

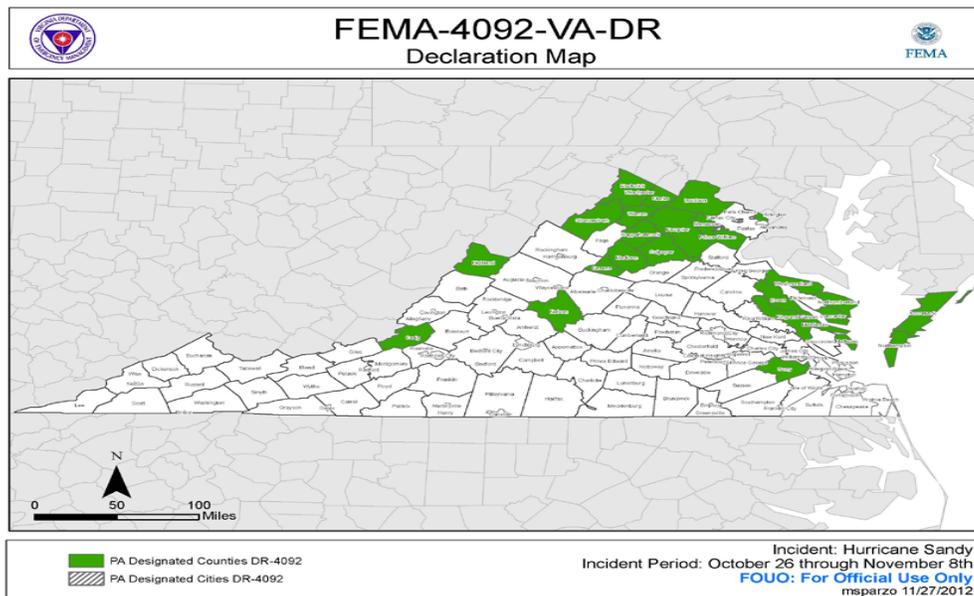
Joint Field Office (JFO)
9954 Mayland Dr, Richmond, VA 23233
Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
Hurricane Sandy October 26, 2012 – November 8, 2012
FEMA-4092-DR-VA
Updates since last State Situation Report

SITUATION REPORT # 7
1400 Hours January 25, 2013

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. Appeal of Individual Assistance Program denial for Accomack County was submitted to FEMA Region III on December 18, 2012. FEMA approved Disaster Unemployment Assistance under Individual Assistance Program for Accomack County on January 2, 2013.

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. Approve DR-4092 Administrative Plan
3. Implement Public Assistance Program and prepare to complete evaluation of add-ons
4. Support implementation of environmental and historic regulatory guidance by Commonwealth.
5. Provide financial and administrative support to JFO and deployed staff
6. Disseminate key messages and products for Virginia's recovery.
7. Implement Hazard Mitigation Program

Deputy Commonwealth Coordinating Officer:

- Coordinating joint activities between the Commonwealth and FEMA.

Operations Section:

- *Received FEMA approval of the Public Assistance Administrative Plan for Hurricane Sandy*
- *Participated in meeting with Federal Coordination Officer and FEMA Region III Mitigation staff regarding Mitigation strategy for FEMA-4092-DR-VA*
- *Participated in conference call with Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services regarding case management and crisis management services in disasters*
- Reviewed status of Public Assistance operations with Commonwealth and FEMA staff

Public Assistance Section:

- *Sent email to all applicants requesting they submit documentation to their FEMA and State Project Specialists by January 31, 2013.*
- *Submitted add-on request for Wakefield School located in Fauquier County*
- Sixty (60) Requests for Public Assistance received from applicants to date
- Fifty-nine (59) Kick-off meetings with Applicants conducted

Individual Assistance Section:

- *Participated in conference call with Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services regarding case management and crisis management services in disasters*
- *Identifying and assessing additional crisis counseling resources available in voluntary and faith-based organizations to augment state resources*

Hazard Mitigation Section:

- *Conducted Hazard Mitigation Applicant's Briefing Webinars on January 15 and 17, and 24, 2013. One on-site briefing to be scheduled*
- *Hazard Mitigation Strategy reviewed with Federal Coordination Officer*

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- *FEMA Region III Mitigation staff deployed to Trade Court Facility on January 22, 2013 to assist in workshop development. Projected deployment is one to two weeks*
- *FEMA Region III Mitigation staff assisting in preliminary reviews of sub-grantee submitted mitigation projects*
- Locations and timeframe for “Coastal Construction” class being explored
- Second Hazard Mitigation Administrative Plan draft submitted for review

Communications/IT:

- CradlePoint cellular, wireless network established for Commonwealth of Virginia staff working at JFO
 - Network facilitates Internet access and Virtual Private Network connectivity and includes printers and a file/print server
- On-call support provided through submission of help desk ticket to Virginia Customer Care center by calling (866)637-8482 or email to yccc@vita.virginia.gov

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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