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Minutes of the April 23, 2018 VSMAI meeting in Essex, CT.

President Paul Fazzino called the meeting to order at 19:35 hours with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – April 23, 2018

Mike Shove – Guilford	Charlie Herschaft – Guilford
Peter Terenzi – Old Saybrook	Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook
Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	Jeremy Adametz – Killingworth
Sam Baber – Haddam	Rick Swan – State Fire Coordinator
Joshua Painter – Essex	Aron Schumacher – Essex
Chris Going – Essex	Paul Fazzino, Jr. – Essex
Brian Manware – Clinton	James Budney – Deep River
Jim Schaefer - Chester	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Paul Fazzino - Essex	

Special Presentations:

Jason Otrin completed a presentation on UAS/Drone Use by Public Safety.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Jenkins/Adametz) to accept the March 26, 2018 minutes was made. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$4,271.02, with \$450.00 of income and \$50.00 bills or payments. The ending balance is \$4,671.02.02. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Budney/Johnson). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

The Connecticut Secretary of State annual \$50.00 filing fee for Valley Shore Mutual Aid Incorporated was paid.

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Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced Kevin McManus completed the inventory list.

All Hands Call Committee:

Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced the initial All Hands Call Committee took place and the committee had discussion about a new policy along with when manpower should be requested and the concern with freelancing. The committee also discussed creating a call for mutual aid officers to assistance especially with special incidents such as Haz-Mat calls. The committee believes the all hands call is especially needed for daytime calls and responding firefighters should be interior qualified. The Valley Shore organization already has an established policy defining an interior firefighter so the possibly new SOG for All Hands Calls should just reference the already established SOG for interior firefighters. Assistant Chief Mike Shove asked if any other organization have completed establishing this type of police.

Fire Coordinator Rick Swan was not aware of another organization creating a policy for just manpower.

President Fazzino stated the basis of the policy is just for manpower and not to bring more apparatus. Each department can decide how to transport the manpower (utility vehicle vs. engine).

Chief Joe Johnson expressed concern with stripping towns of resources, especially firefighters, during these calls.

President Fazzino stated this is purpose of mutual aid and the need to help each other especially since almost everyone has daytime personnel needs.

Chief Mike Jenkins recalled the Laundromat fire two years ago when firefighters came from Haddam, a far distance. And recently, Old Lyme was calling firefighters from Madison.

Chief Charlie Herrschaft agrees with everyone but responding with a utility truck/pickup will not work.

Fire Coordinator Rick Swan stated the committee was going to leave the transporting means up to each department.

Chief Charlie Herrschaft inquired as to the definition of All Hands. If someone calls Guilford for assistance what do you want? Five guys? When Guilford has a

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confirmed fire three RIT teams are requested anticipating one or two of them will probably go to work.

Fire Coordinator Rick Swan stated he would take the comments back to the committee and suggested each department also discuss it with their departments.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

Clinton Chief Brian Manware announced he continues to work on the new spreadsheet for the radio frequencies and it should be completed shortly.

Website:

J.T.'s son created and sent instructions to the Secretary to upload the meeting minutes. The website is currently operating through J.T.'s computers system (server). Some attendees inquired whether the organization should continue having it run through his server. Chief Herrschaft questioned whether J.T. should be compensated for hosting the site. Deputy Chief Budney asked at what cost. Chief Joe Johnson explained the monthly cost could run between \$20 and \$600 a month depending on the services you're looking to purchase.

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report

Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

Accountability SOP



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RIT/Mayday SOG Review

Chief Paul Fazzino, Jr. announced the recent RIT meeting was very constructive and most departments are utilizing similar equipment. Additionally, most departments are using the same methods to conduct large area searches. The RIT committee is establishing a specific RIT skill stations, will then complete training on those stations and will then move on to additionally stations. Chief Fazzino announced some departments are looking for basic firefighter training. President Fazzino suggested the four core committee members should make the RIT training decisions and for the departments looking for basic training they should approach the valley shore organization for assistance.

Incident Command SOG

No Report

Old Business:

Assistant Chief Mike Shove announced Guilford is running a Burn Trailer Train-the-Trainer on May 4th, 5th and 6th. Assistant Chief Shove announced the region received \$6,000.00 to conduct the training and advised all departments that use the trainer not to burn any class "A" material in the training. Additionally, warnings are also posted in several locations on the trailer. Chief Mike Jenkins announced the Traffic Management course in Westbrook has been cancelled.

New Business:

No Report

Interest to the Organization:

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Chief Paul Fazzino, Jr. thanked everyone for providing assistance to the oil burner fire last week.

Chief Brian Manware announced Clinton plans to host an Instructor I and II course and an Office I and II course. Once dates are established, details and information will be distributed.

Chief Joe Johnson announced Old Saybrook plans to host a Firefighter II course with the new NFPA1403 requirements. Dates and additional information will be distributed shortly.

MMS to at 20:45 hours (Manware/Adametz).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2018 in Guilford at 7:30 pm.