

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

## 2012-10 Hurricane Sandy

Situation Report #7

October 29 1800 hours

*Updates since last State Situation Report*

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### SUMMARY

(New information in bold)

The VEOC is at Response Operations and Hurricane Readiness Condition 1 and continues to monitor National Hurricane Center and National Weather Service products related to storm impacts.

### 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 to include a limited mandatory evacuation for low lying areas along the Virginia coast and Chesapeake Bay. **Federal and State Government Offices are closed Tuesday, 30 October. The Governor is requesting a federal emergency declaration.**

### WEATHER FORECAST

- At 5pm Sandy was located 40 miles south of Atlantic City New Jersey
- Landfall is expected in the southern NJ coast within the next few hours
- Maximum sustained winds are 90 mph
- Sandy remains a large storm with HF winds extending 175 miles & TS force winds extending out 485 miles from the center
- Surge forecast of 2-4 feet are verifying
  
- Winter Storm Warning/Blizzard for areas of far Southwest VA and portions of West Central VA until 8am Wednesday. Snow accumulations of 4 to 24 inches possible. Winds from 20 to 45 mph with gusts up to 60mph.
- High Wind Warning for areas along and west of the Blue Ridge Mountains until midnight Tuesday. Winds will range from 25-35 mph with gusts up to 65 mph.
- Blizzard Warning in effect for areas of Northwest VA until 2pm Tuesday. Snow accumulations of 6 to 12 possible above 2,000 ft with 18 to 24 above 3,000 ft. Winds from 30 to 40 mph with gusts up to 60 mph.
- High Wind Warning for areas of Northwest VA until midnight Tuesday. Winds will range from 30-50 mph with gusts up to 60 mph.

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### Local Emergencies Declared (53)

Accomack County	Gloucester County	Northampton County
<b>Alexandria, City of</b>	Greene County	Northumberland County
Arlington County	Hampton, City of	Orange County
Brunswick County	Henrico County	<b>Petersburg, City of</b>
Charles City County	Isle of Wight County	Poquoson, City of
Chesapeake, City of	King George County	Portsmouth, City of
<b>Chesterfield County</b>	King and Queen County	Prince George County
Chincoteague, Town of	King William County	<b>Rappahannock County</b>
<b>Clarke County</b>	Lancaster County	Richmond, City of
Colonial Heights, City of	<b>Louisa County</b>	Richmond County
<b>Culpeper County</b>	Madison County	Stafford County
<b>Dinwiddie County</b>	<b>Manassas, City of</b>	Suffolk, City of
Essex County	<b>Manassas Park, City of</b>	Surry County
Fairfax County	Mathews County	Sussex County
Falls Church, City of	Middlesex County	Virginia Beach, City of
Fauquier County	New Kent County	Westmoreland County
Franklin, City of	Newport News, City of	York County
Fredericksburg, City of	Norfolk, City of	

### Local Emergency Operation Centers Open (57)

Accomack County	Hampton, City of	Northampton County
<b>Alexandria, City of</b>	<b>Hanover County</b>	Northumberland County
<b>Arlington County</b>	Henrico County	<b>Orange County</b>
Brunswick County	Isle of Wight County	<b>Page County</b>
Caroline County	James City County	<b>Petersburg, City of</b>
Charles City County	King and Queen County	Poquoson, City of
Chesapeake, City of	King George County	Portsmouth, City of
<b>Chesterfield County</b>	King William County	<b>Prince William County</b>
Chincoteague, Town of	Lancaster County	Richmond, City of
Colonial Heights, City of	Loudoun County	<b>Shenandoah County</b>
<b>Culpeper County</b>	<b>Louisa County</b>	<b>Spotsylvania County</b>
<b>Dinwiddie County</b>	<b>Manassas, City of</b>	Stafford County
<b>Essex County</b>	<b>Manassas Park, City of</b>	Suffolk, City of
<b>Falls Church, City of</b>	Mathews County	Surry County
<b>Fairfax, City of</b>	Middlesex County	Virginia Beach, City of
Fairfax County	<b>Nelson County</b>	<b>Washington County</b>
<b>Frederick County</b>	New Kent County	<b>Winchester, City of</b>
Gloucester County	Newport News, City of	Westmoreland County
Greensville County	Norfolk, City of	York County

### Local Shelters Open By Locality (27)

Accomack County	Colonial Heights, City of	<b>King George County</b>
<b>Charles City County</b>	<b>Culpeper County</b>	<b>King William County</b>
Chesapeake, City of	<b>Fairfax County</b>	Lancaster County
<b>Chesterfield County</b>	Hampton, City of	<b>Madison County</b>

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**Manassas, City of**  
**New Kent County**  
Newport News, City of  
Norfolk, City of  
Northampton County

Northumberland County  
Portsmouth, City of  
**Prince William County**  
Richmond, City of  
**Spotsylvania County**

**Stafford County**  
Surry County  
**Virginia Beach, City of**  
Westmoreland County  
York County

### Local Voluntary Evacuations (17)

Accomack County  
**Brunswick County**  
**Chesapeake, City of**  
Chincoteague, Town of  
Essex County  
Gloucester County

Hampton, City of  
King and Queen County  
Lancaster County  
**Mathews County**  
New Kent County  
Norfolk, City of

Northumberland County  
Richmond County  
Surry County (Town of  
Claremont Beach)  
Westmoreland County  
Virginia Beach, City of

### Local Mandatory Evacuations (3)

Mathews County –  
low-lying areas

Northampton County –  
low-lying areas

Tangier, Town of

### Other Actions

- Numerous school systems, private and public colleges and universities are closed Tuesday, 30 October.
- The Town of Chincoteague has implemented a curfew until further notice.

