

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2012-10 Hurricane Sandy

Situation Report #19 - FINAL

November 28, 2012 1500 hours

SUMMARY

(New information in bold)

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.

Governor Bob McDonnell submitted request on Friday, 16 November, asking for federal disaster assistance to help 28 Virginia communities recover from the affects of Hurricane Sandy. The governor requested federal aid through FEMA's Individual Assistance Program for Accomack County. The Individual Assistance Program makes funding available for homeowners and renters in the form of grants and low-interest loans as well as disaster housing assistance. The governor also requested disaster unemployment assistance and legal services. The governor also requested FEMA's Public Assistance Program for the counties of Accomack, Arlington, Clarke, Craig, Culpeper, Essex, Fauquier, Frederick, Greene, Highland, King and Queen, Lancaster, Loudoun, Madison, Mathews, Middlesex, Nelson, Northampton, Northumberland, Prince William, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, Surry, Warren, and Westmoreland and the cities of Fairfax, Falls Church and Manassas. In addition, Governor McDonnell requested Hazard Mitigation Assistance for all Virginia localities.

Governor Bob McDonnell announced that Virginia's request for federal disaster assistance to help local and state governments recover from the impact of Hurricane Sandy was approved by President Obama on Monday, 26 November. FEMA's Public Assistance Program was approved for the counties of Accomack, Arlington, Clarke, Craig, Culpeper, Essex, Fauquier, Frederick, Greene, Highland, King and Queen, Lancaster, Loudoun, Madison, Mathews, Middlesex, Nelson, Northampton, Northumberland, Prince William, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, Surry, Warren and Westmoreland and the cities of Fairfax, Falls Church and Manassas. FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program was approved for all counties and cities in Virginia. Assistance for individuals in Accomack was requested and is still under consideration.

ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- VEOC at Routine Operations with normal staffing
- **This is Final VERT Situation Report for Hurricane Sandy.**
- **VDEM JFO Planning Section will issue weekly situation reports beginning Thursday, 6 December.**
- **Coordinating 1 active request for Joint Field Office communications/internet support.**
- Coordinating 2 active requests for assistance on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. 48 total requests for assistance have been completed across the state.

ESF #14 – Recovery & Mitigation

- **All activities have transitioned to Joint Field Office located at 9954 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233**

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- **Scheduling Applicant's Briefing webinars for Friday, 30 November and early next week.**
- **Coordinating with VDOT regarding field office space in Northern Virginia.**
- **Developing field teams in coordination with FEMA. FEMA/VDEM team assignments to be made Friday, 30 November.**
- **Field staff training completed. Disaster specific briefing for field staff will be held Friday, 30 November.**
- **Initial Public Notice regarding recovery activities and projects that may have environmental and historic preservation impacts prepared and will be published in newspaper.**
- **Coordinating with Accomack County, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and voluntary organizations in developing strategy to address housing needs of affected population while federal declaration request for Individual Assistance is being evaluated.**

ESF #17 – Volunteer & Donations Management

- **Virginia VOAD organizations continue to assist with minor recovery activities in Accomack County**
- **Working to develop a streamlined Virginia Disaster Relief Fund process to provide 30 days emergency rental assistance**

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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