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**Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)**

**Louisa County Earthquake / 2011-08**

**FEMA-4042-DR-VA**

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**SITUATION REPORT #70**

**1600 Hours Monday, January 9, 2012**  
**Next SITREP 1600 Hours Tuesday, January 10, 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. By mid-December, 50 aftershocks in excess of 2.0 magnitude rumbled through Central Virginia.

FEMA announced a Presidential Major Declaration for Individual Assistance November 4 for Louisa County and added Public Assistance November 10. Later, Spotsylvania County and the city of Fredericksburg were declared for Public Assistance. 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 affected by the earthquake:

- Culpeper County: Individual and Public Assistance.
- Fluvanna, Goochland and Orange counties, Individual Assistance.
- Northampton County, Public Assistance.
- Spotsylvania County and the city of Fredericksburg, 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, 4,219 individuals from 58 Virginia jurisdictions had called the FEMA teleregistration number to report earthquake damages. Of the 4,047 from declared localities, 75 percent have been approved for financial assistance totaling \$8.0 million. Of the 91 new registrants, 85 were from the declared jurisdictions.**

<b>IA Registration in Declared Localities (as of 12/20/11)</b>	
<b>Locality</b>	<b>Number</b>
Culpeper	40
Fluvanna	148
Fredericksburg	26
Goochland	110
Louisa	3,437
Orange	86
Spotsylvania	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,047</b>
<b>Virginia Total</b>	<b>4,219</b>
<b>Percent of All Registrations</b>	<b>96%</b>

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

**Individual Assistance Daily Summary  
(COB 1/08/12)**

Reg. in 7 Designated Localities	<b>4,047</b>	Total Registrations	<b>4,219</b>
Reg. in Undesignated Localities	<b>172</b>		
Individual & Households Program (IHP)			
Registration Referrals	<b>3,731</b>	Total \$ Approvals	<b>\$8,044,012.85</b>
Registrations Approved	<b>2,832</b>	Total \$ Disbursed	<b>\$7,906,992.73</b>
Eligibility Rate	<b>76%</b>		

*Broken Down As:*

**Housing Assistance (HA)**

Registration Referrals	<b>3,717</b>	Total \$ Approved	<b>\$8,002,628.74</b>
Registrations Approved	<b>2,792</b>	Total \$ Disbursed	<b>\$7,869,019.54</b>
Eligibility Rate	<b>75%</b>	Average Award	<b>\$2,866.27</b>

**Other Needs Assistance (ONA)**

Referrals	<b>823</b>	Total \$ Approved	<b>\$41,384.11</b>
Approved	<b>249</b>	Total \$ Disbursed	<b>\$37,973.19</b>

**Inspection Services (IS)**

Inspections Requested	<b>3,778</b>	Inspections Outstanding	<b>81</b>
Inspections Performed	<b>3,697</b>		

**Disaster Recovery Center**

The Louisa DRC, closed temporarily for the holidays December 17, reopened Thursday. 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 should teleregister prior to visiting the DRC. The toll-free number is 1-800-621-3362.

**DRC Visitors (as of 1/05/12)**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
Louisa	9	202
Spotsylvania	6	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>225</b>

**The Louisa DRC, which operated during November and December, has a grand total of 2,333 visitors, including 202 since it reopened last Thursday.**

**At both locations, 1,947 visitors were referred to Housing Assistance, 970 to SBA for home or business loans, 1,165 to Hazard Mitigation, and 1,139 to volunteer assistance organizations.**

**Community Relations**

Community Relations teams began canvassing the new localities declared for Individual Assistance, Culpeper, Fluvanna, Goochland, Orange and Spotsylvania counties and the city of Fredericksburg. **The teams focused on church groups on Sunday and on neighborhoods today.**

**SBA Loans**

**The Small Business Administration reported that it has approved \$2.2 million in low-interest loans to repair damages from the quake, including \$451,000 to businesses.**

**Louisa Small Business Administration (SBA)Loans**

(As of 1/08/12)

Applications	Home	Business	Econ. Inj.	Total
Issued	2,943	382	2	3,327
Received	277	16	0	293
Approved	100	6	0	106
Amount	\$1,775,800	\$451,000	\$0	\$2,226,800

**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.

**Summary of Public Assistance Activity (FEMA 4042)**

(As of 1/06/12)

Requests for Public Assistance	11	Projected Project Worksheets	50
Applicants Ineligible or Withdrawn	0	Project Worksheets Received	17
Exit Briefs Completed	2	PWs Pending Obligated	12
Applications Open	9	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:

- **Sent out agenda for State Housing Task Force meeting scheduled for Tuesday.**
- 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.
- Requested VHDA to identify housing resources available within a reasonable distance of the impacted area through their housing database.

Public Assistance Supervisor Nealia Dabney:

- **An Applicant Briefing Webinar is scheduled Wednesday for add-on localities.**
- **A kick-off meeting is scheduled for today for Spotsylvania County.**
- Deploy Public Assistance teams covering seven affected local jurisdictions.
- 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 Virginia.

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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