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Minutes of the September 24, 2018 VSMAI meeting in North Madison, CT.

President Paul Fazzino called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – September 24, 2018

Dick Bauer – Killingworth	Todd Hajek – Killingworth
Mike Shove – Guilford	John Planas – Guilford
Mike Neff – Clinton	Chris Going – Essex
Jim Budney – Deep River	Charles Greeney – Chester
Dave Cone – North Madison	Brian Koczak – North Madison
Gabe Balsamo – North Madison	Mark DeCillis – North Madison
Bill Decapua – Old Saybrook	Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook
Pete Terenz – Old Saybrook	Bill Cusson – Westbrook
Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	Ethan Gollar – Essex
Aron Schumacher – Essex	Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Sam Baber – Haddam	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Paul Fazzino - Essex	

Special Presentations:

Mike Varney from FirstNet presented an update on the FirstNet system. The highlights of the presentation are below:

- The system was created in 2012 with AT & T contracted to build and operate the Firstnet system for the upcoming 25 years. They were awarded the contract in spring 2017.
- The system uses AT & T's LTE network and uses approximately \$108 billion of At & T's structure. FirstNet's purpose was to create a stand along network only for first responders that are vetted and credentialed to use it. The system provides first responders with a high quality date priority network.
- FirstNet operates using At & T's network and the company is currently upgrading their network and adding Band 14 along with upgrading their legacy technology to expand their LTE foot print.
- The FirstNet system will also include 72 SatCOLTs that are mobile, deployable units for areas not having sufficient coverage. Currently, 24

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units are operational and CT will have a unit in the future (one is currently not available).

- Phones using FirstNet will use FirstNet SIMS cards and will identify as FirstNet phone (as opposed to showing AT & T/Verizon/Sprint in the upper left corner of the phone).
- FirstNet has a dedicated Security Operations Center (SOC) on-line that coordinates with AT & T Global Network (started in March 2018).
- FirstNet offers comparative pricing compared to standard plans with AT & T, Verizon, Sprint and T-Mobile.
- AT & T, under the contractual agreement, must increase FirstNet subscribers over the 25-year duration so they must make it affordable, cost-effective and provide good coverage.
- At this time, Connecticut has approximately 20 Band-14 sites.
- Verizon also operates a similar service called WPS (Wireless Priority Service).

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Bauer/Jenkins) to accept the August 27, 2018 minutes was made. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$5,721.02, with \$150.00 of income and \$250.00 bills or payments. The ending balance is \$5,621.02. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Baber/Jenkins). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

\$250 donation to the Cusson Family Benefit Fund

2018 Valley Shore dues payments received:

1. North Madison
2. Clinton
3. Westbrook



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9. Essex
10. Old Lyme
11. Madison

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan is in North Carolina assisting with hurricane recovery efforts.

All Hands Call Committee:

No Report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

No Report

Website:

No Report

Tanker Strike Team SOP:



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Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

Accountability SOP

No Report

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

President Fazzino announced the upcoming RIT course in Guilford is full with 30-35 students. Each town that gave a student participant count will receive an invoice. Please provide checks as soon as possible.

Guilford Chief Charlie Herrschaft announced an engine and a ladder truck will be needed each day and will need volunteers to provide the equipment. Additionally, any department that has RIT packs and search ropes to please bring those items as well.

President Fazzino announced checks for the instructors would need to be processed and sent out right away.

President Fazzino inquired with Guilford's Assistant Chief Mike Shove regarding any updates or news with NASH.

Assistant Chief Mike Shove announced Region 2 meetings are not sufficiently represented by valley shore towns and fire department chiefs are not attending. Assistant Chief Shove announced three funding of \$20K and if a department is looking for training money funds are available. The full NASH meeting is scheduled for October.

Incident Command SOG

No Report



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Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Interest to the Organization:

President Fazzino thanked Mike Varney for his FirstNet presentation.

MMS to at 20:30 hours (Jenkins/Terenzt).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2018 in Old Lyme at 7:30 pm.