

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2013-01-17 Winter Weather

Situation Report #3

1430 19 January 2013

Summary: A storm system that moved across the Southeast US through North Carolina and out into the Atlantic Ocean brought rain, sleet, and heavy, wet snow into the west and central portions of Virginia through the evening and night of 17 January. Interstate –77 and the southern Interstate –81 corridor experienced up to 1 foot of snowfall. Virginia Department of Transportation and Virginia State Police crews responded to a significant number of traffic accidents and disabled vehicles. Portions of Interstate – 77 and southern Interstate – 81 experienced significant vehicular congestion and traffic was temporarily rerouted.

National Weather Service (NWS) unofficial snowfall totals for Southwest Virginia and West Central Virginia ranged from 12 to 16 inches across the higher elevations with 4 to 12 inches across the region and a trace to 2 inches in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. NWS unofficial snowfall totals for Central Virginia ranged from 2 to 8 inches. NWS unofficial snowfall totals for Eastern Virginia ranged from a trace to 4 inches. Northwest Virginia and Northern Virginia NWS unofficial snowfall totals ranged from a trace to four inches.

VEOC Status/Staffing: Increased Readiness with normal staffing

Local Status/Actions

EOCs: 1 – Pulaski County

Declarations: 5 – Bland, Giles, Pulaski, Russell, and Smyth Counties

Shelters: 3 shelters in 3 localities housed 28 occupants overnight

Requests for Assistance: 4

Virginia Emergency Response Team: Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) demobilized during late afternoon/early evening of 18 January; all ESFs on call; Incident Management Cadre monitoring event and maintaining situational awareness

ESF 1-Transportation <http://www.511virginia.org/>

- 91 Road closures: 3 primary and 88 secondary

ESF 5-Emergency Management

- **Local Support Services:** Region 4 Coordinator in contact with localities and providing situational updates for localities experiencing electrical and telecommunication outages
- **Operations:** Transitioned to ESFs on call on 18 January at 6 pm
- **Logistics:** Working with VDEM Region 4 Coordinator and Pulaski County Emergency Management to address potential water needs in Pulaski County due to power outage at water treatment plant
- **Planning:** Maintaining situational awareness; issuing Spot Reports and State Situation Reports; **this is Final State Situation Report for this event. Spot Reports will continue until power is restored; next Spot Report around 6 pm 19 January**

ESF 6-Mass Care

- 3 Local shelters open
 - Carroll County: 1 shelter – 5 occupants
 - Pulaski County: 1 shelter – 1 occupant
 - Smyth County: 1 shelter – 22 occupants

ESF 7-Resource Management

- 4 request for assistance
 - 1 working; Pulaski County – bottled water
 - 3 completed; Pulaski County – chain saw crew; Russell County – shelter assistance; Bland County – fuel for stranded motorists

ESF 8-Health and Medical

- Prior storm related fatality in Eastern Region was retracted by Office of Chief Medical Examiner per consult with Virginia State Police
- Power restored to all hospitals

ESF 12-Energy

- Statewide as of 1400 – 56,084 (down 12,296 since Spot Report #3)
 - Appalachian Power – 52,704 (down 12,296): Estimated restoration times have been established; however, it is possible for them to change depending on further assessment of electrical facilities. Power should be restored for the following counties and surrounding areas by: Saturday night: Henry, Campbell, Bedford, Franklin, Patrick and Lynchburg City; Sunday night: Botetourt, Roanoke, Russell, Tazewell and City of Roanoke; Monday night: Buchanan, Dickenson, Scott, Smyth, Washington, and Wise; Tuesday night: Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski and Wythe.
 - Bland County – 1,110; Carroll County – 4,334; Giles County – 3,908; Grayson County – 5,184; Montgomery County – 5,387; Pulaski County – 5,649; Smyth County – 5,924; Wythe County – 5,924
- Dominion VA Power – restoration of all storm related power outages completed
- Electric Co-ops – 3,380; Southside – 2,800 (restoration complete Sunday); Mecklenburg – 480 (restoration complete Saturday); Craig Botetourt – 100 (restoration complete Saturday)

Weather

Saturday – 19 January

Sunny; daytime high temperatures upper 40s to mid 50s; overnight low temperatures low to upper 30s; winds 5 to 10 mph

Sunday – 20 January

Sunny; daytime high temperatures mid 40s to mid 50s; overnight low temperatures low to upper 20s; winds 5 to 10 mph with gusts up to 25 mph

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