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**Louisa County Earthquake / 2011-08**

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**SITUATION REPORT #59**

**1600 Hours Tuesday, Friday, December 9, 2011**  
**Next SITREP 1600 Hours Monday, December 12, 2011**

**SUMMARY**

Gov. Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency for Virginia August 26, in response to the 5.8 magnitude Louisa County earthquake August 23. The Central Virginia earthquake area experienced a total of 46 recorded aftershocks in excess of 2.0 magnitude, the latest a 2.1 magnitude event on November 29.

Significant damages were reported for Louisa County High School and Thomas Jefferson Elementary School. Assessment teams initially visited at a total of 534 homes. Four were destroyed by the quake, 243 suffered major damage, 57 suffered minor damage and 230 others were affected.

The Commonwealth's request for a Major Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance for Louisa County was denied October 7. The governor appealed FEMA's denial of the declaration October 28. The governor announced on November 4 that the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) approved federal disaster assistance for individuals and business owners in Louisa County who experienced earthquake damage.

VDEM submitted a letter to FEMA October 21 requesting a Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance.

The governor announced November 10 that FEMA had approved a Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance for Louisa County. FEMA designated Spotsylvania County November 18 as an add-on for Public Assistance.

Since November 9, VDEM and FEMA Community Relations teams have fanned out in an expanded outreach program throughout Louisa County to provide information about disaster assistance programs and encourage residents and businesses to register. The teams also spoke before community and religious groups.

**In today's Community Relations report, the teams had called on a total of 7,112 homes and met face-to-face with 3,073 individuals. A total of 1,677 reported damage, but only 447, or 27 percent had registered with FEMA. The teams also had called on 226 community and religious groups, and 212 businesses.**

**In today's Individual Assistance report, 2,912 individuals from 50 different Virginia localities had called the FEMA teleregistration number to report earthquake damages. Most of the increase of 79 registrants came from Louisa County with 61. Louisa County reported a total of 2,608 callers.**

<b>Localities with 10 or More Registrations (as of 12/09/11)</b>	
<b>Locality</b>	<b>Number</b>
Fairfax	20
Fluvanna	45
Goochland	44
Louisa	2,608
Orange	36
Richmond Co.	10
Spotsylvania	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,813</b>
<b>Percent of All Registrations</b>	<b>97%</b>

**About one out of four individuals seeking Individual Assistance registered with FEMA during a visit to the Disaster Recovery Center in Louisa. The 766 individuals who registered at the DRC represented 27 percent of the 2,840 total registrations.**

The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Louisa County will shut down temporarily during the holidays. The DRC will close at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 17, and reopen at 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 5. Help will still be available on-line and by telephone.

On December 6, FEMA granted an extension of the deadline to December 22 for completing verification of damages for Individual and Public Assistance requests in undesignated localities. At the same time, FEMA added the city of Fredericksburg as eligible for Public Assistance.

The registration deadline for earthquake disaster aid is January 3, 2012.

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 Hazard Mitigation program.

Joint Incident Objectives:

1. Support Disaster Recovery Center.
2. Inform potential applicants of need to register.
3. Assess survivor needs in Louisa and Spotsylvania counties.
4. Integrate volunteer agencies into the IA relief process.
5. 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:

- **Submit request letter to extend teleregistrations and DRC operations 60 days to accommodate potential add-ons.**
- Coordinated with VEOC in the development of EMAC request for deputy public assistance officers, assistant VirginiaPA.org grant reviewers and recovery specialists.
- Submitted extension request letter for Individual Assistance add-ons.
- Coordinated with Louisa County officials on how to distribute recovery information to houses posted with no trespassing signs. County fire and rescue personnel distributed information on assistance availability and how to apply for it.
- Continue to support the Disaster Recovery Center for the delivery of disaster assistance.
- Conducted State Housing Task Force meeting November 29 to insure strong coordination and interface among agencies supporting recovery. Participants included the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the Virginia Housing Development Authority, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, the Piedmont Housing Alliance, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and FEMA.

- Request VHDA to identify housing resources available within a reasonable distance of the impacted area through their housing database.

