

Joint Field Office (JFO)
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Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

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FEMA-4024-DR-VA

SITUATION REPORT #48

1600 Hours Monday, December 19, 2011
Next SITREP 1600 Monday, Thursday, January 5, 2012

NOTE: Administration of FEMA-3329-EM VA has transitioned to FEMA Region III Headquarters in Philadelphia. This Sitrep will no longer report results on this event.

NOTE: The SitRep for FEMA-4024-DR-VA will be filed once weekly from now on.

SUMMARY

Gov. Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency for Virginia August 26, in preparation for Hurricane Irene. The storm claimed five fatalities statewide and caused damages totaling more than \$39 million. A presidential declaration for Public Assistance that included the counties of Louisa and Gloucester was approved August 26 for Emergency Measures Only under EM-3399. Another 28 localities originally included in this declaration were brought under Public Assistance Declaration, DR-4024, approved September 3 for Categories A-G. Add-ons approved on September 10 and September 28, brought the total number of jurisdictions for this declaration to 48.

Designated under DR-4024 were the counties of Amelia, Accomack, Brunswick, Caroline, Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Essex, Greensville, Hanover, Henrico, Isle of Wight, James City, King and Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Louisa, Lunenburg, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northampton, Northumberland, Nottoway, Powhatan, Prince George, Richmond, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland and York, and the cities of Alexandria, Chesapeake, Colonial Heights, Emporia, Franklin, Hampton, Hopewell, Newport News, Norfolk, Petersburg, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Richmond, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg.

Federal Public Assistance funding is on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of eligible damaged facilities.

On September 21, FEMA announced an SBA Disaster Declaration authorizing low-interest disaster loans for the following localities: (Primary) New Kent County, City of Petersburg; (Contiguous) Counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Hanover, Henrico, James City, King and Queen, King William and Prince George; and the independent city of Colonial Heights.

Arizona and Louisiana have responded to a VDEM Emergency Management Assistance Compact request for additional Public Assistance staff. The two states offered to send one supervisor and seven public assistance specialists for 30 days starting in January.

Joint Incident Priorities:

1. Determine resource needs to support recovery operations.
2. Ensure a safe and healthy working environment.
3. Work together as a cohesive team.

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4. Provide a timely and effective Public Assistance program.
5. Provide a timely and effective Hazard Mitigation program.

Joint Incident Objectives:

1. Implement Public Assistance Program for designated counties impacted by Hurricane Irene.
2. Conduct an effective outreach strategy to manage expectations of applicants, local officials and Virginia delegation.

Deputy Commonwealth Coordinating Officer (DCCO) Brett Burdick:

- Coordinate joint activities between the Commonwealth and FEMA.

Operations Section George Roarty:

- Complete Public Assistance administration plan.
- Continue to monitor Project Worksheet production.
- Coordinating with FEMA with regard to refining staffing pattern.
- Coordinate Public Assistance and Community Relations programs activities with other state agencies and FEMA.

Public Assistance Supervisor Nealia Dabney:

- **FEMA has obligated nearly \$5.7 million in Public Assistance funds to cover the cost of repairs in 292 projects.**

Summary of Public Assistance Activity (FEMA 4024) As of 12/19/11

Requests for Public Assistance	158	Projected Project Worksheets	1,050
Applicants Ineligible or Withdrawn	7	Project Worksheets Received	729
Exit Briefs Completed	72	PWs Pending Obligated	293
Applications Open	79	PWs Obligated	292
Kickoff Meetings Completed	140	Obligated Funds	\$5,676,054
Total Applicants Completed	79		

External Affairs Bob Spieldenner:

- Coordinate outreach to local governments and respond to media and citizens inquiries.

Communications/IT:

- Maintain JFO network and telephone connectivity with VITA/NG.

Finance and Administration Section Virginia Moore:

- Assure efficient and cost-effective administration of disaster-related activities for the Commonwealth.

Logistics Section Norman Sanford:

- Furnish supplies to field and JFO team members.
- Track motor vehicle rental fleet.

Planning Section Robert Lambert:

- Develop and distribute daily JFO Situation Reports.

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