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Minutes of the August 27, 2018 VSMAI meeting in Madison, CT.

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

Attendees – August 27, 2018

Darryl Wand – Madison	Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Brian Manware – Clinton	Steve Lesko – Old Saybrook
Michael Shove – Guilford	Michael Neff – Clinton
Rick Swan – State Fire Coordinator	Andy Kressley – Essex
Gabe Balsamo – North Madison	Mark DeCillis – North Madison
William Cusson – Westbrook	Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
James Budney – Deep River	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Paul Fazzino -Essex	

Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Jenkins/Swan) to accept the July 23, 2018 minutes was made. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$5,571.02, with \$150.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. The ending balance is \$5,721.02. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Jenkins/Manware). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

None

2018 Valley Shore dues payments received:

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Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

State Coordinator Rick Swan attended a recent meeting at the Emergency Operations Center and many Massachusetts departments were present. As a follow up to the All Hands Call with VSMAI, in northeastern Massachusetts near Deerfield recently (within the last year) combined approximately 17 departments to create one department due to manpower issues.

All Hands Call Committee:

- State Coordinator Rick Swan announced the All Hands Call SOG is out for comment it should continue to move forward.
- Clinton Deputy Chief Neff suggested it should move forward.
- Deep River Deputy Chief James Budney inquired as to how dispatch would operate for the All Hands Calls. Deputy Chief Budney recent passed a fire in Old Saybrook and was not aware of their active fire.
- President Paul Fazzino explained dispatch is not the answer and those minor issues can be resolved through the dispatch centers. President Fazzino explained the All Hands calls would be dispatched across everyone's pagers.
- Clinton Chief Brian Manware added the All Hands calls would not be used for the "smells and bells" calls but for the significant calls when additional manpower is required.



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- President Fazzino also added this if for help especially with structure fires during hot days when departments need to rotate many firefighters through various job assignments and to prevent heat exhaustion and other potential serious health risks to firefighters.
- Clinton Fire Chief Brian Manware stated chiefs need to decide whether they want to participate or not and this is just another “tool in the toolbox”.
- Westbrook Chief Mike Jenkins made a motion to accept and adopt the All Hands Call SOG for Valley Shore Mutual Aid Incorporated. Clinton Chief Brian Manware seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- President Paul Fazzino thanked everyone that participated with drafting the All Hands Call SOG and to everyone for collectively working on the document. President Paul Fazzino inquired with the attendees to determine if anyone was not interested in participating – none of the attendees replied in the affirmative.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

Clinton Chief Brian Manware announced no recent updates.

President Paul Fazzino announced tentatively in October the cross over with Haddam will occur but once more information becomes available that information will be sent to everyone.

Website:

No Report

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 Paul Fazzino up to this time has been disappointed with the response for the upcoming RIT training course in Guilford. To date, there has been little to no responses and Chief Herrschaft has contributed over \$5,000 and Valley Shore Mutual Aid will also contribute funding to minimize the costs for each town looking to send firefighters. President Fazzino announced without additional registration the training would have to be cancelled. President Fazzino strongly requested everyone needed to submit his or her training requests by the end of the week.

Incident Command SOG

No Report

Old Business:

No Report

New Business:

- Deep River Deputy Chief James Budney thanked everyone for the help with John Olsen's services and funeral.



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- Westbrook Chief Mike Jenkins opened discussion on First Net. Chief Jenkins announced if a sufficient number of individuals are interested possible we could have an individual speak to Valley Shore.
- President Paul Fazzino stated First Net currently has not been built out sufficiently and AT & T and Verizon must continue to build out the system. President Fazzino suggested having Mike Varney come back to a future Valley Shore meeting to update the organization.
- Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced Mike Varney was with the State of Connecticut for many years and then left to work on the First Net project. Coordinator Swan added Mr. Varney is also the Ellington Fire Chief and is a “straight shooter” and know his stuff.
- Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced the new NFPA 3000 standard for Firefighter during active shooter situations. Coordinator Swan stated Hartford Firefighter and Windham County Fire Coordinator Bob Duval presents a good training on active shooter.
- Assistant Chief Mike Shove announced Guilford Haz-Mat Technician refresher training will be held September 25th and 26th from 08:00 – 17:00 hours. Participants only need to attend one day.
- Assistant Chief Mike Shove announced Guilford would be hosting a two-day NFIRS class with a NFA Instructor.

Interest to the Organization:

- Westbrook Chief Mike Jenkins announced the upcoming benefit dinner for Bill Cusson’s son. Chief Jenkins announced Whelan donated ten cordless high-powered lights each worth \$1,200. Nine of the lights will auctioned off during the silent auction this upcoming Saturday and one will be included in the raffled.
- Deep River Deputy Chief James Budney made a motion for Valley Shore Mutual Aid Incorporated to donate \$250 to the Cusson family benefit. Clinton Chief Brian Manware seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Westbrook Assistant Chief William Cusson thanked everyone for his or her support.
- Essex Deputy Chief Andy Kressley announced the new Essex Fire Department officer. Deputy Chief Kressley also announced Essex acquired the DeCon trainer from Greenwich Fire Department. Fire



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Coordinator Rick Swan stated the trailer is also equipped with the STOC radios and radio repeaters.

- Madison Fire Chief Bobby Kyttle announced Madison and North Madison acquired new portable radios and they have been distributed. Chief Kyttle also announced the local school officials also received portable radios and this will allow the fire department officer capabilities to directly talk with the school officials.

MMS to at 20:45 hours (Kyttle/Jenkins).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2018 in North Madison at 7:30 pm.