

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2013-03-06 Winter Weather

Situation Report #3

0900 7 March 2013

Summary: Governor Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency on 6 March at 0950.

Rain showers began during the evening hours of 5 March across Virginia. Precipitation changed over to snow in parts of Virginia during the day 6 March before tapering during the evening. Total snow accumulation ranged from 2-20 inches in Eastern Virginia with wind speeds of 15-25mph and gusts to 30 mph; 1 to 3 inches in southwest Virginia with wind speeds of 5-15 mph; northern Virginia, 2 to 20 inches accumulation. A Coastal Flood Warning has been issued and remains in effect until 0700 Friday, 8 March. Minor to locally moderate flooding is expected. State government agencies in the Metro Richmond area will open with a 2-hour delay today and several local government agencies and school systems are closed or delayed opening.

VEOC Status/Staffing: WebEOC Incident, 2013-03-06 Winter Weather was created. VEOC at Response Operations.

Local Status/Actions

- **SITREPS: 32 localities**
- **EOCs Open: 8**
- **Declarations: 9**
- **Shelters: 9 open across 8 jurisdictions housing 30 people**
- **Requests for Assistance: 14**

Virginia Emergency Response Team Monitoring the event; maintaining situational awareness

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

- VRE, Metrorail, Metrobus and MetroAccess will operate on a regular weekday schedule.
- The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel is operating with no wind restrictions.
- Sunnybank and Merry Point ferries are closed.

Road Locations Impacted

- **Interstate: 2**
- **Primary: 87**
- **Secondary: 24**

ESF 2 – Communications

- Network Operations Center is currently reporting 14 sites down as a result of the winter storm. Affected agencies currently experiencing weather related network connectivity issues: ABC, COM, DJJ, DSS, VDH and VDOT.
- Coordinating private sector participation in the Governor's Briefings

ESF 4 – Firefighting

- Filled one request for assistance in Albemarle County; two VDOF personnel, one bulldozer and a 4x4 pickup were provided to gain access and repair a key repeater site in support of the county emergency radio system.
- Personnel and specialized equipment ready although VDOF Command Center is currently operating off of back-up generator power due to the local power outage.

ESF 5 – Emergency Management

- Maintaining awareness of the situation; preparing reports/briefings, participating in stakeholder conference calls.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Shelters open by jurisdiction (Shelters Open: People Sheltered)

- Culpepper 1:2
- Greene 1:9
- Madison 1:14
- Orange 1:0
- Rockbridge 2:5

- Warren 2:0
- Augusta/Waynesboro 1:0
- Louisa 1:0

ESF 7 – Resource Support

- VDEM Disaster Services Contractors are aware of the event and potential impact areas
- Localities are able to use contracts and contract pricings for resources due to the State Declaration of Emergency
- VDEM Private Sector Liaison has updated all private sector contacts of the event and potential impact areas

ESF 8 – Health and Medical

- Northern OCME district is reporting 1 fatality associated with the winter storm.

Hospital Status

- Martha Jefferson: On generator power due to grid power disruptions.
- UVA: West Complex is on generator power.

Long term Care Facilities on Alternate Power

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avante at Waynesboro • Charlottesville Health and Rehabilitation • Envoy at the Village • Heritage Hall – Lexington • Martha Jefferson House • Spring Nursing Center – Bath | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summit Square Retirement Community • The Colonnades • Trinity Mission Health & Rehabilitation of Charlottesville • Westminster – Canterbury of the Blue Ridge • The Cedars / Golden living Center |
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ESF 12 – Energy

- As of 0900 approximately 130,473 (-95,262) consumers are without electricity.

ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security

- Staff augmenting VEOC.
- Crash Total: 696

ESF 15 – External Affairs

- Joint Information Center staffed; coordinating release of public information with state agencies; supporting the Governor’s Press Office; responding to media inquiries; and posting information to social media sites. No unexpected issues at this point.

ESF 16 – Military Support

- Department of Military Affairs received (10) Missions, of which (3) were withdrawn upon contact with the VSP POC. Force Cap of 200 was approved. Currently (2) packages are being sent to Leesburg and Staunton (50 Personnel each), with DMA Command and Control and Logistical support. Vehicle and personnel have linked up with VSP at Leesburg, Charlottesville, Luray, and Winchester, and Harrisonburg. DMA assets are also in use in Page County. Assigned missions focus on providing transportation and debris removal. ESF-16 and DMA JOC are at 24 hour manning.

Contiguous Jurisdictions

Maryland Emergency Management Agency moved to Level 2 staffing at 0700 Wednesday; level 2 means key MEMA staff and certain agency representatives will staff the state Emergency Operations Center.

Weather Forecast

National Weather Service – Sterling: [Sterling VA](#)

Northern Virginia Area: Snowfall reports vary widely in forecast area from 2-20 inches. Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 43, northwest wind 14 to 17 mph. Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low around 30. Northwest wind 14 to 17 mph.

National Weather Service (NWS) – Morristown: [Morristown TN](#)

Southwest Virginia: Snowfall accumulations from 1-3 inches. Today: A chance of freezing drizzle before 9 a.m., partly sunny with a high near 48. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear with a low around 28. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

National Weather Service – Blacksburg: [Blacksburg VA](#)

West-Central Virginia: Reports vary widely in forecast area from 1-10 inches. Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 43. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear with a low around 23. Northwest wind 8 to 11 mph.

National Weather Service – Wakefield: [Wakefield, VA](#)

Eastern Virginia: Snow accumulation reports vary widely in forecast area from trace amounts to 6 inches. Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 49. Breezy with a northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 16 to 21 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 31 mph. Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low around 29. Northwest wind 10 to 13 mph.

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