Joint Field Office (JFO)

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Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

Hurricane Irene / 2011-08

FEMA-4024-DR-VA

SITUATION REPORT #51

1600 Hours Thursday, January 19, 2012
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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.

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.

Summary of Public Assistance Activity
FEMA 4024 (As of 1/19/12)

PA Requests	**146**	Project Worksheets	
Ineligible/Withdrawn	**11**	Estimated Total	**1,060**
Exit Briefs	**100**	Received	**854**
Open	**35**	Pending Obligated	**165**
Kickoff Meetings	**140**	Obligated	**556**
Total Completed	**111**	Funds	**$14,540,272**

Substantial progress has been made in working through 1,060 project worksheets arising from Hurricane Irene. Localities have submitted a total of 854 project cost estimates. One-hundred-sixty-five have been recommended for final approval. A total of $14.5 million in infrastructure repair funds representing 556 projects has been approved, accounting for 68 percent of the worksheets. Completion of the application process is expected by the end of January. The Virginia Department of Transportation is expected to finish up work on 118 projects worth an estimated $18 million.

Meantime, VDEM has asked FEMA to consider an application for storm damages to the Mattaponi Indian Reservation. The tribe had asked for and received assistance for debris removal but missed the deadline for other damages, including erosion and landslides along the river bank which affected the boat landing and shad hatchery.

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.
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.
3. Coordinate Mitigation, Historic Preservation and Environmental activities with Public Assistance.

Deputy Commonwealth Coordinating Officer (DCCO) Brett Burdick:

- Coordinate joint activities between the Commonwealth and FEMA.

Operations Section George Roarty:

- **Continue to monitor operations and coordinate with FEMA and applicants to ensure the transition of PA operations to the FEMA regional office by the end of January.**
- 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 more than $14.5 million in Public Assistance funds to cover the cost of repairs in 556 projects. In all, 854 repair projects out of 1,060 anticipated have been submitted.**
- Received 146 requests for Public Assistance.
- Deploy Public Assistance teams covering 48 local jurisdictions affected by the hurricane.

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:

- 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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