

**Rutland County Fire Mutual Aid Association, Inc.**  
*Minutes of the July 1, 2007 Meeting*

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The meeting was held at the Chittenden Fire Station and called to order by President Schlachter at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence for passed members. Chief Poljacik offered a welcome on behalf of the Chittenden Fire Department.

**SICK AND DISTRESSED:**

None reported.

**ROLL CALL:**

*Department Members Present:* Benson Fire Department, Chittenden Fire Department, Clarendon Fire Department, Fair Haven Fire Department, Killington Fire-Rescue, Rutland City Fire Department, Rutland Town Fire Department, West Haven Fire Department, West Rutland Fire Department

*Officers Present:* Chief Robert Schlachter, President; Chief Tom Fucile, Vice-President; Michael Skaza, Secretary/Treasurer

*Coordinators Present:* Schlachter, Fucile, Skaza

**APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2007 meeting. PASSED.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Schlachter reported on the progress of the VT E-911 board, which he sits on. The new internet protocol system is up and running and the next phase of the upgrade is a reverse 9-1-10 system that can be used to distribute phone messages from emergency agencies to geographical groups.

President Schlachter reported that the cancer bill has passed and been signed by the Governor.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer presented a year to date finance report. He reported that the Association is solvent. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. PASSED.

**STATE DISPATCH:**

Chief Kilpeck of Brandon has reported an alleged problem with the Grandpa's Knob transmitter to PSAP Administrator Laura Wallet by e-mail. President Schlachter has been made aware of the issue by Ms. Wallet and is checking with our radio maintenance technician to ensure that the transmitter has been operating properly. Chief Schlachter reminded departments that equipment

complaints should be brought to the coordinators attention, not VSP as they are not responsible for the function and upkeep of our equipment.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Planning us underway for the 2008 Southern Vermont Regional Fire School. As always, assistance is needed on the Committee if we are to make this event a success.

Support 2 is mechanically ready for service and will be delivered to Poultney Fire Department. President Schlacher, Vice-President Fucile, and Chief Jones will work together to get the truck in service.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A review of recent mutual aid calls was conducted. They included the Ace Muffler structure fire in West Rutland, and the Mill River Lumber structure fire in Clarendon. It was discussed that mutual aid companies follow the instructions and requests of the incident commander and send only that equipment that is requested. Scenes can become cluttered if there is excess apparatus or personnel on site. Staging areas should be utilized if that is the case, and when a staging area is being established, it is the responsibility of everyone on scene to ensure that is it used.

The following upcoming events were announced:

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| July 4, 2007    | Killington 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and Parade, apparatus welcome     |
| July 21, 2007   | Chittenden Fire Department Auction   |
| August 11, 2007 | Chittenden Fire Department 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Open House |

President Schlachter has been approached by CERT and the Department of Homeland Security to assist CERT by hosting a response trailer. Schlachter stated that this trailer could be used to house County equipment as well as the equipment of the CERT. A motion was made and seconded to work with CERT to assist them by hosting a trailer. PASSED.

The County will be conducting a system-wide test of our new back-up dispatch systems. An announcement will be made in advance of this test as departments may need to acknowledge the test by radio.

With no other business at hand, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. PASSED. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michael J. Skaza*

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