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Minutes of the March 25, 2019 VSMAI meeting in Deep River, CT.

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

Attendees – March 25, 2019

Michael Vece – Madison	Michael Neff – Clinton
Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook	Chris Going – Essex
Andy Kressley – Essex	Mike Shove – Guilford
Rick Swan – State Fire Coordinator	Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
Tim Lee – Deep River	Charles Greeney – Chester
Charles Herrschaft – Guilford	Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Paul Jacobs – Killingworth	Sam Baber – Haddam
Steve Biasi – North Madison	Paul Fazzino - Essex

Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Johnson/Baber) to accept the February 25, 2019 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$1,331.35, with \$0.00 of income and \$400.00 of bills or payments. The ending balance is \$1,731.35. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Baber/Going). Motion passed unanimously.

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Bills to be paid:

None

2019 Dues Payments Received:

1. Essex
2. Clinton

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced funding was approved for the foam inductors for the foam trailers and there will be a meeting on Thursday, March 28th at 10:00 am at the New Haven Fire Training Center regarding alternatives to the National Gold Foam. This meeting will discuss the Gold Foam alternatives following the ongoing contamination issues.

All Hands Call Committee:

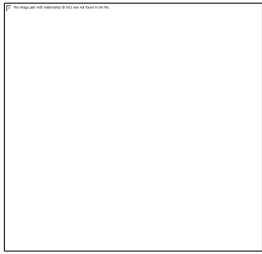
No Report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

President Fazzino announced East Haddam continues testing their radio system and upon completion, Haddam will proceed forward with their changes. East Haddam current has a lot of activity on their PL's and are attempting to resolve their radio issues.



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Website:

No Report

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report

Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

Accountability SOP

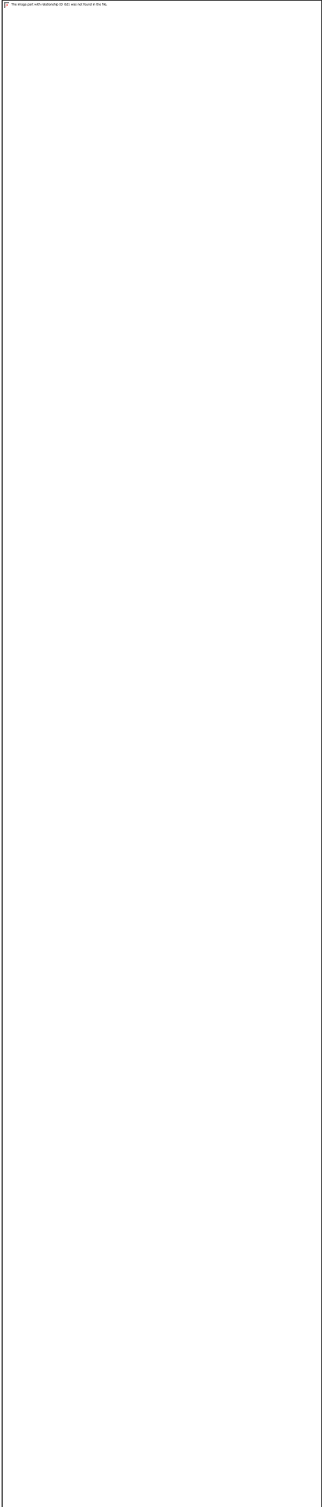
No Report

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

No Report

Incident Command SOG

No Report



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Old Business:

President Fazzino announced he issued a letter to Valley Shore dispatch regarding the dive teams and dispatch protocol.

Killingworth Chief Dick Bauer stated he was under the impression either Middletown (combination of Middletown, South District and Portland) or Guilford will be dispatched to water related incident where a dive team may be required but not both as stated in the protocol.

President Fazzino stated if departments prefer selecting one team or the other then it can be changed.

Guilford Chief Charles Herrschaft announced the department chief could ultimately decide which dive to dispatch.

Chief Bauer stated he preferred deciding which dive team to utilize and would probably select Guilford primarily.

President Fazzino announced Guilford and Madison communications centers were not notified, however, the President will send notification to both communication centers and will make the protocol change designating the department chief as the selecting official for which dive to dispatch.

New Business:

Guilford Chief Charles Herrschaft thanked the Valley Shore chiefs for attending the recent NASH meetings. Chief Herrschaft announced Guilford Assistant Chief Mike Shove was elected the new NASH Chairperson and Assistant Chief Shove will arrange for some upcoming evening NASH meetings.

President Fazzino announced he met with Assistant Chief Shove and upcoming NASH meeting notifications will be distributed to the Valley Shore chiefs.

President Fazzino requested each Valley Shore department continue supporting REPT meetings.

Guilford Assistant Chief Mike Shove announced available fire training, haz-mat equipment and haz-mat training funding amounts (approx. \$500K for fire and approx. \$65K for haz mat).

Guilford Chief Charles Herrschaft announced the new chairperson (Asst. Chief Mike Shove) has some new and exciting ideas to bring haz-mat training out to the Valley Shore departments.

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Interest to the Organization:

Westbrook Chief Mike Jenkins announced an Extrication class on June 1st and 2nd (Saturday/Sunday). Participants are only required to attend one day (either Saturday or Sunday).

Essex Deputy Chief Andy Kressley inquired whether any department is hosting a Q class?

Deep River Chief Tim Lee announced Deep River would be organizing a class in the upcoming months.

Guilford Assistant Chief Mike Shove reminded everyone the State DMV no longer conducts the testing and the authorizing official for certifying fire apparatus drivers is the municipality's fire chief.

MMS to at 20:10 hours (Jenkins/Lee).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

The next meeting is Valley Shore meeting is Monday, April 22, 2019 in Essex at 7:30 pm.