

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

## 2012-10 Hurricane Sandy

Situation Report #16

November 7 1700 hours

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### SUMMARY

(New information in bold)

The VEOC transitioned from Recovery Operations to Increased Readiness 0700 hours on 6 November monitoring potential Election Day issues and impacts from a forecasted Nor'easter on 7 November. Recovery operations related to Hurricane Sandy, FEMA-3359-EM, continue and VEOC transition back to Recovery Operations projected for 0700, Thursday, 8 November.

### 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

Coastal Flood Advisory is in effect until 0600 8 November, 2012 for the Virginia Eastern Shore and the Norfolk/Virginia Beach area. Light rain showers will be possible across the Commonwealth, Wednesday, 7 November with rain showers likely along coastal areas and the Eastern Shore. Rain showers across Northern Virginia and Northwest Virginia could change to a wintry mix during the late afternoon and evening. Little of no snow accumulation is expected. One to two inches snow accumulation is possible Wednesday into Thursday across Southwest Virginia elevations above 3500 feet. Wind gusts between 30 to 40 mph are possible today and tomorrow across Virginia.

#### Local Government Actions

- Total Local Emergency Declarations (60)

#### ESF #1 – Transportation

- VDOT/DMV issued waiver on 7 November to support transport of FEMA manufactured housing units to New Jersey and New York.

#### ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- Coordinating 49 (2 Active, 47 Complete) requests for assistance across the Commonwealth.

#### ESF #7 – Logistics Management & Resource Support

- Monitoring EMAC requests from affected Northeastern states.

#### ESF #8 – Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Boil Water Notice is in effect for Accomack Manor in Accomack County (affecting 155 persons).
- Virginia Disaster Medical Assistance Team (VA-1 DMAT) deployed to assist in response/recovery operations in the Northeast.

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### ESF #9 – Search and Rescue

- VATF-1 returned to Fairfax County from operations in New Jersey.
- VATF-2 returned to Virginia Beach from operations in New York.

### ESF #14 – Recovery & Mitigation

- Joint VDEM/FEMA recovery operations being coordinated at Initial Operating Facility (IOF) located at 9954 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233
- Received 38 Local Initial Damage Assessments reports.
- FEMA issued new policy that allows regular time as well as overtime associated with debris clearance and debris removal to be eligible for reimbursement under the Public Assistance Program.
  - Notice sent to all applicants advising them of the policy change and requesting they submit revised cost estimates for debris clearance and removal activities by 1200 Wednesday, November 14, 2012.
  - Five teams currently supporting Public Assistance Program Damage Assessment process.
- Individual Assistance Program coordinating with Virginia Disaster Relief Fund, FEMA, HUD, and USDA in developing strategy to address emergency housing needs in Accomack County.
  - One team supporting Individual Assistance Program Damage Assessment process.
- Assessing IOF staffing needs in context of Preliminary Damage Assessment finding and in anticipation of receiving a Major Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Sandy.

### ESF #17 – Volunteer & Donations Management

- Coordinating with United Methodist Disaster Response for cleanup activities on the Eastern Shore.
- Continues to coordinate with Virginia organizations that wish to provide assistance in the northeast.

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[http://www.vaemergency.gov/content/sitreps#hurricane\\_sandy](http://www.vaemergency.gov/content/sitreps#hurricane_sandy)