

**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*

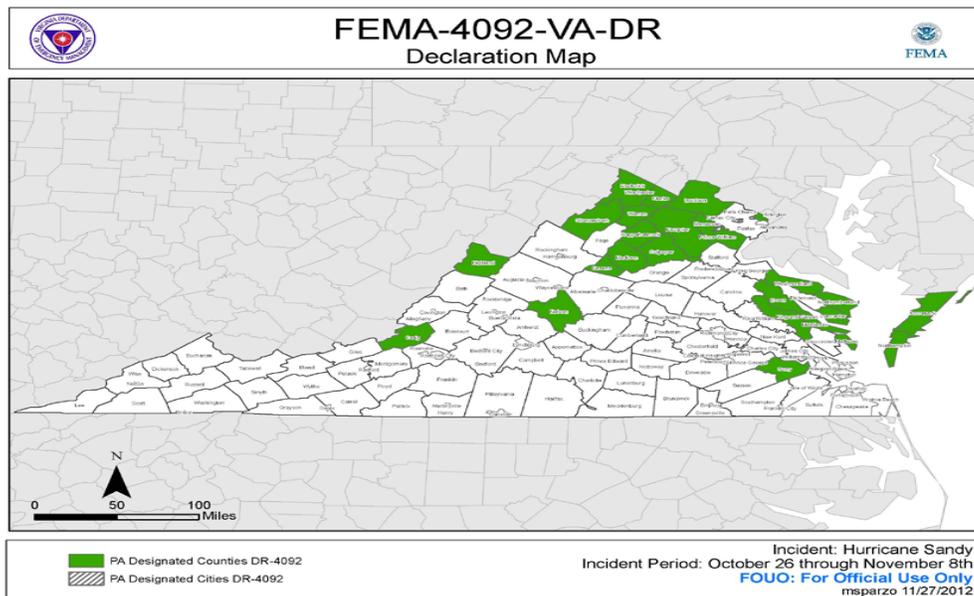
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**SITUATION REPORT # 8**  
**1400 Hours February 1, 2013**

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:**

- *Coordinating with Commonwealth and federal staff regarding closure of JFO and transition of recovery and mitigation activities to VDEM Trade Court Facility (TCF) and Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)*
- *Participated in conference call/meetings with Commonwealth and federal staff regarding status of operations*
  - *Number of Project Worksheets reduced from 200 to 195*
- *Participated in meeting with FEMA Region III, US Department of Health and Human Services, Virginia Department of Social services, and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to discuss case management and crisis management services in disasters and associated planning requirements*
  - *Will schedule follow-up meeting with stakeholders to begin planning process*

**Public Assistance Section:**

- *Sending follow-up email to all applicants requesting they submit the required documentation to their FEMA and State Project Specialists in the next few days if they have not done so already*
- *Coordinating with FEMA and Commonwealth personnel regarding transition of operations to TCF and VEOC by February 7, 2013*
- *Received approval from FEMA with regard to add-on request for Wakefield School located in Fauquier County*
- *Sixty-one (61) Requests for Public Assistance received from applicants to date*
- *Public Assistance Quarterly Report submitted to FEMA Region III*

**Individual Assistance Section:**

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  - *Will schedule follow-up meeting with stakeholders to begin planning process*
- *Continue to support Virginia Disaster Relief Fund requests for assistance*

**Hazard Mitigation Section:**

- *FEMA Region III Mitigation staff returned to Region III, Wednesday, January 30, 2013. Activities completed on behalf of the Commonwealth include:*
  - *Roughing out presentations for two mitigation workshops*
  - *Review of three grant applications prior to submission in NEMIS*
  - *Visit to City of Waynesboro for site visit to view location for and discuss potential mitigation project*

**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](mailto: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

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