

Joint Field Office (JFO)
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Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
Hurricane Sandy October 26, 2012 – November 8, 2012
FEMA-4092-DR-VA

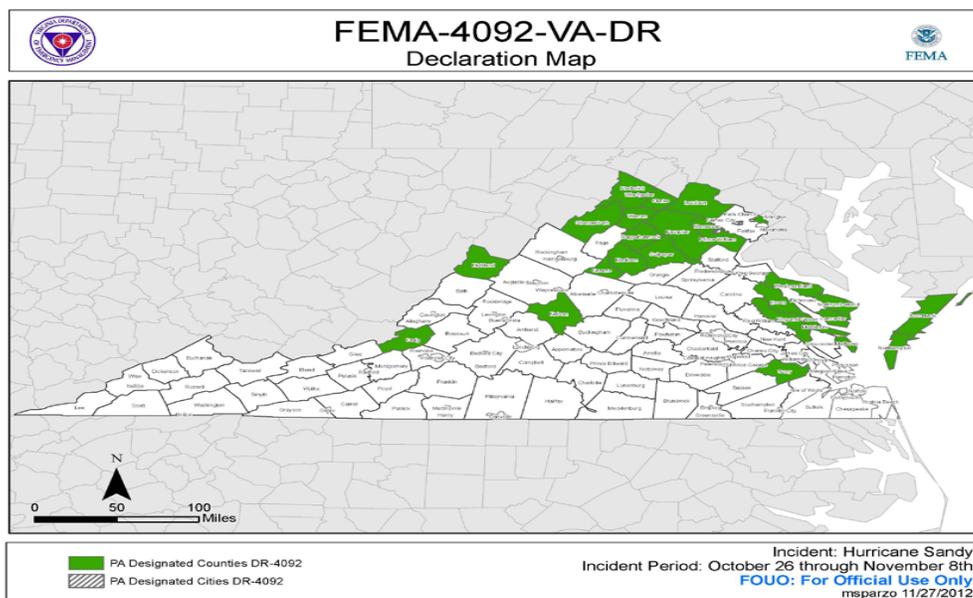
SITUATION REPORT # 1
1700 Hours December 6, 2012

SUMMARY

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. Governor McDonnell's request for an Emergency Declaration was approved by President Obama on 30 October.

Governor Bob McDonnell submitted request for Major Disaster Declaration on November 16, 2012 to FEMA Region III for processing and forwarding to President Obama. Governor McDonnell announced on November 26, 2012 that Virginia's request for a Major Disaster Declaration to help local and state governments recover from the impact of Hurricane Sandy was approved by President Obama. 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, FEMA Individual Assistance Program, in Accomack was requested and denied by FEMA on Thursday, November 29, 2012.

Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner confirmed 3 storm related fatalities.



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FEMA/State Agreement was signed by Governor Bob McDonnell on November 30, 2012 and the Joint Field Office (JFO), located at 9954 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233, is operational from 0730 to 1630 Monday through Friday until further notice.

Joint Incident Priorities:

1. Ensure a safe and healthy working environment.
2. Work together as a cohesive team.
3. Provide a timely and effective Public Assistance program.
4. Provide a timely and effective Hazard Mitigation program.

Joint Incident Objectives:

1. Complete Pre-Application/Request for Public Assistance (RPA) processing and determination of eligible applicants.
2. Conduct training for Public Assistance staff, State, and Applicants.
3. Approve DR-4092 Administrative Plan
4. Prepare, submit and implement Public Assistance Management Plan
5. Establish Public Assistance Task Force offices in impacted areas.
6. Support implementation of environmental and historic regulatory guidance by Commonwealth.
7. Provide financial and administrative support to JFO and deployed staff
8. Disseminate key messages and products for Virginia's recovery.
9. Prepare, submit and implement Hazard Mitigation Management Plan

Deputy Commonwealth Coordinating Officer:

- Coordinating joint activities between the Commonwealth and FEMA.

Operations Section:

- Request for Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster declaration submitted
- Coordinating with some localities to reassess impacts and associated costs to support request to add-on to Major Disaster Declaration.
- Identified facilities in Accomack, Culpeper, and Leesburg to support field operations.
- Monitoring and refining JFO staffing pattern and costs
- Participated in VDEM Kick-off meeting; received estimated costs for Virginia Emergency Operations Center/Virginia Emergency Response Team Hurricane Sandy operations
- Conducted Community Relations Assess-Inform-Report (AIR) training for VDEM staff
- Met with Hampton Roads Catastrophic Planning representatives to discuss disaster housing planning initiative; will be supporting this effort
- Individual Assistance Program Manager will be meeting with Accomack County officials to discuss disaster impacts and assistance.
- Completed Threat-Hazard Identification-Risk Assessment (THIRA) study for submission to FEMA.

Public Assistance Section:

- Eighteen (18) Requests for Public Assistance received from applicants to date.
- Conducted Applicants Briefing Webinar on December 5, 2012; approximately 16 participants
- Developing Public Assistance Administrative Plan
- Scheduled Public Assistance training for electric cooperatives on December 12, 2012
- Conducted team building training for Public Assistance staff

Hazard Mitigation Section:

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- Developing Hazard Mitigation Strategy to include scheduling Coastal Construction Workshop and Grant Application and Implementation Workshop.
- Developing Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Administrative Plan.

Planning Section:

- Developing and distributing weekly JFO Situation Report.
- Coordinating with FEMA Planning on interagency activities.

Finance and Administration Section:

- Coordinating and tracking travel vouchers and timesheets.

External Affairs

- Coordinating with FEMA External Affairs staff on information to media and elected officials
- Support Public Assistance Applicant Kickoff Meetings

Congressional Affairs

- Conducting initial congressional outreach.

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