

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2012-10 Hurricane Sandy

Situation Report #10

October 31 0700 hours

SUMMARY

(New information in bold)

Hurricane Sandy became Post-Tropical Cyclone Sandy just before landfall near Atlantic City, N.J., at 20:00 October 29, according to the National Hurricane Center.

The VEOC is at Response Operations and is **transitioning to Recovery Operations**.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

Governor Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency at 0950 hours on 26 October in anticipation of severe weather impacting the Commonwealth as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Virginia has been awarded federal disaster assistance to support emergency response efforts. Specifically, FEMA is authorized to deploy federal resources if needed by local and state officials.

WEATHER

Eastern Shore – Partly sunny, with a high near 55. Southwest wind 13 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. West wind around 14 mph.

Eastern & Central Virginia – Partly sunny, with a high near 56. Southwest wind 8 to 15 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, low around 39. Southwest wind 7 to 10 mph.

Northern Virginia – Coastal Flood Warning remains in effect until 2PM today (AM high tide is 9:48AM). Mostly cloudy, with a high near 55. Southwest wind 6 to 13 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, with a high near 55. Southwest wind 6 to 13 mph.

Southwest Virginia – Blizzard Warning reduced to a Winter Storm Warning to remain in effect until 8PM today. Snow before 11am, and then rain likely. High near 39. West wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. Total daytime snow accumulation of one to four inches possible. Tonight, expect a chance of snow showers, mainly before 2am. Cloudy, with a low around 30. West wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Local Government Actions

- **Total Local Emergency Declarations (59)**
- **Total Local Emergency Operations Centers Opened (63) – Currently (19)**
- **Total Local Voluntary Evacuation Notices (19)**
- **Total Local Mandatory Evacuations (3)**
- **Total Local Shelters Opened (27) – Currently (4)**

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ESF #1 – Transportation

- **The MetroAccess service will be restored today.**
- **Reagan National and Dulles International are operating with limited service.**
- MetroRail and Metrobus remain on a limited Sunday schedule.
- HOV restrictions for Northern Virginia are back in place effective today.
- Roads Impacted as of 0300 hours:
 - Total – **246**
 - Interstates – **3**
 - Primary – **17 (10 of which are due to snow/ice in Bristol District)**
 - Secondary – **236 (3 of which are due to snow/ice in Salem District)**

ESF #2 – Communications

- Currently reporting **19** state facilities are experiencing IT outages. Verizon is dispatching repair technicians to these sites.

ESF #3 – Public Works

- 31 Waterworks are impacted; no residents are reported without water.
- 2 Boil Water Notice's are in effect for areas of Culpeper and Fauquier counties (affecting 520 people).

ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- Coordinating **34** requests for assistance across the Commonwealth.
 - **In Use – 10**
 - **Complete – 24**

ESF #6 – Mass Care

- There are 4 localities that have shelters open, housing approximately 24 people.

ESF #7 – Logistics Management & Resource Support

- Current number of requests for assistance: **15**
- Monitoring EMAC requests and investigating potential deployment to affected NE states.

ESF #8 – Public Health and Medical Services

- OCME has confirmed 2 storm related fatalities in the City of Richmond due to a single vehicle accident.

ESF #10 – Oil and Hazardous Materials Response

- The cover on the Elizabeth River side of the old Lamberts Point Landfill (closed) has been washed away by the tidal surge.

ESF #11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources

- There is one pet shelter open in Russell County.

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ESF #12 – Energy

- Approximately 44,000 (down from 93,000) customers are currently without power across the State as of 0400 hours 31 October.
 - Dominion VA Power: 22,677 (22,591 in Northern VA)
 - Appalachian Power: 10,820
 - Electric Co-operatives: 10,403

ESF #13 – Public Safety

- VSP Aviation has placed a helicopter on standby at Leesburg Airport in Loudoun County.

ESF #14 – Recovery & Mitigation

- Received 11 initial damage assessments reports.
- Preparing for PDAs in coordination with FEMA.

ESF #15 – External Affairs

- Responded to Congressional inquiry from Congressman Goodlatte's office.
- Responded to 115 media inquiries from international and state media.
- Joint Information Center is staffed with PIOs from VDEM, VDOT, VDOF, VDFP, OES, and DSS.

ESF #16 – Military Affairs

- 659 of 750 authorized Guardsmen on state active duty.
- Missions Accepted/Tasked/In Transit/In Use: 2
- Missions Completed/Delivered/Demobilized: 12

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All Situation Reports for this event can be found on the VDEM website at:

http://www.vaemergency.gov/content/sitreps#hurricane_sandy