

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2012-06-29 Severe Weather

Situation Report #13

July 7, 2012 1200 hours

SUMMARY

New items in bold

Severe thunderstorms with winds surpassing 80 mph impacted the Commonwealth on the evening of Friday, 29 June, and continued into the early morning hours of Saturday, 30 June. Severe thunderstorms again impacted the Commonwealth on the evening of Saturday, 30 June and the afternoon of Sunday, 1 July.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

Governor Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency at 1100 hours on 30 June due to severe weather that impacted the Commonwealth on 29 June.

Local Emergencies Declared (47):

Danville, City of
King George County

Local Emergency Operation Centers Open (5):

Albemarle/Charlottesville	Covington, City of	Highland County
Botetourt County	Fairfax, City of	

Local Shelters Open (6):

Albemarle County	Alleghany County	Alleghany/Covington
Amherst County	Botetourt County	Pulaski County

Local Cooling Centers:

- VDSS is compiling reported local cooling center information and posting to VDEM's website at [Cooling Center Locations](#)
- As many as 140 cooling centers have opened throughout the Commonwealth due to this event

Fatalities (13):

Albemarle County – 2	Montgomery County – 1
Bedford County – 2	Roanoke, City of – 1
Chesapeake, City of – 1	Loudoun County – 1
Fairfax County – 4	Richmond, City of – 1

ESF #1 – Transportation

- Closed roads: 20 as of 1000 hours on 7 July (no change since Spot Report #6)
 - Secondary: 20
- 1 state request for assistance (complete)

ESF #2 – Communications

- 4 state/local requests for assistance (3 active, 1 complete)
- 9 state sites without network connectivity, restored connectivity to 256 state sites as of 0915 hours on 6 July

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ESF #3 – Public Works & Engineering

- **1 private waterworks with water outage as of 1500 on 6 July**
Pulaski County
- **8 waterworks on Boil Water Notice as of 1500 on 6 July**
Albemarle County (2 private) Prince George County (1 private)
Botetourt County (1 private) Tazewell County (2; 1 govt, 1 private)
Franklin, City of (1 private) Montgomery County (1 private)

ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- VEOC at Response Operations
- Virginia Emergency Response Team augmented

ESF #6 – Mass Care

- Monitoring local shelters and cooling stations

ESF #7 – Logistics Management & Resource Support

- 54 state/local requests for assistance
 - 4 Active
 - 50 Complete

ESF #8 – Public Health & Human Services

- **All hospitals operating on commercial power as of 1500 on 6 July**
- **All Long Term Care Facilities operating on commercial power as of 1500 on 6 July**

ESF #11 – Agriculture & Natural Resources

- Monitoring damage assessments and conducting inspections of food establishments

ESF #12 – Energy

- 3 state/local requests for assistance (3 complete)

Power Outages as of 1130 hours:

Statewide	28,657 (-20,896 since Spot Report #6)
APCO	28,257 (-15,402)
• Amherst County	4,192
• Roanoke, City of	3,893
• Lynchburg, City of	3,870
• Roanoke County	2,473
Dominion Power	400 (-6,494)
• Shenandoah Valley/Western Piedmont	400

ESF #13 – Public Safety & Security

- Continue to monitor the secondary road closures for traffic control

ESF #14 – Long-Term Community Recovery and Mitigation

- Requested cost estimates from electrical co-operatives
- 27 localities have submitted initial damage assessments

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- Request submitted 6 July for Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments. Estimated total of \$21,221,085 in costs based on submitted Initial Damage Assessments. Of this total, Virginia Department of Transportation costs represent an estimated \$8,677,312.
- Expect FEMA Region III staff to arrive Monday, 9 July. Teams to be briefed and deployed to field on Tuesday, 10 July.

ESF #15 – External Affairs

- Joint Information Center is currently staffed with VDEM public information officer
- A news release detailing today's updates was developed and provided to the Governor's Press Office for distribution to media statewide
- PIOs have handled more than 95 media inquiries from international, national, and state media outlets
- Multiple social media sites are being updated with information for the public including a blog established at www.virginiaderecho.tumblr.com.

ESF #17 – Volunteer and Donations Management

- 5 local requests for assistance (2 active, 3 complete)
- Virginia Baptists activated Crisis Care Chaplains to assist with emotional care during the early days of the power outages
- Assisted with matching corporate donations with localities' needs
- Responded to calls to VDEM from residents with unmet needs related to the storm—connecting residents with unmet needs with VOAD organizations that may be able to assist

Weather Forecast

- High heat and humidity are in place across Virginia today. Excessive Heat Warnings and Heat Advisories are in effect until 2200 this evening across Virginia with high temperatures between 100-105 degrees and heat index values around 100-115 degrees.
- There is a slight risk of severe thunderstorms later this evening and tonight across northern areas of Virginia. Main threats with storms that develop will be damaging winds and hail.
- Code Red Air Quality Alert (unhealthy for general population) in effect for National Capital Region through this evening
- Code Orange Air Quality Alerts (unhealthy for sensitive groups) in effect for Richmond Metro Area, Roanoke Metro Area, and Hampton Roads Regional Area until 2100 this evening.
- Cold front is forecast to bring break to heat wave Sunday evening into next week. As the cold front approaches, severe thunderstorms are expected to develop Sunday during early evening hours and continue into the night. Main threats with severe storms that develop will be damaging wind gusts, 50-75 mph, hail, cloud to ground lightning, and locally heavy rainfall.

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<http://www.vaemergency.gov/news/sitreps>