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

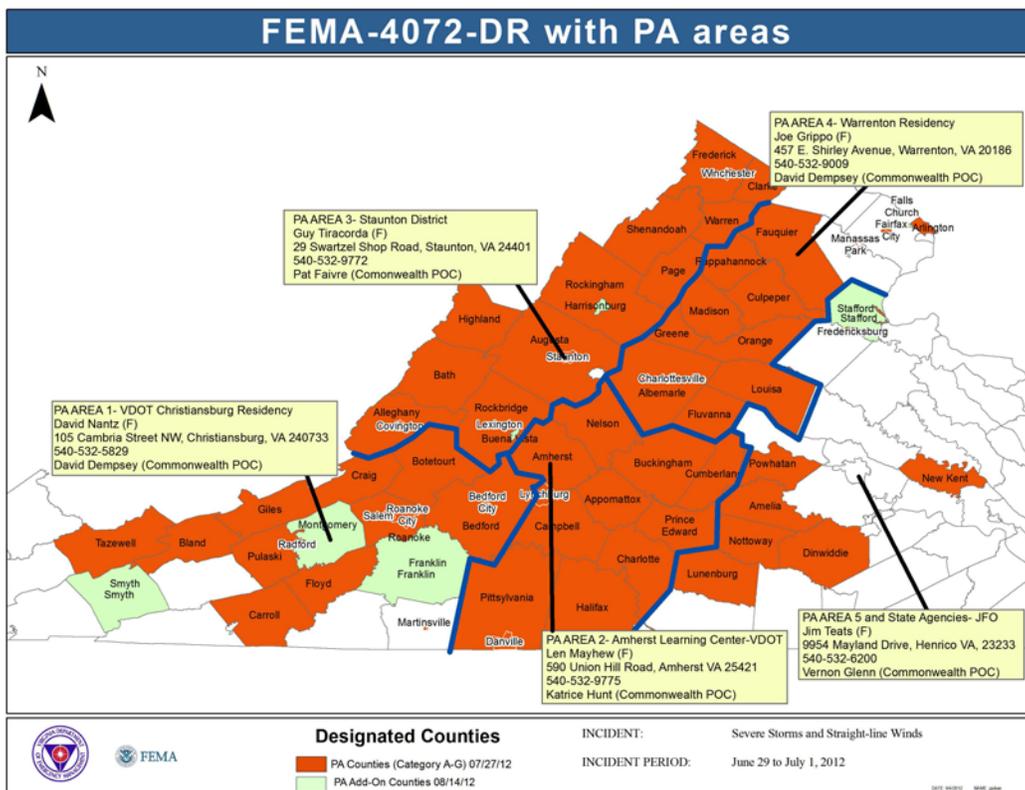
SITUATION REPORT # 6
1400 Hours September 14, 2012
New information since Situation Report #5 in *bold italic font*

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 announced Friday, July 27, 2012, that request for Major Disaster Declaration was approved. As of Tuesday, August 14, 2012, a total of Sixty-nine (69) jurisdictions, 51 counties and 18 cities, approved for FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Program and all localities in the Commonwealth received approval for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation (HM) Program.



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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 (PA) Program to eligible entities within the Commonwealth to address the widespread damage impacts on the Commonwealth relative to debris, emergency protective measures, and restoration of infrastructure.
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.
3. Respond to congressional inquiries and provide weekly updates to Congressional Offices as it specifically relates to Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation activities.

Deputy Commonwealth Coordinating Officer:

- Coordinating joint activities between the Commonwealth and FEMA.

Operations Section:

- *Coordinating with FEMA on resolution of FHWA/VDOT policy regarding calculation of equipment costs. FEMA is having policy reviewed by their legal department as there is a question as to whether it meets FEMA's documentation requirements as well as OMB's grant management requirements.*
- *Public Assistance staff continues to work with applicants on development of Sub-grantee Applications.*
 - *Participated in conference call with state staff regarding production.*
 - *Will be sending out email to applicants encouraging them to provide outstanding documentation as soon as possible.*
- *Participated in conference call with Operation Hope, private non-profit organization located in Los Angeles, CA regarding financial technical assistance services that they can provide to individuals and businesses following a disaster. Operation Hope has an agreement in place with FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security.*
- *Participated in FEMA's Individual Assistance conference call with Region III states.*
- Developing Spend Plan to complement Public Assistance Administrative Plan.

Public Assistance Section:

- One hundred thirty-five (135) Requests for Public Assistance received from applicants to date.
- *One hundred thirty-three (133) Applicant Kickoff Meetings conducted.*
- *Facilitated Public Assistance Applicant Kickoff Meeting/Webinar on Thursday, September 13*
- Public Assistance Administrative Plan approved by FEMA

Hazard Mitigation Section:

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- *Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant class scheduled; location being finalized.*
- *Benefit-Coast Analysis class scheduled; location being finalized.*
- Finalized mitigation targeting list of flood prone properties in coastal A Zone for technical assistance.
 - *Site activities and training being conducted in Norfolk, with Hampton being scheduled.*
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program pre-application deadline of September 15, 2012 set.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program sub-grantee application deadline of December 15, 2012 set.
- Continuing mitigation outreach through VDEM Public Affairs.

Planning Section:

- *Final Joint Field Office Incident Action Plan published Thursday, September 13, 2012.*
- 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:

- VDEM wireless, cellular network at JFO is stable
- On-site end user support for Commonwealth staff reduced to first 30 minutes of the workday, followed by on-call support from the VITA Customer Care Center (VCCC), 1 (866) 637-8482 or email: vccc@vita.virginia.gov

External Affairs

- *External Affairs personnel demobilizing Friday, September 14, 2012.*
- *External Affairs activities transitioned to FEMA Region III and VDEM Public Affairs.*

Congressional Affairs

- *Congressional Affairs personnel demobilizing Friday, September 14, 2012.*
- *Congressional Affairs activities transitioned to FEMA Region III and VDEM Trade Court Facility.*

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