

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

Hurricane Irene / 2011-08

FEMA-4024-DR-VA

SITUATION REPORT #49

1600 Hours Thursday, January 5, 2012

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SUMMARY

Gov. Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency for Virginia August 26, in preparation for Hurricane Irene. The storm claimed five fatalities statewide and caused damages totaling more than \$39 million. A presidential declaration for Public Assistance that included the counties of Louisa and Gloucester was approved August 26 for Emergency Measures Only under EM-3399. Another 28 localities originally included in this declaration were brought under Public Assistance Declaration, DR-4024, approved September 3 for Categories A-G. Add-ons approved on September 10 and September 28, brought the total number of jurisdictions for this declaration to 48.

Designated under DR-4024 were the counties of Amelia, Accomack, Brunswick, Caroline, Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Essex, Greensville, Hanover, Henrico, Isle of Wight, James City, King and Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Louisa, Lunenburg, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northampton, Northumberland, Nottoway, Powhatan, Prince George, Richmond, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland and York, and the cities of Alexandria, Chesapeake, Colonial Heights, Emporia, Franklin, Hampton, Hopewell, Newport News, Norfolk, Petersburg, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Richmond, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg.

On September 21, FEMA announced an SBA Disaster Declaration authorizing low-interest disaster loans for the following localities: (Primary) New Kent County, City of Petersburg; (Contiguous) Counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Hanover, Henrico, James City, King and Queen, King William and Prince George; and the independent city of Colonial Heights.

Arizona and Louisiana each have sent four public assistance staff fulfilling a VDEM Emergency Management Assistance Compact request to speed up processing of damage repair applications. The team, including a deputy public assistance officer from Louisiana, will serve for 30 days.

Joint Incident Priorities:

1. Determine resource needs to support recovery operations.
2. Ensure a safe and healthy working environment.
3. Work together as a cohesive team.
4. Provide a timely and effective Public Assistance program.
5. Provide a timely and effective Hazard Mitigation program.

Joint Incident Objectives:

1. Implement Public Assistance Program for designated counties impacted by Hurricane Irene.
2. Conduct an effective outreach strategy to manage expectations of applicants, local officials and Virginia delegation.

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Deputy Commonwealth Coordinating Officer (DCCO) Brett Burdick:

- Coordinate joint activities between the Commonwealth and FEMA.

Operations Section George Roarty:

- Complete Public Assistance administration plan.
- Continue to monitor Project Worksheet production.
- Coordinating with FEMA with regard to refining staffing pattern.
- Coordinate Public Assistance and Community Relations programs activities with other state agencies and FEMA.

Public Assistance Supervisor Nealia Dabney:

- **Deploy Public Assistance teams covering 48 local jurisdictions affected by the hurricane.**
- **Received 146 requests for Public Assistance.**
- **FEMA has obligated nearly \$12.3 million in Public Assistance funds to cover the cost of repairs in 458 projects. In all, 1,050 repair projects have been submitted.**
- **Administration of FEMA-3329-EM VA, which covered emergency preparations for Hurricane Irene, has moved to FEMA Region III Headquarters in Philadelphia. This Sitrep will no longer report results on this event.**

Summary of Public Assistance Activity (FEMA 4024)

As of 1/04/12

Requests for Public Assistance	146	Projected Project Worksheets	1,050
Applicants Ineligible or Withdrawn	7	Project Worksheets Received	775
Exit Briefs Completed	83	PWs Pending Obligated	200
Applications Open	56	PWs Obligated	458
Kickoff Meetings Completed	140	Obligated Funds	\$12,341,065
Total Applicants Completed	90		

External Affairs Bob Spieldenner:

- Coordinate outreach to local governments and respond to media and citizens inquiries.

Communications/IT:

- Maintain JFO network and telephone connectivity with VITA/NG.

Finance and Administration Section Virginia Moore:

- Assure efficient and cost-effective administration of disaster-related activities for the Commonwealth.

Logistics Section Norman Sanford:

- Furnish supplies to field and JFO team members.
- Track motor vehicle rental fleet.

Planning Section Robert Lambert:

- Develop and distribute daily JFO Situation Reports.

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