

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2012-10 Hurricane Sandy

Situation Report #4

October 28 0700 hours

Updates since last State Situation Report

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## SUMMARY

The VEOC is at Response Operations and Hurricane Readiness Condition **1 as of 0700, 28 October and continues to monitor** National Hurricane Center and National Weather Service products related to Sandy.

## EXECUTIVE ACTION

Governor Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency at 0950 hours on 26 October due to the anticipation of severe weather impacting the Commonwealth as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Governor McDonnell issued limited mandatory evacuation for low lying areas along the Virginia coast and Chesapeake Bay.

### Weather Forecast

**Hurricane Sandy continues on a northeast track from off the coast of North Carolina this morning. Sandy is expected to remain at or near hurricane strength for the next 24 hours. Sandy is expected to transition to a Nor'Easter on Monday while just offshore of Virginia. At 0600 today, southeast Virginia and the Eastern Shore was put under a Flood Warning through midnight Monday. Moderate to potentially severe tidal flooding is forecast for coastal Virginia today and through Monday with the potential for major tidal flooding along the Eastern Shore today through Tuesday. Storm surge for southeast Virginia is forecast between 2-4 feet. Coastal Virginia and eastern shore localities will go under a high wind warning at 0800 today through 2000 Monday for sustained winds of 35 to 45 mph and wind gusts to 60 mph. In general, winds will be less severe further inland, with gusts to 40 to 45 mph expected across much of the Interstate 95 corridor including Richmond, with 35-40 mph gusts west of this region. Rainfall of 6-8" is expected with the highest amounts over eastern Virginia near the Bay and the coast (these areas are under a Flood Watch).**

### Local Emergencies Declared (25)

Accomack County	Newport News, City of
Charles City County	Norfolk, City of
Chincoteague, Town of	Northampton County
Essex County	Northumberland County
Fauquier County	Poquoson, City of
<b>Fredericksburg, City of</b>	<b>Portsmouth, City of</b>
Gloucester County	Prince George County
Hampton, City of	<b>Richmond, City of</b>
Isle of Wight County	<b>Suffolk, City of</b>
King and Queen County	<b>Surry County</b>
King William County	Sussex County
Lancaster County	York County
<b>New Kent County</b>	

### Local Emergency Operation Centers Open (5)

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Greensville County  
Lancaster County

**Norfolk, City of**  
Northumberland County  
Stafford County

### Local Shelters Open (4)

Lancaster County  
**Hampton, City of**  
**Norfolk, City of**  
Northumberland County

### Other Actions

- **College and University Closings:**
  - **Christopher Newport University-Sunday October 28 through Monday October 29.**
  - **Old Dominion University-Sunday October 28 through Monday October 29.**
  - **Virginia State University-Monday October 29 through Tuesday October 30.**
  - **Norfolk State University-Sunday October 28 through Tuesday October 30.**
- **The Marine Corps Marathon scheduled for Sunday, October 28 is still being held.**

### Federal Response Efforts

- **FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer and IMAT will deploy to the VEOC today.**

### ESF #1 – Transportation

- Port of Hampton Roads is at Condition Yankee.
- The Sunnybank Ferry (Northumberland County) and Merry Point Ferry (Lancaster County) have suspended service until further notice.

### ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- **Coordinating 15 missions relative to pre-positioning of assets and personnel.**

### ESF #6 – Mass Care

- 2-1-1 Virginia is serving as VDEM's public inquiry number for all Virginia residents.

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

- Monitoring numerous EMAC requests from Mid-Atlantic States

### ESF #9 – Urban Search and Rescue

- VSP has staged 1 boat team on the Eastern Shore and 3 boat teams in Richmond.
- FEMA has placed VATF-1 and VATF-2 on standby for contingency purposes

### ESF #15 – External Affairs

- Developing talking points and news releases to be distributed to state agencies and local emergency managers.
- Responding to inquiries from news media and posting emergency preparedness information on social media sites.

### ESF #16 – Military Affairs

- Department of Military Affairs is pre-positioning forces to the Eastern Shore (**Onancock**), **Richmond, West Point, Tidewater and Fredericksburg.**

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- A force CAP of 500 is authorized.
- **Anticipate 393 on duty by 0800 28 October 2012.**

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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](http://www.vaemergency.gov/content/sitreps#hurricane_sandy)