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Louisa County Earthquake / 2011-08

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SITUATION REPORT #68

1600 Hours Thursday, January 5, 2012
Next SITREP 1600 Hours Friday, January 6, 2012

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 turned up large numbers of structures with significant damage that had previously gone undetected or unreported.

On December 28, FEMA approved requests for federal assistance for seven jurisdictions:

- **Culpeper is declared for both individual and public assistance.**
- **Fluvanna, Goochland and Orange counties are declared for individual assistance only.**
- **Northampton County is declared for public assistance only.**
- **Spotsylvania County and the city of Fredericksburg, previously declared for public assistance only, are now declared for individual assistance.**

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.

FEMA granted a 60-day extension of the teleregistration period until March 5, 2012. VDEM requested the extension because of the steady high volume of teleregistrations and the number of individuals visiting the Disaster Recovery Center in Louisa. The volume of registrations and visits reflected an intensive Community Relations initiative.

In today's IA report, 4,004 individuals from 57 Virginia jurisdictions had called the FEMA teleregistration number to report earthquake damages. Of them, 76 percent have been approved for financial assistance totaling \$7.7 million. Of the 49 new registrants, all but 2 were from Louisa County and the six newly designated jurisdictions.

Eleven recipients are eligible for the maximum Individual and Households Program grant of \$31,400.

**Individual Assistance Daily Summary
(COB 1/4/2012)**

Total Registrations	4,004	Reg. in Undesignated Counties	164
Individual & Households Program (IHP)			
Registration Referrals	3,526	Total \$ Approvals	\$7,699,147.38
Registrations Approved	2,669	Total \$ Disbursed	\$7,593,501.68
Eligibility Rate	76%		

Broken Down As:

Housing Assistance (HA)

Registration Referrals	3,512	Total \$ Approved	\$7,658,398.78
Registrations Approved	2,628	Total \$ Disbursed	\$7,556,321.98
Eligibility Rate	75%	Average Award	\$2,914.15

Other Needs Assistance (ONA)

Referrals	798	Total \$ Approved	\$40,748.60
Approved	243	Total \$ Disbursed	\$37,179.70

Inspection Services (IS)

Inspections Requested	3,576	Inspections Outstanding	103
Inspections Performed	3,473		

Community Relations

At the end of December, CR teams finished canvassing homes and businesses in the county, which has a population of 33,000. They visited 10,048 homes out of about 12,000 and met face-to-face with 3,734 individuals. A total of 1,940 reported damage, but only 544 had registered with FEMA at the time of the visit. The teams also called on 234 businesses, 4 schools, 240 religious and community organizations and 28 local agencies.

CR teams have now begun activity in the new localities declared for Individual Assistance -- Culpeper, Fluvanna, Goochland, Orange and Spotsylvania counties and the city of Fredericksburg.

Disaster Recovery Center

The DRC, closed temporarily for the holidays December 17, reopened today. A new DRC to provide services to six newly designated jurisdictions opened in Spotsylvania County. Both DRCs are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. If possible, individuals are asked to teleregister prior to visiting the DRC. The toll-free number is 1-800-621-3362.

Louisa Small Business Administration (SBA) Loans

(As of 1/04/12)

Applications	Home	Business	Econ. Inj.	Total
Issued	2,776	361	2	3,129
Received	269	16	0	285
Approved	98	3	1	102
Amount	\$1,757,200	\$425,900	\$0	\$2,183,100

SBA Loans

The Small Business Administration reported that it has approved \$2.2 million in low-interest loans to repair damages from the quake. Included were \$425,900 in loans to businesses.

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. On December 28, Culpeper and Northampton counties were added.

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.

Arizona and Louisiana have each sent four public assistance staff fulfilling a VDEM Emergency Management Assistance Compact request to speed up processing of damage repair applications. The team, including a deputy public assistance officer from Louisiana, will serve for 30 days.

**Summary of Public Assistance Activity (FEMA 4042)
(As of 1/05/12)**

Requests for Public Assistance	10	Projected Project Worksheets	50
Applicants Ineligible or Withdrawn	0	Project Worksheets Received	13
Exit Briefs Completed	2	PWs Pending Obligated	12
Applications Open	8	PWs Obligated	0
Kickoff Meetings Completed	10	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. **Commence Individual Assistance Operations in newly designated localities.**
2. **Support Disaster Recovery Center operations in Louisa and Spotsylvania Counties.**
3. **Inform potential applicants of need to register through effective outreach effort.**
4. **Assess survivor unmet needs in Louisa and six add-on localities.**
5. **Coordinate Mitigation, Historic Preservation and Environmental activities.**
6. Integrate volunteer agencies into the IA relief process.
7. 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:

- Support two Disaster Recovery Centers in Louisa and Spotsylvania counties for the delivery of disaster assistance.
- Drafted combined Individual and Public Assistance add-on request letter for review.

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

Public Assistance Supervisor Nealia Dabney:

- **Deploy Public Assistance teams covering eight local jurisdictions affected by Tropical Storm Lee.**
- **Received 10 requests for Public Assistance.**

Individual Assistance Larry Braja:

- **Assess justification for an Individual Assistance appeal for Albemarle and King George counties.**
- **Develop in coordination with the Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters a strategy to address unmet needs in designated and non-designated localities.**
- **Respond to inquiries from citizens, businesses and local governments.**
- **Coordinate response for special needs cases.**
- **Support DRC operations in Louisa and Spotsylvania counties.**

External Affairs Bob Spieldenner:

- **Perform CR duties with six teams in declared localities.**
- Evaluate issues identified by CR teams for public message.
- 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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