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Minutes of the May 18, 2009 VSMAI meeting in Deep River, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Fazzino at 19:43 hrs with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – May 18, 2009

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| 1. James Budney - Deep River | 6. Peter Woodcock - Deep River |
| 2. Paul Jacobs - Killingworth | 7. Charlie Herrshaft - Guilford |
| 3. Charles Greeney, Jr. - Chester | 8. Brian Manware - Clinton |
| 4. David Jewett - Old Lyme | 9. Jim Long - Westbrook |
| 5. Steve Biasi – North Madison | 10. Paul Fazzino - Essex |

Special Presentations:
NONE

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Long/Manware) to accept the April 27, 2009 minutes as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications: None

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$6,284.89, with \$500.00 of income and no expenses. Ending balance is \$6,784.89. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Long/Jewitt). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

NONE		
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Committee report(s):
Statewide Disaster:
NONE

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

President Fazzino and Chief Jim Long along with any other individuals interested will be researching the presentation from last month and will determine its feasibility and availability for the Valley Shore towns.

Chief Long explained that the GIS system is already in place and available for use.

Chief Herrshaft explained that the valley area and the shoreline GIS systems have been developed and available for departments to use.

Chief Long inquired with the group to determine whether there is money available for tough book computers.

Chief Herrshaft explained that he was unaware of any available funds for such items.

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Chief Long explained that he will pursue more information concerning the presentation last month.

The group discussed the downside of the presentation was that it was only geared towards the Hartford Fire Department and had little or no information concerning the valley shore towns, however, the group felt the presentation was informative and had a lot of good technological information. The group discussed they wanted to see information pertaining how the program and presentation could be utilized by the valley shore towns. The group explained they also wanted to see how the program and presentation could be used for mutual aid responses between towns, the sharing of town specific information with outside mutual aid towns and rapid intervention operations (RIT). The group explained that Assistant Chief Tim Lee of Deep River was also interested in committee and researching information concerning the program and presentation.

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

The committee met with Moffit and Wright being absent. The committee had several discussions. The current frequency list has been reduced to only what is needed to operate on the fire ground of respective departments. The committee is in the process of ensuring all the frequencies are accurately identified and properly named. The committee is requesting that each department review the frequency list and return the list with any corrections. The committee stresses that names must be consistent to ensure all the departments sharing or using that frequency is using the correct frequency. The frequency list was only sent to the valley shore chiefs for review and the chiefs could forward the list to whomever they deemed fit to properly review it. Once the responses are submitted the next steps will follow. Some conflicts have already identified and will be addressed in the near future. The secretary will re-distribute the list again to all the chiefs.

Old Business:

1) The secretary will obtain an electronic version of the draft SOP for personnel entering fire and emergency services scenes to obtain photographs and videos.

The SOP in electronic version will be sent to the chiefs

The Tender Strike Force SOP has been distributed for review. All departments should review the SOP, make any necessary changes, and return to the secretary.

2) Deputy Chief Manware explained that the ongoing Firefighter I course is going well. The course is looking for apparatus for specific training days. Will contact departments where needed for apparatus.

3) Deputy Chief Budney explained that the CDL class was going well. Some students have already taken the written test and were looking at July to have the driving test.



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4) Deputy Chief Budney explained that the Ladder Operations class went well. The class was held in Essex on Saturday and Deep River on Sunday. Many departments were well represented including Chester, Madison, Guilford, Essex, Clinton and Westbrook.

5) President Fazzino explained that Essex Fire Department is starting a committee to research a new ladder/aerial truck.

New Business:

President Fazzino explained that Essex is contracting with Rescue Jack to conduct a class in September with a maximum of forty eight (48) students. There will be two instructors from Rescue Jack and two instructors from Firematic. This will be a highly intensive two day course. The cost of the class is not known at this time.

Interest to the Organization:

Chief Dave Jewitt explained that High Hopes Therapeutic Riding Incorporated located at 36 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme, 06371 was sponsoring and conducting a High Hopes Hoedown on Saturday, September 12, 2009 (Rain date – September 13, 2009). High Hopes Therapeutic Riding Inc. is asking the area fire departments to do a game/competition or activity for the hoedown. Some suggestions included having a fire department drafting competition among area towns which would include establishing a draft, pulling a hose line and knocking down an object or target located at a pre-determined distance. High Hope Therapeutic Riding Inc. was also going to have a horse riding competition on the day of the event.

It was announced that the Firefighter Competition will be conducted next month in Essex on June 7, 2009.

MMS to adjourn at 20:20 hours (Long/Jewitt).

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Biasi
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2009 in Clinton at 7:30 PM.