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Minutes of the September 23, 2019 VSMAI meeting in North Madison, CT.

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

Attendees – September 23, 2019

Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook	Steven Budney – Deep River
James Budney – Deep River	Chris Going – Essex
James Oldfield – Old Lyme	Stephen Super – Old Lyme
Bobby Kytte – Madison	Gabe Balsamo – North Madison
Mark DeCillis – North Madison	Justin Cappetta – North Madison
Bill Buckridge – Essex	Charles Herrschaft – Guilford
Rick Swan – State Fire Coordinator	Bill Cusson – Westbrook
Sam Baber – Haddam	Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
Paul Fazzino – Essex	Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Michael Neff – Clinton	Brian Manware - Clinton

Special Presentations:

ISO representatives Tyler Satalino and Joseph Pasco presented a PowerPoint on the ISO rating system, the ISO grading components and means the means for fire departments to improve their ISO ratings.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

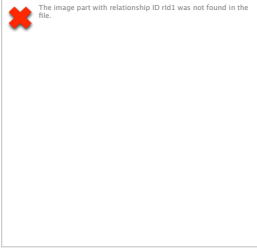
A MMS (Jenkins/Bauer) to accept the September 23, 2019 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to purchase and provide an Appreciation Award to Ken Evarts of Madison for granting the Valley Shore Mutual Aid organization to host meetings and tour his fire museum was made by President Fazzino and Chief Dick Bauer. Chief Brian Manware seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None





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Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$3,614.38, with \$0.00 of income and \$0.00 of bills, service charges or payments. The ending balance is \$3,614.38. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Bauer/Jenkins). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

NONE

2019 Dues Payments Received:

1. Essex
2. Clinton
3. Killingworth
4. Old Lyme
5. Madison
6. North Madison
7. Guilford
8. Deep River
9. Westbrook
10. Old Saybrook
11. Haddam
12. Chester

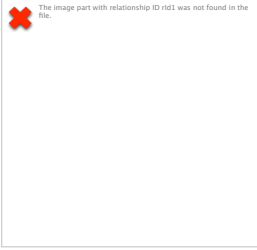
Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced the Governor's Foam Committee would be issuing their recommendations for handling foam in the near future. According to Coordinator Swan, the state is down to three vendors to handle the no longer usable foam; Shipman's, Firematic and an Australian based company. Additionally, Coordinator Swan advised departments to submit their foam quantities to the state website as soon as possible and to start identifying locations in their town where foam has have been utilized.

All Hands Call Committee:





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No Report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

President Fazzino met with State Senator Needleman on the new Middlesex County training center.

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

Clinton Chief Brian Manware announced two questions came up and addressed regarding the new radio frequency list but the questions/items were resolved and the new list should be distributed next week.

Killingworth Chief Dick Bauer inquired about the state-wide radio system and its status.

President Fazzino explained Middletown, Durham and Haddam were meeting with Rick Darin from Valley Shore Communications to establish a means to connect to the state communications system.

Chief Bauer announced Killingworth has funding available to spend for a radio system upgrade and inquired with the attendees if a 400 or 800 system would work best.

Haddam Chief Sam Baber stated Haddam would continue using 400 and 800 systems that will be cross-banded so whether departments have a 400 or 800 systems they will have the ability to talk with each other.

Chief Bauer posed the question whether anyone else is transitioning to an 800 system. None of the attendees answered in the affirmative.

Chief Baber announced the UHF switchover is complete.

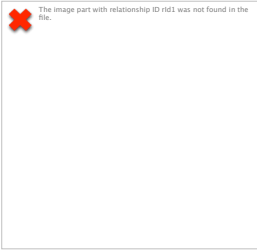
Website:

No Report

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report





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Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

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Accountability SOP

No Report

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

No Report

Incident Command SOG

No Report

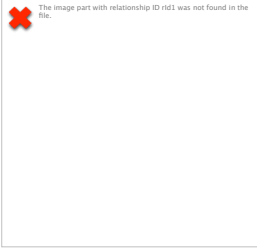
Old Business:

Clinton Chief Brian Manware recommended departments should update their Valley Shore mutual aid agreements.
Westbrook Chief Mike Jenkins announced their fire commissioners had concern with the non-emergency vs. emergency language in the agreement.
President Fazzino announced Connecticut State Statute 3.10 covers fire personnel responding to other towns and provides workers' compensation coverage.
President Fazzino announced he would modify the mutual aid agreements to clarify the language.

New Business:

No Report





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Interest to the Organization:

Deputy Chief James Budney inquired if anyone received information on the fire grants.

None of the attendees answered in the affirmative.

President Fazzino announced tickets were available for Charlie Herrschaft's awards dinner on October 9th. Please contact President Fazzino or Guilford Assistant Chief Mike Shove for ticket. The tickets are \$40.

MMS to at 20:50 hours (Bauer/Jenkins).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

The next meeting is Valley Shore meeting is Monday, October 28, 2019 in Old Lyme at 7:30 pm.

