

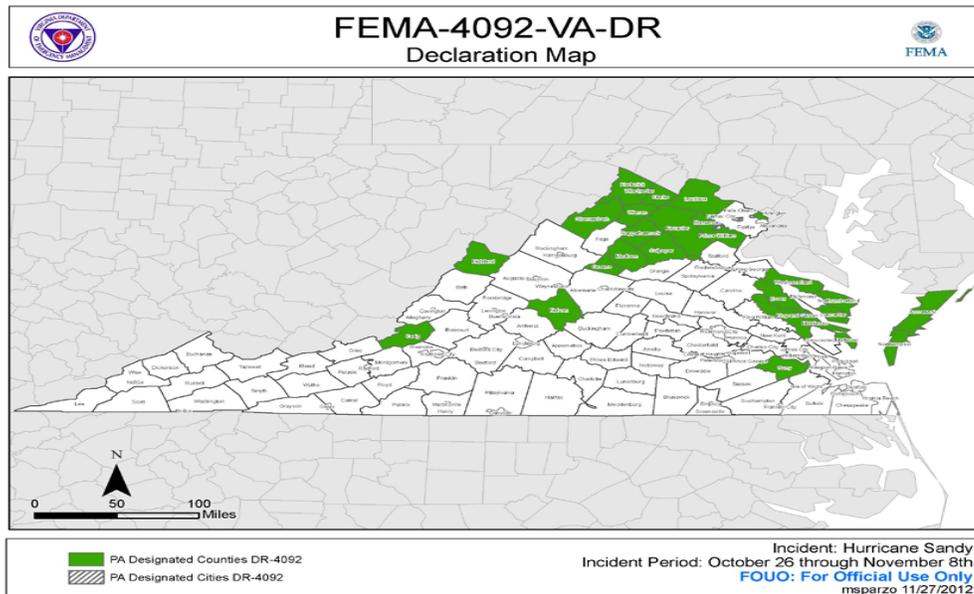
Joint Field Office (JFO)
9954 Mayland Dr, Richmond, VA 23233
Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
Hurricane Sandy October 26, 2012 – November 8, 2012
FEMA-4092-DR-VA
Updates since last State Situation Report

SITUATION REPORT # 4
1600 Hours January 4, 2013

Governor Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency at 0950 hours on 26 October due to the anticipation of severe weather impacting the Commonwealth as a result of Hurricane Sandy to include a limited mandatory evacuation for low lying areas along the Virginia coast and Chesapeake Bay. Governor McDonnell's request for an Emergency Declaration was approved by President Obama on 30 October.

Governor Bob McDonnell submitted request for Major Disaster Declaration on November 16, 2012 to FEMA Region III for processing and forwarding to President Obama. Governor McDonnell announced on November 26, 2012 that Virginia's request for a Major Disaster Declaration to help local and state governments recover from the impact of Hurricane Sandy was approved by President Obama. FEMA's Public Assistance Program was approved for the counties of Accomack, Arlington, Clarke, Craig, Culpeper, Essex, Fauquier, Frederick, Greene, Highland, King and Queen, Lancaster, Loudoun, Madison, Mathews, Middlesex, Nelson, Northampton, Northumberland, Prince William, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, Surry, Warren and Westmoreland and the cities of Fairfax, Falls Church and Manassas. FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program was approved for all counties and cities in Virginia. Assistance for individuals, FEMA Individual Assistance Program, in Accomack was requested and denied by FEMA on Thursday, November 29, 2012.

Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner confirmed 3 storm related fatalities.



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FEMA/State Agreement was signed by Governor Bob McDonnell on November 30, 2012 and the Joint Field Office (JFO), located at 9954 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233, is operational from 0730 to 1630 Monday through Friday until further notice.

Joint Incident Priorities:

1. Ensure a safe and healthy working environment.
2. Work together as a cohesive team.
3. Provide a timely and effective Public Assistance program.
4. Provide a timely and effective Hazard Mitigation program.

Joint Incident Objectives:

1. Complete Pre-Application/Request for Public Assistance (RPA) processing and determination of eligible applicants by 26 December 2012
2. Approve DR-4092 Administrative Plan
3. Implement Public Assistance Program and prepare to complete evaluation of add-ons by 21 December 2012
4. Support implementation of environmental and historic regulatory guidance by Commonwealth.
5. Provide financial and administrative support to JFO and deployed staff
6. Disseminate key messages and products for Virginia's recovery.
7. Implement Hazard Mitigation Program

Deputy Commonwealth Coordinating Officer:

- Coordinating joint activities between the Commonwealth and FEMA.

Operations Section:

- *Received approval with regard to Individual Assistance appeal for Disaster Unemployment Assistance only for Accomack County*
 - *Participated in conference call with FEMA and Virginia Employment Commission regarding press release, program roll-out, and administration costs*
- *Received approval from FEMA with regard Public Assistance add-on request for New Kent County; request for extension with regard to City of Suffolk is still pending*
 - *Will be scheduling Applicant Briefings and Kick-off meetings for add-on localities*
- *SBA Disaster Assistance Center closed 20 December 2012; assistance continues to be available by telephone*
- Coordinating with Accomack County regarding non-federal assistance to affected population to include, voluntary organization resources and Virginia Disaster Relief Fund
- Monitoring and refining JFO staffing pattern and costs

Public Assistance Section:

- Fifty-four (54) Requests for Public Assistance received from applicants to date.
- Submitted Public Assistance Administrative Plan to FEMA for review

Hazard Mitigation Section:

- *Initial Hazard Mitigation Strategy drafted and submitted for review*
- *Initial Hazard Mitigation Administrative Plan draft as been reviewed; second draft is being prepared with suggested minor changes*

Communications/IT:

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- CradlePoint cellular, wireless network established for Commonwealth of Virginia staff working at JFO
 - Network facilitates Internet access and Virtual Private Network connectivity and includes printers and a file/print server
- On-call support provided through submission of help desk ticket to Virginia Customer Care center by calling (866)637-8482 or email to yccc@vita.virginia.gov

Planning Section:

- Developing and distributing weekly JFO Situation Report.
- Coordinating with FEMA Planning on interagency activities.

Finance and Administration Section:

- Coordinating and tracking travel vouchers and timesheets.

External Affairs

- Coordinating with FEMA External Affairs staff on information to media and elected officials
- Support Public Assistance Applicant Kickoff Meetings

Congressional Affairs

- Conducting initial congressional outreach.

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