

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
Updates since last State Situation Report

SITUATION REPORT # 9 – Final
1400 Hours February 8, 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.

FEMA/State Agreement signed by Governor Bob McDonnell on November 30, 2012. *Joint Field Office (JFO), located at 9954 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233, closed operations February 7, 2013. FEMA and Commonwealth staff transitioned to VDEM Trade Court Facility and Virginia Emergency Operations Center.*

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.

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7. Implement Hazard Mitigation Program

Deputy Commonwealth Coordinating Officer:

- Coordinate joint activities between the Commonwealth and FEMA.

Operations Section:

- *Closure of JFO facility in Henrico County and transition of FEMA and Commonwealth staff to VDEM Trade Court Facility (TCF) and Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) accomplished February 7, 2013*
- *Participated in conference call/meetings with Commonwealth and federal staff regarding status of operations*

Public Assistance Section:

- *Number of Sub-grantee Applications (SAs)/Project Worksheets (PWs) projected for this event reduced from 195 to 190*
- *102 of projected 190 SAs/PWs written as of close of business February 7, 2013*
- *Public Assistance operations on target to meet objective of completing 95% of projected SAs/PWs by end of February/early March timeframe*

Individual Assistance Section:

- *Meeting scheduled February 13, 2013 with Accomack County to discuss formation of Recovery Committee to address unmet needs*
- Continue to support Virginia Disaster Relief Fund requests for assistance

Hazard Mitigation Section:

- *FEMA staff working on mitigation projects transitioned from JFO to VEOC February 7, 2013*

Communications/IT:

- *CradlePoint cellular, wireless network established for Commonwealth of Virginia staff working at JFO disabled and removed by VITA February 7, 2013*

Planning Section:

- *Prepared and distributed Final VDEM JFO FEMA-4092-DR-VA Situation Report February 8, 2013*

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