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Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
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Tropical Storm Lee / 2011-08

FEMA-4045-DR-VA

SITUATION REPORT #61

1600 Hours Tuesday, December 13, 2011
Next SITREP 1600 Hours Wednesday, December 14, 2011

SUMMARY

Gov. Bob McDonnell declared a state of emergency September 9 in response to heavy rain and flooding in Virginia resulting from remnants of Tropical Storm Lee primarily east of the I-95 corridor. As much as 20.96 inches of rain fell in the affected area September 8-9. Five fatalities were confirmed statewide.

On October 7, the governor requested a 30-day deadline extension to validate current and additional damages with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in anticipation of a request for a Public Assistance declaration. On October 13, FEMA extended the deadline to November 7 for submitting Preliminary Damage Assessments.

On October 8, the Commonwealth submitted its request for an Individual Assistance declaration for Fairfax and Prince William counties. On November 4, FEMA denied Virginia's request for the Major Individual Assistance Declaration for Fairfax and Prince William counties. Storm damage was concentrated in those counties but FEMA said it was not severe or widespread enough for Virginia to qualify for Individual Assistance.

The governor submitted a letter November 8 requesting a U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Program declaration for Prince William and Fairfax counties. Under a November 14 declaration, the SBA made low interest loans available in Prince William and Fairfax counties, as well as the contiguous counties of Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun and Stafford and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.

The SBA opened Disaster Loan Outreach Centers to serve Fairfax County and surrounding localities and in Woodbridge to serve Prince William County and surrounding localities. The offices, which closed November 22, facilitated loan applications for individuals, renters and businesses affected by the storm.

The governor submitted a letter November 7 to FEMA requesting a federal declaration for Public Assistance.

On November 17, FEMA approved the governor's request for a federal declaration for Public Assistance for the counties of Caroline, Essex, Fairfax, King and Queen, King George, Prince William and Westmoreland and the independent city of Alexandria.

Joint Incident Priorities:

1. Determine resource needs to support recovery operations.

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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. Conduct an effective outreach strategy to manage expectations of applicants, local officials and Virginia delegation.

Deputy Commonwealth Coordinating Officer (DCCO) Brett Burdick:

- Coordinate joint activities between the Commonwealth and FEMA.

Operations Section George Roarty:

- Coordinate with Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and FEMA on NFIP associated issues at the Holly Acres mobile home park.
- Coordinated with VEOC in the development of EMAC request for deputy public assistance officers, assistant VirginiaPA.org grant reviewers and recovery specialists.
- Implement Tropical Storm Lee Public Assistance declaration for affected localities.
- Establish staffing patterns, allocate state resources and estimate operating costs.

Public Assistance Nealia Dabney:

- **A Public Assistance field office opened Monday in Stafford County for Northern Virginia localities. The existing Tappahannock office will continue to support localities in the Northern Neck area.**

Summary of Public Assistance Activity (FEMA 4045) As of 12/12/11

Requests for Public Assistance	13	Projected Project Worksheets	250
Applicants Ineligible or Withdrawn	0	Project Worksheets Received	0
Exit Briefs Completed	0	PWs Pending Obligated	0
Applications Open	13	PWs Obligated	0
Kickoff Meetings Completed	5	Obligated Funds	\$0
Total Applicants Completed	0		

External Affairs Bob Spieldenner:

- Partner with SBA public affairs to provide community outreach activities, including bilingual services.
- Provide updated talking points to local EMs, county and state PIOs, VDEM staff.
- Respond to inquiries from the media and citizens.

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.

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- Track motor vehicle rental fleet.

Planning Section Robert Lambert:

- Develop and distribute daily JFO Situation Reports.

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