

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2012-10 Hurricane Sandy

Situation Report #8

October 30 0600 hours

SUMMARY

(New information in bold)

Hurricane Sandy became Post-Tropical Cyclone Sandy just before landfall near Atlantic City, N.J., at 20:00, according to the National Hurricane Center.

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 today, Tuesday, 30 October.** The Governor has requested a federal emergency declaration.

WEATHER FORECAST

Virginia Eastern Shore: Rain, up to a tenth of an inch possible today. Southwest winds between 33-37 mph with gusts to 49 mph. High temperature will be in the low fifty's.

South Eastern & Central Virginia: Rain, between a tenth & one quarter inch possible today. South winds between 20-25 mph with gusts to 39 mph. High temperatures in the high forty's to low fifty's.

Northern Virginia: A Wind Advisory remains in effect thru 2PM today. A Coastal Flood Warning remains in effect thru tonight. Rain, between one half & three-quarters of an inch possible today. Southwest winds between 25-34 mph decreasing to 23-28 mph in the afternoon. Wind gusts this morning could be as high as 55 mph.

Northwest Virginia: A Blizzard Warning for the higher elevations of the Blue Ridge Mountains is in effect thru 8AM Wednesday. A Wind Advisory (gusts of 45-55 mph) is in effect until 2PM today. Rain, between three quarters and one inch possible today. Winds out of the west between 26-31 mph decreasing to 17-22 mph in the afternoon. Wind gusts this morning could be as high as 49 mph.

Southwest Virginia: A Blizzard Warning for the higher elevations of the Blue Ridge Mountains is in effect thru 8AM Wednesday. A Wind Advisory (gusts of 45-55 mph) is in effect until 2PM today. Snow showers with accumulations of 4-8 inches possible today. Winds out of the west around 20 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Local Emergencies Declared (55)

Accomack County
Alexandria, City of
Arlington County
Brunswick County
Charles City County
Chesapeake, City of
Chesterfield County
Chincoteague, Town of
Clarke County
Colonial Heights, City of
Culpeper County
Dinwiddie County
Essex County
Fairfax County
Falls Church, City of
Fauquier County
Franklin, City of
Fredericksburg, City of
Gloucester County

Greene County
Hampton, City of
Henrico County
Isle of Wight County
King George County
King and Queen County
King William County
Lancaster County
Loudoun County
Louisa County
Madison County
Manassas, City of
Manassas Park, City of
Mathews County
Middlesex County
New Kent County
Newport News, City of
Norfolk, City of
Northampton County

Northumberland County
Orange County
Petersburg, City of
Poquoson, City of
Portsmouth, City of
Prince George County
Rappahannock County
Richmond, City of
Richmond County
Spotsylvania County
Stafford County
Suffolk, City of
Surry County
Sussex County
Virginia Beach, City of
Westmoreland County
York County

Local Emergency Operation Centers Open (63)

Accomack County
Albemarle County
Alexandria, City of
Arlington County
Brunswick County
Caroline County
Charles City County
Chesapeake, City of
Chesterfield County
Chincoteague, Town of
Colonial Heights, City of
Culpeper County
Dinwiddie County
Essex County
Fairfax, City of
Fairfax County
Falls Church, City of
Frederick County
Fredericksburg, City of
Gloucester County
Greensville County

Greene County
Hampton, City of
Hanover County
Henrico County
Isle of Wight County
James City County
King and Queen County
King George County
King William County
Lancaster County
Loudoun County
Louisa County
Manassas, City of
Manassas Park, City of
Mathews County
Middlesex County
Nelson County
New Kent County
Newport News, City of
Norfolk, City of
Northampton County

Northumberland County
Orange County
Page County
Petersburg, City of
Poquoson, City of
Portsmouth, City of
Prince George County
Prince William County
Rappahannock County
Richmond, City of
Shenandoah County
Spotsylvania County
Stafford County
Suffolk, City of
Surry County
Sussex County
Virginia Beach, City of
Washington County
Winchester, City of
Westmoreland County
York County

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Local Shelters Open by Locality (34)

Accomack County
Charles City County
Chesapeake, City of
Chesterfield County
Chincoteague, Town of
Colonial Heights, City of
Culpeper County
Fairfax County
Fauquier County
Greene County
Henrico County
Hampton, City of

King George County
King William County
Lancaster County
Madison County
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
Shenandoah County
Spotsylvania County
Stafford County
Surry County
Tazewell County
Virginia Beach, City of
Westmoreland County
Winchester, City of
York County

Local Voluntary Evacuations (18)

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
Northumberland County
Prince William
Richmond County

Shenandoah 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 today, Tuesday, 30 October.

ESF #1 – Transportation

- VRE, CSX, and Amtrak train services are suspended today, 30 October.
- The Metro Rail, Metrobus, and Metro Access systems are suspended today, 30 October.
- Greyhound Bus service is suspended today, 30 October.
- HOV restrictions are lifted today, October 30, on Interstates 395, 95, 66, and the Dulles Toll Rd.
- Road Closure Report:
 - 11 Primary roads
 - 222 Secondary roads

ESF #2 – Communications

- Currently reporting 26 state facilities are down. Version will dispatch repair technicians to these sites if they are accessible.

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ESF #5 – Emergency Management

Requests for Assistance: 36 total

1-In Review

3-Accepted

2-In Transit

2-Delivered

15-In Use

5-Completed

8-Withdrawn

ESF #6 – Mass Care

- There are 34 localities that have shelters open, housing approximately **500** people.

ESF #7 – Logistics Management & Resource Support

- Current number of missions: **9**
 - In Review: 1
 - Accepted: 1
 - In Transit: 2
 - Completed: 2
 - Withdrawn: 3

ESF #9 – Urban Search and Rescue

- **3 VSP boat teams in Alexandria.**
- **VSP boat team standing by in Hampton has been moved to northern VA to assist in that area.**
- **VATF-2 is activated and will be deploying north to Maryland or further depending on situation.**
- **Civil Air Patrol staff will be available during day shift in ESF 9 to respond to requests for Aerial Reconnaissance / Damage Assessment Flights**
- **Coordinating with USCG to assist with evacuation of people from Saxis, VA on the bay side of Accomack County that are stranded from high water. VSP and Local teams are preparing to go in at first light to conduct evacuation. Requesting USCG small boat crew to assist with unknown number of people.**
- **USCG Liaison Staff remain available in ESF 9.**

ESF #11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources

- There are **8** localities that have opened pet shelters (Chesapeake, Norfolk, Hampton, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Lancaster, Winchester, and Henrico). **Stafford County** has **1** pet in their shelter.

ESF #12 – Energy

- Approximately **170,000** customers are currently without power across the State as of **05:00** hours **30 October**.
 - Dominion VA Power: 120,00 (113,00 in Northern VA)
 - Appalachian Power: 16,000
 - Electric Co-operatives: 30,000

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ESF #13 – Public Safety

- VSP Boat Team staged in Hampton is now located in Northern Virginia.

ESF #14 – Recovery & Mitigation

- VEOC received first IDA.

ESF #15 – External Affairs

- Joint Information Center is staffed with PIOs from VDEM, VDOT, VDH, VDFP, VRS and VDSS.

ESF #16 – Military Affairs

- Missions Completed/Delivered/Demobilized: **1**
- Missions Accepted/Tasked/In Transit/In Use: **12**

ESF #17 – Volunteer and Donations Management

- The Salvation Army in Norfolk served meals, opened a shelter, and distributed hygiene kits.
- The Salvation Army in Richmond assisted with set up of pet shelters in Henrico.

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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