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Louisa County Earthquake / 2011-08

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SITUATION REPORT #61

1600 Hours Tuesday, December 13, 2011
Next SITREP 1600 Hours Wednesday, December 14, 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 49 recorded aftershocks in excess of 2.0 magnitude. Two occurred on December 12, one of 2.1 magnitude and the other 2.0.

Individual Assistance

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

A total of 2,809 individuals have registered with FEMA to seek assistance. About three quarters of the eligible registrations have been approved for financial assistance totaling \$6 million.

In today's IA report, 3,162 individuals from 51 Virginia jurisdictions had called the FEMA teleregistration number to report earthquake damages. Most of the increase of 250 registrants came from Louisa County with 197. Nine recipients are eligible for the maximum Individual and Households Program grant of \$31,400.

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

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

Total Registrations	3,166	Reg. in Undesignated Counties	357
Individual & Households Program (IHP)			
Registration Referrals	2,607	Total \$ Approvals	\$6,070,120.36
Registrations Approved	1,943	Total \$ Disbursed	\$6,050,505.96
Eligibility Rate	75%		

Broken Down As:

Housing Assistance (HA)

Registration Referrals	2,594	Total \$ Approved	\$6,037,656.17
Registrations Approved	1,903	Total \$ Disbursed	\$6,018,476.24
Eligibility Rate	73%	Average Award	\$3,172.70
Other Needs Assistance (ONA)			
Referrals	630	Total \$ Approved	\$32,464.19
Approved	210	Total \$ Disbursed	\$32,029.72
Inspection Services (IS)			
Inspections Requested	2,605	Inspections Performed	2,496
Inspections Outstanding	109		

Community Relations

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 8,199 homes, or about three out of four homes in Louisa, which has a population of 33,000, since the outreach effort began. They met face-to-face with 3,304 individuals. A total of 1,764 reported damage, but only 473 had registered with FEMA. The teams also had called on 213 businesses, 231 religious and community groups, 26 local agencies and 2 schools.

Disaster Recovery Center

Visits to the DRC remain remarkably high this far into the disaster recovery process. As householders have started to receive their disaster payments, some visitors to the DRC are seeking clarification. Others are asking about the approval process or are applicants registering for the first time. **The 867 individuals who registered at the DRC represented 27 percent of all registrations.**

The DRC will close 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.

**Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) Louisa
As of 12/12/11**

	Day	Cumulative
Total Activity	93	1,844
Registrations	38	867

SBA Loans

The Small Business Administration reported that it has approved \$1.4 million in low-interest loans to repair damages from the quake. Loans for individual homes topped \$1 million for the first time. Loans to businesses came to \$352,300.

**Small Business Administration (SBA) Loans
As of 12/12/2011**

	Home	Business	Economic Injury	Total
Applications Issued	2,002	265	2	2,269

Applications Received	165	8	0	161
Number Approved	43	2	0	45
Dollars Approved	\$1,037,600	\$352,300	\$0	\$1,389,900.00

Public Assistance

The governor announced November 10 that FEMA had approved a Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance for Louisa County requested by the Commonwealth October 21. FEMA designated Spotsylvania County November 18 as an add-on for Public Assistance. On December 6, FEMA added the city of Fredericksburg as eligible for Public Assistance.

As the extent of significant amounts of infrastructure and private structural 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.

In another development, Arizona responded to VDEM’s Emergency Management Assistance Compact request December 7 for Public Assistance staff support in the event that more jurisdictions are added to the disaster declaration.

**Summary of Public Assistance Activity (FEMA 4042)
As of 12/13/11**

Requests for Public Assistance	9	Projected Project Worksheets	50
Applicants Ineligible or Withdrawn	0	Project Worksheets Received	9
Exit Briefs Completed	2	PWs Pending Obligated	2
Applications Open	7	PWs Obligated	0
Kickoff Meetings Completed	5	Obligated Funds	\$0
Total Applicants Completed	2		

PROGRAM REPORTS

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 today 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.

Individual Assistance Larry Braja:

- **Visits to potential add-on localities to verify damages or conduct Joint Preliminary Damage estimates for Individual Assistance are scheduled this week. The schedule:**
 - **Today, completion of a PDA in Fredericksburg.**
 - **Wednesday, a PDA scheduled for King George.**
- **Verification of damages was completed for King George and Page counties Tuesday.**
- **PDA's were completed Tuesday for Fluvanna County.**
- **Evaluation of other localities for Joint PDA's continues.**
- FEMA approved a crisis counseling grant of \$108,000 on December 1.

External Affairs Bob Spieldenner:

- **Finalize Community Relations staffing in Louisa County through Dec. 22.**
- **Evaluate issues identified by CR teams for public message.**
- **Monitor CR staffing needs in view of potential add-on requests for Individual Assistance.**
- **Coordinate release of public information products with FEMA.**
- **Respond to inquiries from the media and citizens.**
- **Coordinate outreach to state elected officials and 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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