### Federal Response Efforts

- Federal Response Teams from FEMA, Coast Guard, and DoD are staffing the VEOC.
- VDEM coordinated with FEMA and USGS to deploy 10 storm surge sensors to the Eastern Shore and lower Chesapeake Bay.

### ESF #1 – Transportation

- The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel is at Level 4 wind restriction. Sustained winds are currently at 60 MPH. Only cars, trucks, pick-up trucks, and SUV's with no cargo are allowed.
- **Midtown Tunnel is open**
- **VRE, CSX, and Amtrak train services have ceased operations.**
- **The Jamestown Scotland Ferry has limited operations.**
- **Fredericksburg Regional Transit is not operating.**
- The Metro Rail, Metrobus, and Metro Access systems are suspended until further notice.
- Road Closure Report:
  - **1 Interstate is closed in Newport News**
  - **4 Primary roads**
  - **62 Secondary roads**

### ESF #2 – Communications

- Verizon is working on several state data circuits.

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### ESF #4 – Firefighting

- An additional strike team and leader composed of personnel normally assigned to the DOF eastern region are on standby in their bases of operations to immediately respond locally as needed.
- MIST mobile assets support units are staged in Glen Allen, VA.
- 1 mobile water rescue trailer with equipment and generator to handle 20+ personnel is staged in Glen Allen.
- **VDOF has pre positioned two 8-person chain saw crews in Glen Allen.**
- 2 Skid Steers have been rented along with trailers to support the saw crews.
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### ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- Coordinating **32** requests for assistance across the Commonwealth.
  - **Accepted/In Use – 27**
  - **Completed/Withdrawn – 5**

### ESF #6 – Mass Care

- **There are 27 localities that have shelters open, housing 451 people.**

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

- Number of missions: 3 (1 in review and 2 completed).

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

- Medical Reserve Corps activated.
  - City of Norfolk for special needs registry
  - City of Alexandria for public health awareness (flyer distribution).
- **Based on the recommendation of the Division of Shellfish Sanitation (DSS) the Chesapeake Bay and the Seaside of the Eastern Shore has been closed to harvesting of shellfish effective from noon, October 29, 2012 through Sunday, November 4, 2012.**
- **Health and Medical Emergency Response Team (HMERT) resources are on alert. No requests for support have been received.**

### ESF #9 – Urban Search and Rescue

- **VATF-1 has deployed a Type-I team to New Jersey. Type-III capability is retained and available in Fairfax. VATF-2 is on standby**
- **Working with Civil Air Patrol and National Guard for potential post-storm reconnaissance flights.**

### ESF #11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources

- **There are 9 localities that have opened pet shelters (Henrico, Mathews, Newport News, Norfolk, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Lancaster, Virginia Beach, and Hampton). The City of Norfolk has 5 pets in their shelter.**
- Food Safety and Security Inspectors are pre-staging in Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia to conduct post storm inspections.

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### ESF #12 – Energy

- **Approximately 66,566 customers are currently without power across the State as of 1800 hours 30 October.**
  - **Dominion VA Power: 42,656**
    - **38,681 in Northern VA**
  - **Appalachian Power: 3,536**
  - **Electric Co-operatives: 23,910**

### ESF #13 – Public Safety

- **VSP has staged 5 boat teams at the following areas: Eastern Shore, Hampton, and Alexandria (3 teams).**
- **Monitoring roadways and providing support to traffic incidents.**

### ESF #15 – External Affairs

- **Developing talking points and news releases to be distributed to the general assembly, state agencies and local emergency managers.**
- **Responding to inquiries from news media and posting emergency preparedness information on social media sites.**
- **Provided assistance to the Governor’s Press Office for live streaming of the Governor’s press briefing, drafting of news releases, and preparation of speaking remarks.**
- **Joint Information Center is staffed with PIOs from VDEM, VDOT, VDH, VDFP and VDSS.**

### ESF #16 – Military Affairs

- **Department of Military Affairs is pre-positioning forces to the Eastern Shore (Onancock), Richmond, West Point, Tidewater, Fredericksburg, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR).**
- **647 of 750 authorized Guardsmen on state active duty.**

### ESF #17 – Volunteer and Donations Management

- **Provision and delivery of pet sheltering supplies to shelters in Henrico County.**

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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)