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Louisa County Earthquake / 2011-08

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SITUATION REPORT #60

1600 Hours Monday, December 12, 2011
Next SITREP 1600 Hours Tuesday, December 13, 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. Several thousand residents and dozens of businesses and other entities reported damage. Louisa County High School and Thomas Jefferson Elementary School suffered major damage.

Aftershocks continue to rumble through the area. The Central Virginia earthquake area experienced a total of 48 recorded aftershocks in excess of 2.0 magnitude, the latest a 2.2 magnitude event on December 9 and another of 2.1 magnitude December 12.

Louisa County accounted for 2,701 of the 3,035 individuals who registered with FEMA to seek individual assistance. The Disaster Recovery Center in Louisa attracted about one quarter of the registrations. The rest either called the toll-free teleregistration number or used the FEMA Web site to register. About three quarters of the registrations have been approved for processing and checks have been distributed to recipients.

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

FEMA denied the Commonwealth's request for a Major Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance for Louisa County October 7, but reversed its decision November 4 based on additional data and approved federal disaster assistance for individuals and business owners in Louisa County.

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 daily report, the teams had visited a total of 7,896 homes and met face-to-face with 3,252 individuals so far during the outreach effort. A total of 1,739 reported damage, but only 464 had registered with FEMA. The teams also had called on 212 businesses, 231 religious and community groups, 26 local agencies and 2 schools.

About one out of four individuals seeking Individual Assistance registered with FEMA during a visit to the Disaster Recovery Center in Louisa. The 829 individuals who registered at the DRC represented 27 percent of the 3,035 total registrations since the center opened.

The DRC will shut down temporarily during the holidays starting 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 17, and will reopen at 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 5. Help will still be available on-line and by telephone.

The governor announced November 10 that FEMA had approved a Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance for Louisa County requested by the Commonwealth Oct. 21. FEMA designated Spotsylvania County November 18 as an add-on for Public Assistance. As the extent of significant amounts of infrastructure damage became apparent, VDEM and FEMA sent out additional joint assessment teams to quantify it in surrounding jurisdictions.

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

In another development, Arizona responded to VDEM's Emergency Management Assistance Compact request December 7 for Public Assistance staff support.

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:

- **A preliminary Damage Assessment is scheduled for Culpeper County later this week.**
- **Kick-off meetings for Public Assistance are scheduled Tuesday for VDEM and State Police.**
- **Verification of damages in Orange and Fauquier counties is planned for this 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 12/12/11**

Requests for Public Assistance	6	Projected Project Worksheets	50
Applicants Ineligible or Withdrawn	0	Project Worksheets Received	9
Exit Briefs Completed	2	PWs Pending Obligated	2
Applications Open	4	PWs Obligated	0
Kickoff Meetings Completed	5	Obligated Funds	\$0
Total Applicants Completed	2		

Individual Assistance Larry Braja:

- **Nine recipients are eligible for maximum Individual and Households Program grants out of 1,901 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 this next week. The schedule:**
 - Today, a verification visit in King George and Page counties.
 - Today, completion of a PDA for Fluvanna County.
 - Tuesday, a PDA in Fredericksburg.
- **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 12/10/2011)**

Total Registrations	3,035	Reg. in Undesignated Counties	334
Individual & Households Program (IHP)			
Registration Referrals	2,507	Total \$ Approvals	\$5,982,535.88
Registrations Approved	1,901	Total \$ Disbursed	\$5,748,465.44
Eligibility Rate	76%		

Broken Down As:

Housing Assistance (HA)

Registration Referrals	2,495	Total \$ Approved	\$5,950,798.13
Registrations Approved	1,862	Total \$ Disbursed	\$5,594,139.67
Eligibility Rate	75%	Average Award	\$3,195.92

Other Needs Assistance (ONA)

Referrals	611	Total \$ Approved	\$31,737.75
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Approved	203	Total \$ Disbursed	\$31,579.77
Inspection Services (IS)			
Inspections Requested	2,497	Inspections Performed	2,456
Inspections Outstanding	41		

Small Business Administration (SBA) Loans

As of 12/11/2011

	Home	Business	Economic Injury	Total
Applications Issued	1,910	256	2	2,168
Applications Received	153	8	0	161
Number Approved	39	1	0	40
Dollars Approved	\$874,200	\$347,700	\$0	\$1,221,900.00

Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) Louisa

As of 12/10/11

	Day	Cumulative
Total Activity	34	1,751
Registrations	13	829

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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