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Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

Tropical Storm Lee / 2011-08

FEMA-4045-DR-VA

SITUATION REPORT #63

1600 Hours Thursday, December 15, 2011
Next SITREP 1600 Hours Friday, December 16, 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.

Public Assistance

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 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.

Individual Assistance

On November 4, FEMA denied Virginia's October 8 request for a 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.

Instead, under a November 14 declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration 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. Disaster Loan Outreach Centers opened in Fairfax County and Woodbridge to facilitate loan applications for individuals, renters and businesses.

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. 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:

- 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:

- **Sixteen Requests for Public Assistance have been submitted for processing.**
- A kick-off meeting was held Wednesday in Fairfax County.
- Public Assistance field offices in Stafford County for Northern Virginia localities and Tappahannock for the Northern Neck are supporting recovery efforts.

Summary of Public Assistance Activity (FEMA 4045) As of 12/15/11

Requests for Public Assistance	16	Projected Project Worksheets	250
Applicants Ineligible or Withdrawn	0	Project Worksheets Received	0
Exit Briefs Completed	0	PWs Pending Obligated	0
Applications Open	16	PWs Obligated	0
Kickoff Meetings Completed	12	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.

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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