

Joint Field Office (JFO)
13900 Hull Street Road, Midlothian, Virginia
Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

Hurricane Irene / 2011-08

FEMA-4024-DR-VA

SITUATION REPORT #54

1600 Hours Thursday, February 9, 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.

Localities have submitted 1,061 of an estimated 1,067 Project Worksheets to repair \$42.2 million in damages.

FEMA has obligated \$21.7 million in federal assistance for 745 projects.

FEMA is planning to move completion of the claims processing from the JFO to FEMA Region III offices in Philadelphia.

**Summary of Public Assistance Activity
FEMA 4024 (As of 2/09/12)**

PA Requests	146	Project Worksheets	
Ineligible/Withdrawn	12	Estimated Total	1,067
Kickoff Meetings	140	Received	1,061
Open	9	\$ Requested	\$42,188,378
Exit Briefs	137	Pending Obligated	155
Total Completed	125	Obligated	745
		\$ Obligated	\$21,773,285

FEMA is reviewing an application for storm damages to the Mattaponi Indian Reservation that included the boat landing and shad hatchery. The tribe has received assistance for debris removal.

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.
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:

- Plan closure of JFO February 24.
- Monitor operations and coordinate with FEMA and applicants to ensure the transition of PA operations to the FEMA regional office.
- Monitor Project Worksheet production.
- Coordinate Public Assistance programs activities with other state agencies and FEMA.

Public Assistance Supervisor Nealia Dabney:

- Transfer processing to FEMA Region III office in Philadelphia.
- 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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