

**Joint Field Office (JFO)**  
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**Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)**

**Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds June 29-July 1, 2012**  
**FEMA-4072-DR-VA**

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**SITUATION REPORT # 1**  
**1600 Hours August 10, 2012**

**SUMMARY**

Severe thunderstorms with winds surpassing 80 mph impacted the Commonwealth on the evening of Friday, June 29, and continued into the early morning hours of Saturday, June 30. Severe thunderstorms again impacted the Commonwealth on the evening of Saturday, June 30 and afternoon of Sunday, July 1.

Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner confirmed 15 storm related fatalities.

Governor Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency on June 30, 2012 and submitted request for Major Disaster Declaration on Friday, July 20, 2012 to FEMA Region III for processing and forwarding to President Obama

Governor Bob McDonnell announced on Friday, July 27, 2012, that the request for Major Disaster Declaration was approved and assistance is through FEMA's Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation programs.

Public Assistance is available to the counties of Albemarle, Alleghany, Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Arlington, Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Bland, Botetourt, Buckingham, Campbell, Carroll, Charlotte, Clarke, Craig, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fauquier, Floyd, Fluvanna, Frederick, Giles, Greene, Halifax, Highland, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Nelson, New Kent, Nottoway, Orange, Page, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Pulaski, Rappahannock, Roanoke, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Tazewell and Warren and the cities of Bedford, Charlottesville, Covington, Danville, Fairfax, Fredericksburg, Lexington, Lynchburg, Manassas Park, Martinsville, Radford, Roanoke, Salem, Staunton, and Winchester. Hazard Mitigation is available to all jurisdictions in the Commonwealth. .

**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. Implement Public Assistance Program to eligible entities with the Commonwealth and strategy to deal with widespread damage impacts on the Commonwealth relative to debris, emergency protective measures, and restoration of infrastructure.

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2. Implement Hazard Mitigation Program to reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future incidents through the use of Risk Analysis and provision of Hazard Mitigation assistance for the unique aspects of this event.
3. Ensure appointed and elected officials understand Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation processes.

**Deputy Commonwealth Coordinating Officer:**

- Coordinating joint activities between the Commonwealth and FEMA.

**Operations Section:**

- Team Building training provided Thursday, August 9, and Friday, August 10, for Public Assistance staff.
- Public Assistance Applicant Briefing conference call/webinar conducted on Thursday, August 9, and Friday, August 10.
- Public Assistance Applicant Briefing conference call/webinar scheduled for Monday, August 13.
- Public Assistance Applicant Kickoff Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, and Thursday, August 16.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Applicant Briefing conference call/webinar conducted on Thursday, August 9, and Friday, August 10.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Applicant Briefing scheduled for Monday, August 13.
- Public Assistance Program training scheduled for Monday, August 13, and Tuesday, August 14.
- Public Assistance Teams scheduled to deploy to regional offices on Wednesday, 15 August.
- Add-on request was developed for seven localities and submitted to FEMA for consideration on Friday, August 10.
- Four Public Assistance Field Office locations (VDOT) identified and FEMA logistics completed network setup.
  - Field Office 1: Christiansburg Residency, 105 Cambria St., NW, Christiansburg, VA 24073
  - Field Office 2: Amherst Learning Center (VDOT), 590 Union Hall Rd., Amherst, VA 24521
  - Field Office 3: Staunton District, 29 Swartzel Shop Rd., Staunton, VA 24401
  - Field Office 4: Warrenton Residency, 457 E. Shirley Ave., Warrenton, VA 20187

**Public Assistance Section:**

- Thirty-eight (38) Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs) received from applicants to date.
- Facilitated Public Assistance Applicant Briefing conference calls/webinars on Thursday, 9 August, and Friday, 10 August.
- Applicant Kickoff Meeting for counties of Bland, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Giles, Pulaski and Tazewell and cities of Bedford and Salem scheduled for 10:00 am, Wednesday, August 15.

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- Applicant Kickoff Meeting for counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax, Nelson, Pittsylvania and Prince Edward and cities of Danville and Lynchburg scheduled for 9:00 am, Thursday, August 16.
- Applicant Kickoff Meeting for counties of Alleghany, Augusta, Bath, Highland, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Page, Shenandoah, Warren, Clarke, and Frederick and cities of Covington, Lexington, Staunton and Winchester scheduled for 11:00 am, Thursday, August 16.
- Applicant Kickoff Meeting for counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock and City of Charlottesville scheduled for 1:30 pm, Thursday, August 16.
- Applicant Kickoff Meeting for counties of Amelia, Dinwiddie, Lunenburg, New Kent, Nottoway and Powhatan including State Agencies scheduled for 3:30 pm, Thursday, August 16.

**Hazard Mitigation Section:**

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Administrative strategy completed.
- Facilitated Hazard Mitigation Grant Program conference calls/webinar on Thursday, August 9, and Friday, August 10.
- Finalized mitigation targeting list of flood prone properties in coastal A Zone for technical assistance.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program pre-application deadline of September 15, 2012 set
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application deadline of December 15, 2012 set

**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.

**Communications/IT:**

- Installation of password protected wireless network to support JFO completed Tuesday, August 7.
  - Wireless network includes file server for storing documents and three printers for use by Commonwealth staff.
  - Network operating on aircard router, because Digital Subscriber Line service not available at JFO site
- IT Partnership staff on-site during JFO hours of operation.
- Twenty-eight additional laptop computers purchased at direction of VDEM Recovery and Mitigation Division Director.
  - All reimaged with VDEM software load set and ready for deployment; four issued to Commonwealth personnel working at JFO.

**External Affairs**

- Coordinating with FEMA External Affairs staff on information to media and elected officials

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- Handle media inquiries and citizen inquiries; minimal media interest to date.
- Support Public Assistance Applicant Kickoff Meetings

**Congressional Affairs**

- Conducting initial congressional outreach.

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