

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

**Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds June 29-July 1, 2012**  
**FEMA-4072-DR-VA**

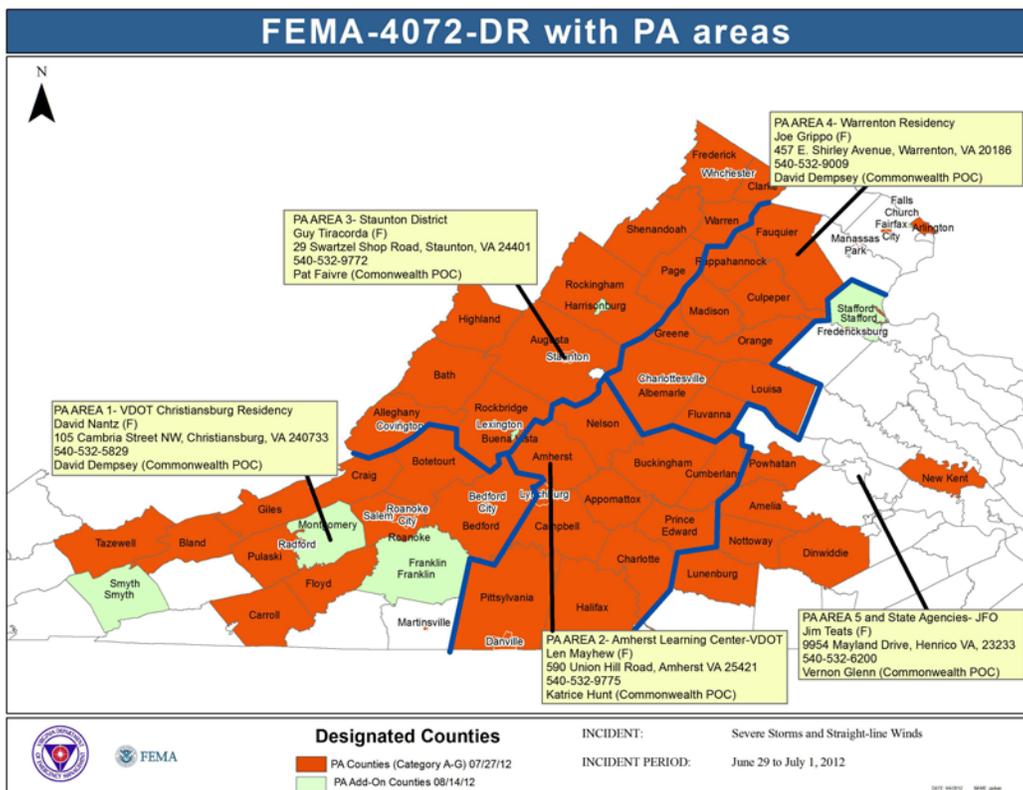
**SITUATION REPORT # 5**  
**1400 Hours September 7, 2012**  
**New information since Situation Report #4 in *bold italic font***

**SUMMARY**

Severe thunderstorms with winds surpassing 80 mph impacted the Commonwealth on the evening of Friday, June 29, and continued into the early morning hours of Saturday, June 30. Severe thunderstorms again impacted the Commonwealth on the evening of Saturday, June 30 and afternoon of Sunday, July 1.

Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner confirmed 15 storm related fatalities.

Governor Bob McDonnell announced Friday, July 27, 2012, that request for Major Disaster Declaration was approved. As of Tuesday, August 14, 2012, a total of Sixty-nine (69) jurisdictions, 51 counties and 18 cities, approved for FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Program and all localities in the Commonwealth received approval for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation (HM) Program.



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**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. Implement Public Assistance (PA) Program to eligible entities within the Commonwealth to address the widespread damage impacts on the Commonwealth relative to debris, emergency protective measures, and restoration of infrastructure.
2. Implement Hazard Mitigation Program to reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future incidents through the use of Risk Analysis and provision of Hazard Mitigation assistance.
3. Respond to congressional inquiries and provide weekly updates to Congressional Offices as it specifically relates to Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation activities.

**Deputy Commonwealth Coordinating Officer:**

- Coordinating joint activities between the Commonwealth and FEMA.

**Operations Section:**

- *Public Assistance Administrative Plan approved by FEMA and signed by State Coordinating Officer (SCO) and Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) September 6, 2012.*
- *Developing Spend Plan to complement Public Assistance Administrative Plan.*
- *Met with Central Virginia Waste Management Authority, Technical Advisory Committee, to explain Statewide Mutual Aid process and address questions from member localities.*
- Public Assistance staffs transitioned to field operations and working with applicants on development of Subgrantee Applications.

**Public Assistance Section:**

- One hundred thirty-six (136) Requests for Public Assistance received from applicants to date.
- *One hundred twenty-four (124) Applicant Kickoff Meetings conducted.*
- *Facilitated Public Assistance Applicant Kickoff Meeting/Webinar for Add-on localities on September 6.*
- *Public Assistance Applicant Kickoff Meeting/Webinar scheduled for 10 am, Thursday, September 13*
- *Public Assistance Administrative Plan approved by FEMA*

**Hazard Mitigation Section:**

- Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant course being scheduled.
- Benefit-Coast Analysis class being scheduled.
- Hazard Mitigation Strategy approved.
- Finalized mitigation targeting list of flood prone properties in coastal A Zone for technical assistance.

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- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program pre-application deadline of September 15, 2012 set.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application deadline of December 15, 2012 set.
- Continuing mitigation outreach through VDEM Public Affairs.

**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.

**Communications/IT:**

- VDEM wireless, cellular network at JFO is stable
- On-site end user support for Commonwealth staff reduced to first 30 minutes of the workday, followed by on-call support from the VITA Customer Care Center (VCCC), 1 (866) 637-8482 or email: [vccc@vita.virginia.gov](mailto:vccc@vita.virginia.gov)

**External Affairs**

- Coordinating with FEMA External Affairs staff on information distributed to media and elected officials.
- Monitoring media and responding to media and citizen inquiries

**Congressional Affairs**

- Conducting congressional and state legislative outreach and responding to inquiries.

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