

# Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Virginia Emergency Operations Center

10501 Trade Court, Richmond, VA 23236

## Spot Report #4

2012-06-01 Severe Weather

2 June 2012 1330

*New Information*

**Summary:** Line(s) of strong to severe thunderstorms impacted Virginia during the afternoon and evening on 1 June 2012. Thunderstorm wind damage impacted trees and power lines across Virginia. Hardest impacts reported in Cities of Hampton and Petersburg.

**National Weather Service (NWS) Wakefield confirmed EF1 tornado, estimated maximum wind speed 98 mph, impacted the City of Hampton around 8:13 pm on 1 June.**

**NWS Wakefield confirmed high end EF0, maximum winds estimated 80-85 mph, impacted the City of Petersburg from 7:08 pm to 7:14 pm on 1 June.**

**Casualties:** 7 injuries; 0 fatalities

- **City of Petersburg – 5 minor injuries**
- **City of Hampton – 1 minor injury; 1 transported to local hospital, extent of injuries unknown**

**Emergency Declarations:** 1 – City of Petersburg at 7:45 pm. 1 June

**Local Emergency Operations Centers Open:** 2

City of Petersburg – 7:30 am 2 June

City of Hampton – 9:22 pm 1 June

**Local Shelters Open and Number of Occupants:** None

### **Local Reports:**

- **City of Hampton: Most significant areas of damage follow the Hampton River from Hampton Roads, impacting the neighborhoods of Easthampton, Southampton, Merrimac Shores, Sussex, Victoria/Park Place, and the Downtown area**
  - **Damage assessments underway**
  - **VDEM Hazardous Materials Officer reported Hampton Fire found no ammonia leak at LD Amory and Company Seaford and cleared Newport News Hazmat Team; LD Amory sustained significant roof damage resulting in building being condemned**
  - **Significant damage to vessels at Hampton Yacht Club**
  - **Significant damage to Blackbeard Festival grounds; Fire and Health Department performing assessments and safety inspections with reopening of festival scheduled for 2 pm**
  - **Emergency protective measures still underway to clear roadways and ensure security and safety in damaged areas and maintain traffic control points in and out of severe damaged areas**
  - **Working with Virginia Dominion Power, Cox Communications, Verizon, and Public Works to target response crews in damaged areas**
  - **Inspection completed at Hampton Yacht Club for potential leak of contaminants, minor issues resolved**
  - **Outreach to Fort Monroe and Langley Air Force Base indicated minimal storm damage consisting of downed trees, limbs and minor flooding**
  - **No unmet needs at this time**
- **City of Petersburg: Most significant damage occurred in East Walnut Hill neighborhood and northeast sections of Oakhurst neighborhood.**
  - **Approximately 100 homes damaged**
  - **Voluntary evacuation of affected areas**
  - **Damage assessment underway**

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- **Debris impacting roads, public transportation routes rerouted**
- **Telephone lines down in impacted areas with limited communication available in affected areas**
- **No unmet needs at this time**

**National Weather Service Tornado Reports** (This information is preliminary and subject to change pending final review of the event (s))

- **City of Petersburg: EF0 tornado tracked approximately 3 miles beginning on the western edge of Ft. Hayes Common, where a couple trees were damaged, then continued northeast through portions of the Battlefield Park, Oakhurst, and East Walnut Hill sections of Petersburg. The tornado then crossed Interstate 95, causing damage, mainly windows blown out and signs damaged, just east of the intersection of Rt. 460 and Hickory Hill Rd. The last minor damage/debris was observed on the north side of Hickory Hill Rd. near the entrance of Petersburg National Battlefield Park. In general, the damage was characterized by trees, large limbs and power lines down. A number of trees fell on homes. The most significant damage occurred in the East Walnut Hill neighborhood, and the northeast sections of the Oakhurst neighborhood. In addition to the tornado damage, straight line wind damage to trees was observed in the eastern sections of the Oakhurst neighborhood and on Poe Lane (just west of Rt. 460). The time of these 2 events would be 711 pm and 714 pm respectively.**
- **City of Hampton: EF1 tornado tracked approximately 3.5 miles beginning as a waterspout touchdown with power flashes on Monitor Merrimac Bridge. Its track went over Chesapeake Avenue, through downtown Hampton, to the Hampton Yacht Club before moving into the Chesapeake Bay. Tents at the Blackbeard Festival were blown over; hundreds of homes were damaged at both the Merrimac Shores and Withe neighborhoods; at the Hampton Yacht Club windows were blown out and the roof was partially damaged; the Hampton Roads Amory sea food building on sunset road also experienced roof damage; several boats damaged at the Crown Plaza Hotel Marina on King Street.**

**Power Outages:** As of 12:50 pm approximately 2,850 statewide

- **Dominion Virginia Power – approximately 2,850 systemwide; 1,360 Richmond Metro/Tri-cities region; 1,445 Southeastern VA region**
- Power restoration projected to be completed late today

**Transportation:** per VDOT 511

Impassable: 3 primary and 20 secondary

### **VDEM/VEOC**

- Increased Readiness
- Incident Management Cadre monitoring situation and prepared to assist as needed
- **Local Support Services Region 5 Coordinator departed Hampton EOC at 1 pm**
- Public Affairs monitoring media outlets, traditional and social

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