Public Assistance Supervisor Nealia Dabney:

- **Preliminary Damage Assessments are scheduled for the city of Alexandria today, and Culpeper County next week.**
- **Kick-off meetings for Public Assistance are scheduled for next Tuesday for VDEM and State Police.**
- **Verification of damages in Orange and Fauquier counties is planned for next week.**
- Submitted add-on request for the city of Fredericksburg.
- Process Requests for Public Assistance.
- Complete operations plan following approval of PA request.
- Clarified state insurance coverage for add-on localities.

**Summary of Public Assistance Activity (FEMA 4042)  
As of 12/09/11**

Requests for Public Assistance	<b>6</b>	Projected Project Worksheets	<b>50</b>
Applicants Ineligible or Withdrawn	<b>0</b>	Project Worksheets Received	<b>7</b>
Exit Briefs Completed	<b>2</b>	PWs Pending Obligated	<b>2</b>
Applications Open	<b>4</b>	PWs Obligated	<b>0</b>
Kickoff Meetings Completed	<b>5</b>	Obligated Funds	<b>\$0</b>
Total Applicants Completed	<b>2</b>		

Individual Assistance Larry Braja:

- **Nine recipients are eligible for maximum Individual and Households Program grants out of 1,776 applications approved. The maximum grant is \$31,400.**
- **Visits to potential add-on localities to verify damages or conduct Joint Preliminary Damage estimates for Individual Assistance are scheduled into next week. The schedule:**
  - Today, a PDA in Orange County and verification of damages in Albemarle County.
  - Saturday, a PDA in Fluvanna County
  - Monday, a verification visit in King George and Page counties.
  - Tuesday, a PDA in Fredericksburg.
- **Joint PDAs were conducted Thursday in Fluvanna and Orange counties. Earlier, teams completed PDAs in Goochland and Spotsylvania counties.**
- **Evaluation of other localities for Joint PDAs continues.**
- About half of the visitors to the Louisa Disaster Recovery Center are registering for individual assistance.
- FEMA approved a crisis counseling grant of \$108,000 on December 1.

**Individual Assistance Daily Summary  
(COB 12/08/2011)**

Total Registrations	<b>2,916</b>	Reg. in Undesignated Counties	<b>305</b>
Individual & Households Program (IHP)			
Registration Referrals	<b>2,423</b>	Total \$ Approvals	<b>\$5,708,396.75</b>
Registrations Approved	<b>1,776</b>	Total \$ Disbursed	<b>\$5,648,978.29</b>
Eligibility Rate	<b>73%</b>		

*Broken Down As:*

Housing Assistance (HA)

Registration Referrals	<b>2,410</b>	Total \$ Approved	<b>\$5,676,895.97</b>
Registrations Approved	<b>1,738</b>	Total \$ Disbursed	<b>\$5,617,714.48</b>
Eligibility Rate	<b>72%</b>	Average Award	<b>\$3,266.34</b>

Other Needs Assistance (ONA)

Referrals	<b>595</b>	Total \$ Approved	<b>\$31,500.78</b>
Approved	<b>200</b>	Total \$ Disbursed	<b>\$31,263.81</b>

Inspection Services (IS)

Inspections Requested	<b>2,413</b>	Inspections Performed	<b>2,278</b>
Inspections Outstanding	<b>135</b>		

**Small Business Administration (SBA) Loans**

**As of 12/08/2011**

	<b>Home</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Economic Injury</b>	<b>Total</b>
Applications Issued	<b>1,855</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,110</b>
Applications Received	<b>149</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>157</b>
Number Approved	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>
Dollars Approved	<b>\$840,700</b>	<b>\$347,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,188,400.00</b>

**Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) Louisa**

**As of 12/08/11**

	<b>Day</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
Total Activity	<b>58</b>	<b>1,664</b>
Registrations	<b>32</b>	<b>798</b>

External Affairs Bob Spieldenner:

- **New Community Relations team members have been deployed.**
- **Monitor CR needs in case of Individual Assistance add-on localities.**
- Sent advance notice and news release about Fredericksburg add-on to state legislators who represent the area.
- Plan for potential media coverage as PDA teams continue their surveys this week.
- Evaluate issues identified by community relations teams for communications messages.
- Coordinate community relations teams' work.
- Provide updated talking points to local EMs, county and state PIOs, VDEM staff.
- Respond to inquiries from the media and citizens.
- Coordinate outreach to local governments.

Finance and Administration Section Virginia Moore:

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

Communications/IT:

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

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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