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Minutes of the September 24, 2012 VSMAI meeting in Deep River, CT.

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

Attendees – September 24, 2012

Tim Lee- Deep River	Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
J.T. Dunn – Old Saybrook	Rich Tsou – Westbrook
Frank Schrempp – Clinton	Gary Klare – Haddam
Sam Baber – Haddam	Allen Alonzo – Chester
Charles Greeney Jr. – Chester	Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Steve Biasi – North Madison	Paul Fazzino - Essex

Special Presentations:

NONE.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Jenkins/Schrempp) to accept the August 27, 2012 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

NONE

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$7,801.25, with \$0.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$7,801.25. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Tsou/Schrempp). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

NONE	
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Committee report(s):

Statewide Disaster:

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NO REPORT

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

NO REPORT

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

President Fazzino reported that radio frequency review responses have been received from Deep River, Old Saybrook, Durham, and Madison. Please review the distributed radio frequency data spreadsheet for your department and reply to the President and Secretary with your responses.

Chief Herrschaft reported the Guilford frequencies on the spreadsheet were accurate.

President Fazzino requested other department to please send in their responses as soon as possible.

Website:

Chief J.T. Dunn of Old Saybrook reported the www.joinyourfd.com website announcement went out on the CT Fire Academy's webserver today. The Governor's Press Office was contacted and provided with information concerning the website and commercials. The Governor's Press Office was requested to release the commercials to the local CT television stations.

Tanker Shuttle SOP:

President Fazzino announced the Tanker Shuttle Sop has been updated with the most recent information and has been finalized. The Secretary will distribute the finalized version of the SOP.

Accountability SOP

Deputy Chief Budney opened discussion concerning the use of the Salamander system. Deputy Chief Budney inquired with the attendees concerning the personal information being placed on the Salamander identification cards. Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook explained the personal information is preset with the Salamander card information.

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Deputy Chief Budney stated firefighters and medical personnel had concerns about having their personal information especially medical information placed on the Salamander cards.

Chief Greeney of Chester reported with their department only the chief officers have the passwords to the Salamander card reader and can obtain the personal information in the event of an emergency.

Chief Lee of Deep River stated Judy from the ambulance organization offered to create the Salamander cards for the fire department as long as the fire department provided the materials and supplies.

The attendees then had discussion concerning the colors of the cards.

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook stated his department does use color coded cards to identify each individual's qualifications.

Deputy Chief Budney reported Deep River is in the process of purchasing a Salamander reader.

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook stated a meeting was planned for October 23, 2012 at 7:30 PM in Old Saybrook

Old Business:

Discussion was had concerning the burn trailer.

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook stated he talked to Ray concerning the trailer and the cost to fix it. Ray informed Chief Dunn that it would cost approximately \$20,000 to fix the trailer.

Chief Herrschaft of Guilford stated he talked to Chief Casner about having an individual check the trailer between fire departments. Chief Herrschaft also talked to Chief Casner about raising the cost of using the trailer to cover the maintenance costs of the trailer.

President Fazzino discussed the need for having someone checking the trailer before it leaves each department and added the trailer is a dirt-cheap tool for training firefighters.

Chief Greeney of Chester inquired and questioned the cost to run the trailer besides the rental fee.

Chief Herrschaft of Guilford explained the cost besides the rental fee was determined by how much propane is used during the training sessions. Chief Herrschaft stated some propane companies will donate some propane to fire departments for training use but you would have to check with your local propane companies to see if they would be willing to donate propane and how much they would be willing to donate.



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President Fazzino stated it costs approximately a couple hundred dollars to rent and run the trailer.

Chief Herrschaft stated the more important issue is making sure the trailer is fully operational when it comes to either your department or valley shore towns and someone needs to inspect the trailer when it moves between towns to ensure it is fully operational.

Chief Dunn reported the burn trailer calendar has been updated to reflect the trailer being out of service.

Chief Herrschaft recommended the valley shore organization send a letter support the rental fee increase to maintain the trailer and having someone inspect the trailer when it moves from one town to another.

Chief Herrschaft announced Guilford will be hosting a RIT course in November but is not sure if it will be Captain Morris or someone else.

President Fazzino announced a pile of equipment for the East Corinth has been donated. Clinton, Durham, Westbrook, and Killingworth have donated equipment.

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook announced his department had equipment to donate.

Chief Lee of Deep River inquired about how the equipment was being transported to Vermont.

President Fazzino stated East Corinth was traveling down to Connecticut to receive the equipment. President Fazzino announced that if any department has equipment to donate to please let me know.

New Business:

Chief Mike Jenkins of Westbrook announced an upcoming EMT/EMR Refresher training course in Westbrook on November 2nd, 3rd, 4, 17th and 18th.

President Fazzino announced Region 2 has received two Haz-Mat suit per town. President Fazzino recommended and asked the attendees their opinion on having the suits stay with the regional NASH team and if you need support, including the suits, for Haz-Mat incidents the NASH team could respond and bring the suits. A motion was made by Chief Schrempp of Clinton that the Level B suits stay with the NASH team. The motion was seconded by Chief Jenkins of Westbrook. All attendees voted in favor of the motion.

Chief Lee of Deep River announced their department received approval to purchase an aerial truck. The department received approval for \$550,000. Currently, the department has interest in a 2007 American LaFrance/LTI mid



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mount 100 ladder/bucket truck. The department is reviewing the truck's specification and photographs before deciding to move forward on the possible purchase.

Interest to the Organization:

Chief Schrempp of Clinton reminded the attendees of the upcoming fire seminar being held Saturday, September 29th at the Morgan School. Tickets were still available.

Chief Schrempp opened discussion concerning the use of the tanker shuttle at firegrounds and the need to have a designated radio frequency to straighten out what frequencies to operate on when operating a tanker shuttle operation. Chief Schrempp stated there is not a standardized procedure as to which frequency incoming and home fore departments will operate on when using a tanker shuttle operation and this leads to incoming towns not knowing what frequency to operate on during the tanker shuttle operations.

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook made a motion that all valley shore towns performing mutual aid operate on the valley shore water supply channel and assign a water supply officer to oversee that channel and water supply operation. Chief Jenkins of Westbrook seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Chief Jenkins of Westbrook brought a sample of new K-12 saw blades that Westbrook is using. The blades were available for review at the meeting. The saw blades are manufactured by Desert Diamond Industries. Their website is www.desertdiamondindustries.com

MMS to at 20:20 hours (Schrempp/Jenkins).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2012 in Durham at 7:30pm.