chief JT Dunn of Old Saybrook announced the website is running well and stated he would post the upcoming Valley Shore training to the website.

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report



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Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

Accountability SOP

No Report

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

- ☞ President Fazzino announced the revised RIT/Mayday guidelines have been distributed. These changes included removing terms such as “shall” and “should” from the documents.
- ☞ Chief Dunn stated the Mayday guideline was an easier document to revise. Chief Dunn stated “2nd alarm” was changed to “additional alarm”. However, Chief Dunn stated each department should ensure their dispatch center knows the definition of an additional alarm.
- ☞ Chief Herrschaft of Guilford inquired about what impact these changes will have on valley shore dispatch and inquired as to whether Rick Darin has been notified of the changes.
- ☞ President Fazzino stated he would discuss the documents and changes with Rick.
- ☞ President Fazzino than inquired with the attendees as to whether the organization should move to passing the documents tonight.
- ☞ Chief Tsou of Westbrook recommended it would be best to discuss these documents with Rick and move forward on them next month.
- ☞ President Fazzino stated he would discuss the documents and changes with Rick this upcoming week and will provide him with copies of the two documents.
- ☞ Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook opened discussion concerning the RIT document and stated the “shalls” were changed to “should”. Chief Dunn explained the document’s references to NFPA 1407, discussed having four interior certified respond on RIT calls and informing dispatch if a RIT crew can not be mustered. Chief Dunn also discussed having certified firefighters either pass Firefighter I or be trained and certified to the NFPA 1001 standard. Chief Dunn recommended the use of the Valley Shore RIT channel, recommending RIT firefighters throw/install ground ladders and

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perform ventilation where and when needed and removing known hazards from the fire structure and surrounding areas such as gas cans. Chief Dunn also reviewed the definition of a RIT team, the necessary/needed equipment for RIT operations, accountability and locating ambulances in designated locations to best transport victims.

- ☞ President Fazzino stressed every RIT team should contain RIT qualified firefighters and all departments should be bringing qualified firefighters to mutual aid calls. President Fazzino stated if a department cannot muster a RIT qualified team then dispatch and the incident commander should be made aware of the situation so that another department can be notified.
- ☞ Chief Herrschaft inquired about paragraph 7.2 in the document concerning a RIT team stretching a hand line/hoseline. Chief Herrschaft inquired whether this is something reasonable and is this task something the RIT team should be performing.
- ☞ Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook made a motion to strike and remove that paragraph from the standard operating guideline.
- ☞ Deputy Chief Jenkins of Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- ☞ Chief Herrschaft of Guilford inquired about paragraph 7.3 and the intent of the paragraph and should it remain in the SOG. The paragraph was discussed by the attendees and it was believed the paragraph was established back in 2006 when the document was first created when positive pressure was a popular tactic.
- ☞ President Fazzino inquired with the attendees whether it should remain or be removed. It was agreed upon the last sentence would be removed.
- ☞ Chief Herrschaft inquired about the intent of paragraph 7.7. Discussion ensued about its purpose and it was discussed the paragraph was created in order to give the RIT team status of the firefighting crews inside the fire structure during the incident. Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook explained the paragraph's intent was to keep RIT teams updated on the number of personnel and their work locations.
- ☞ Chief Herrschaft stated "home rule" should apply for accountability and the document should be cleaned up to clarify the use of "home rule".

Fall Fire Seminar – November 8, 2014

- ☞ Chief Bauer of Killingworth announced the building has been reserved for the seminar and preparations are being made.



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Man vs Machine course

- ☞ President Fazzino inquired with the attendees about the status of the course, however, Deputy Chief Manware was not present and President Fazzino was inquiring to determine whether the course was one or two days. President Fazzino was inquiring because he heard the course duration might have change.

TIC Course

- ☞ Chief Herrschaft announced the TIC course is scheduled for October 21, 2014. Chief Herrschaft stated the course could host 70 people. Currently, there are spaces available for firefighters from valley shore towns.

Old Business:

- ☞ President Fazzino announced Middlesex Hospital is progressing slowly on the firefighter rehabilitation protocols. President Fazzino stated Jim very much appreciated the feedback from all the officers and representatives at the Old Saybrook valley shore meeting. President Fazzino stated Middlesex Hospital will continue moving forward but at a slower pace and will return to a future valley shore meeting to further discuss the protocols.

New Business:

- ☞ Chief Risom of Old Lyme announced on October 1, 2014 Old Lyme will be hosting a Water Supply meeting/get together at 6:30 pm. Steve Super will have all his equipment available for viewing. The meeting will be held at the Lime Street location in Old Lyme. Departments should bring tankers, water supply trucks, boats, go-carts, and bicycles with water containing saddlebags and any other motorized and non-motorized equipment capable of carrying water. Please do not bring camels!
- ☞ Chief Herrschaft of Guilford announced Guilford would be hosting a class/course on Drones. The course/class will be conducted through Connecticut University. The course was also announced on the CT Fire list serve.



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Interest to the Organization:

- ☞ Deputy Chief Jenkins of Westbrook thanked everyone for coming to their recent structure fire. Deputy Chief Jenkins also announced in the very near future Westbrook would be selling their current aerial truck once their new truck arrives and is placed in service. Deputy Chief Jenkins, at this point in time, believed their new truck should be delivered around the beginning of the year.
- ☞ Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook thanked all the departments that participated in the fire truck procession down Main Street in Old Saybrook during Old Saybrook's party on the town green for their 90th anniversary.
- ☞ President Fazzino announced Essex Fire Department's annual golf tournament being held on October 8th at Essex meadows. President Fazzino also announced their training site is in progress in Essex.

MMS to at 20:45 hours (Fazzino/Tsou).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2014 in Chester at 7:30pm.