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Severe Storms and Straight-line Winds June 29-July 1, 2012
FEMA-4072-DR-VA

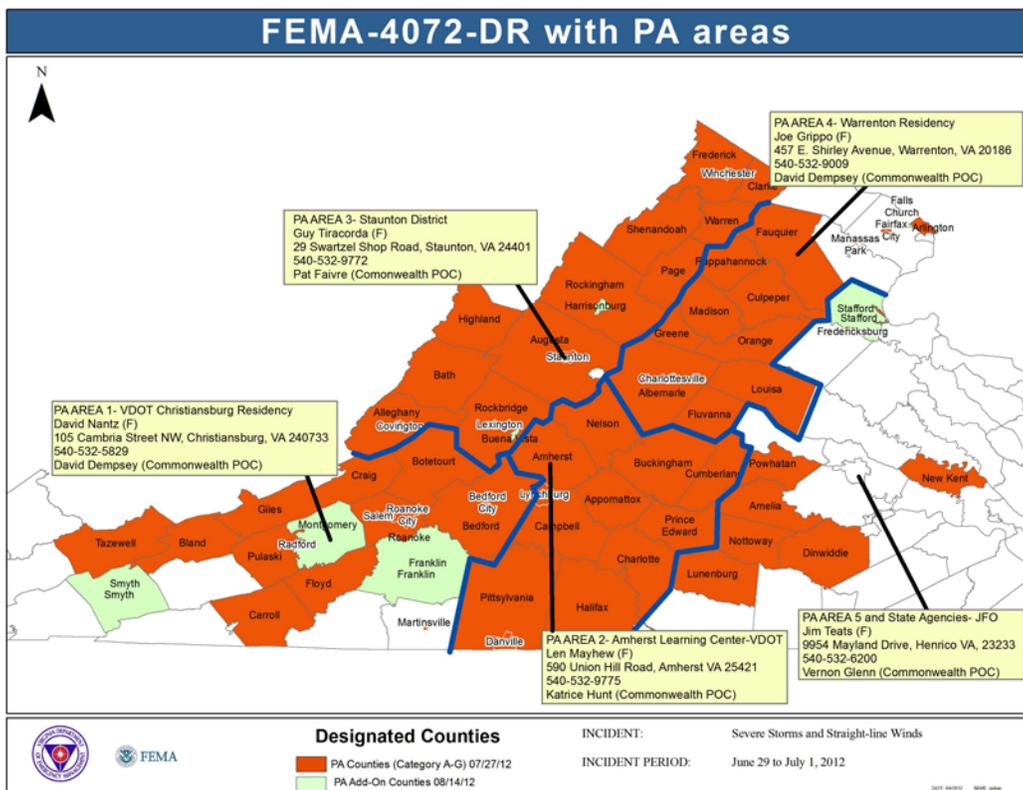
SITUATION REPORT # 7
1400 Hours September 21, 2012
New information since Situation Report #6 in *bold italic font*

SUMMARY

Severe thunderstorms with winds surpassing 80 mph impacted the Commonwealth on the evening of Friday, June 29, and continued into the early morning hours of Saturday, June 30. Severe thunderstorms again impacted the Commonwealth on the evening of Saturday, June 30 and afternoon of Sunday, July 1.

Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner confirmed 15 storm related fatalities.

Governor Bob McDonnell announced Friday, July 27, 2012, that request for Major Disaster Declaration was approved. As of Tuesday, August 14, 2012, a total of Sixty-nine (69) jurisdictions, 51 counties and 18 cities, approved for FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Program and all localities in the Commonwealth received approval for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation (HM) Program.



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Joint Incident Priorities:

1. Ensure a safe and healthy working environment.
2. Work together as a cohesive team.
3. Provide a timely and effective Public Assistance program.
4. Provide a timely and effective Hazard Mitigation program.

Joint Incident Objectives:

1. Implement Public Assistance (PA) Program to eligible entities within the Commonwealth to address the widespread damage impacts on the Commonwealth relative to debris, emergency protective measures, and restoration of infrastructure.
2. Implement Hazard Mitigation Program to reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future incidents through the use of Risk Analysis and provision of Hazard Mitigation assistance.
3. Respond to congressional inquiries and provide weekly updates to Congressional Offices as it specifically relates to Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation activities.

Deputy Commonwealth Coordinating Officer:

- Coordinating joint activities between the Commonwealth and FEMA.

Operations Section:

- *FEMA agreed to calculate VDOT equipment costs associated with development of sub-grantee applications based on FHWA/VDOT policy in place pending receipt of opinion from FEMA legal department that has not been received.*
 - *If FEMA's legal department finds policy unacceptable, sub-grantee applications developed will be revised at close-out using an alternate method until issue is resolved.*
 - *Participated in conference call with VDOT and FEMA representatives to discuss approach, timeline, and documentation requirements and addressed questions presented by VDOT staff.*
- *Email disseminated to all FEMA-4072-DR-VA applicants advising that Joint Field Office is projected to close between the middle and end of October, and encouraged them to submit project information to FEMA-state representatives in the field as soon as possible to allow adequate time to develop and process sub-grantee applications.*
- *Participated in weekly Public Assistance conference call with field staff to discuss status of operations and production.*
- *Scheduled damage assessment webinar for volunteer engineers and architects in coordination with Virginia Society of Professional Engineers and Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects for Friday, October 12, 2012.*
- *Met with FEMA and Mitigation staff to develop approach implementing a component of FEMA-4072-DR-VA mitigation strategy associated with developing local capability to conduct preliminary screening of flood prone properties. This pilot is intended to enhance local capabilities and expedite the mitigation grant application process.*

Public Assistance Section:

- *One hundred thirty-nine (139) Requests for Public Assistance received from applicants to date.*

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- *One hundred thirty-eight (138) Applicant Kickoff Meetings conducted.*
- Public Assistance Administrative Plan approved by FEMA

Hazard Mitigation Section:

- *Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant class scheduled in York County, October 25-26. .*
- *Benefit-Coast Analysis class scheduled in City of Lynchburg, October 22-24. .*
- Finalized mitigation targeting list of flood prone properties in coastal A Zone for technical assistance.
 - *Survey/targeting training to start in City of Norfolk on Monday, September 24.*
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program sub-grantee application deadline of December 15, 2012 set.
- Continuing mitigation outreach through VDEM Public Affairs.

Planning Section:

- Developing and distributing weekly JFO Situation Report.
- Coordinating with FEMA Planning on interagency activities.

Finance and Administration Section:

- Coordinating and tracking travel vouchers and timesheets.

Communications/IT:

- *Wireless, cellular router provided by VITA upgraded to 4g, multiple air card device.*
- On-site end user support for Commonwealth staff reduced to first 30 minutes of the workday, followed by on-call support from the VITA Customer Care Center (VCCC), 1 (866) 637-8482 or email: vccc@vita.virginia.gov

External Affairs

- External Affairs personnel demobilized Friday, September 14, 2012.
- External Affairs activities transitioned to FEMA Region III and VDEM Public Affairs.

Congressional Affairs

- Congressional Affairs personnel demobilized Friday, September 14, 2012.
- Congressional Affairs activities transitioned to FEMA Region III and VDEM Trade Court Facility.

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