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**Louisa County Earthquake / 2011-08**

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**SITUATION REPORT #62**

**1600 Hours Wednesday, December 14, 2011**  
**Next SITREP 1600 Hours Thursday, December 15, 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 50 recorded aftershocks in excess of 2.0 magnitude. The latest occurred on December 14 with a magnitude of 2.0.**

**An expanded outreach program, extensive site visits and inspections have turned up large numbers of structures with significant damage that had previously gone undetected or unreported.**

**Individual Assistance**

FEMA denied the Commonwealth's request Individual Assistance for Louisa County October 7, but based on additional data, reversed its decision November 4 and approved 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, 3,233 individuals from 51 Virginia jurisdictions had called the FEMA teleregistration number to report earthquake damages. Most of the increase of 71 registrants came from Louisa County with 57. 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 12/13/2011)**

Total Registrations	<b>3,238</b>	Reg. in Undesignated Counties	<b>370</b>
Individual & Households Program (IHP)			
Registration Referrals	<b>2,660</b>	Total \$ Approvals	<b>\$6,193,795.62</b>
Registrations Approved	<b>2,018</b>	Total \$ Disbursed	<b>\$6,167,493.61</b>

Eligibility Rate	<b>76%</b>		
<i>Broken Down As:</i>			
Housing Assistance (HA)			
Registration Referrals	<b>2,647</b>	Total \$ Approved	<b>\$6,159,869.58</b>
Registrations Approved	<b>1,981</b>	Total \$ Disbursed	<b>\$6,133,646.56</b>
Eligibility Rate	<b>75%</b>	Average Award	<b>\$3,109.47</b>
Other Needs Assistance (ONA)			
Referrals	<b>640</b>	Total \$ Approved	<b>\$33,926.04</b>
Approved	<b>214</b>	Total \$ Disbursed	<b>\$33,847.05</b>
Inspection Services (IS)			
Inspections Requested	<b>2,655</b>	Inspections Performed	<b>2,560</b>
Inspections Outstanding	<b>95</b>		

**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.

**CR teams reported they had visited 8,369 homes, or about three out of four homes in Louisa, which has a population of 33,000. They met face-to-face with 3,336 individuals. A total of 1,783 reported damage, but only 483 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 889 individuals who registered at the DRC represented about 27 percent of all registrants.**

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 12/13/11**

	Day	Cumulative
Total Activity	<b>52</b>	<b>1,896</b>
Registrations	<b>22</b>	<b>889</b>

**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 12/13/2011**

	Home	Business	Economic	Total

			<b>Injury</b>	
Applications Issued	<b>2,048</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,321</b>
Applications Received	<b>178</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>186</b>
Number Approved	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>
Dollars Approved	<b>\$1,069,600</b>	<b>\$352,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,421,900.00</b>

**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 undesigned 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 12/14/11**

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

**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 Thursday.**
- **Kick-off meetings for Public Assistance were completed Wednesday for VDEM and State Police, Mary Washington University and Spotsylvania public schools.**
- **Verification of damages in Orange and Fauquier counties is nearing completion.**
- 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:

- **Assessment teams have verified that at least 22 unreported structures in Fredericksburg had sustained major damages in the earthquake.**
- **Visits to potential add-on localities to conduct Joint Preliminary Damage estimates for Individual Assistance are scheduled this week. The schedule:**
  - **Today, King George County.**
  - **Thursday, the city of Fredericksburg and Culpeper County.**
  - **Friday, Culpeper County.**
  - **Monday, Albemarle County.**
- **The Department of Housing and Community Development is meeting with representatives of Louisa County and the towns of Louisa and Mineral to discuss what assistance may be available from programs it administers.**
- **Evaluation of other localities for Joint PDAs continues.**
- FEMA approved a crisis counseling grant of \$108,000 on December 1.

External Affairs Bob Spieldenner:

- 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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