

Joint Field Office (JFO)
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Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

Tropical Storm Lee / 2011-08

FEMA-4045-DR-VA

SITUATION REPORT #71

1600 Hours Thursday, February 9, 2012
Next SITREP 1600 Hours Thursday, February 16, 2012

SUMMARY

Gov. Bob McDonnell declared a state of emergency September 9 in response to heavy rain and flooding in Virginia resulting from remnants of Tropical Storm Lee primarily east of the I-95 corridor. As much as 20.96 inches of rain fell in the affected area September 8-9. Five fatalities were confirmed statewide.

Public Assistance

On October 7, the governor requested a 30-day deadline extension to validate current and additional damages with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in anticipation of a request for a Public Assistance declaration. On October 13, FEMA extended the deadline to November 7 for submitting Preliminary Damage Assessments.

On November 17, FEMA approved the governor's request for a federal declaration for Public Assistance for the counties of Caroline, Essex, Fairfax, King and Queen, King George, Prince William and Westmoreland and the independent city of Alexandria.

About 46 percent of the estimated 135 project worksheets covering an estimated \$839,064 in damages have been submitted for processing. Funding totaling \$102,432 has been approved for 12 projects. Completion of pending project worksheets is expected by the end of February.

Summary of Public Assistance Activity
FEMA 4045 (As of 2/09/12)

PA Requests	16	Project Worksheets	
Ineligible/Withdrawn	1	Estimated Total	135
Kickoff Meetings	12	Received	62
Open	7	\$ Requested	\$839,064
Exit Briefs	8	Pending Obligated	20
Total Completed	9	Obligated	12
		\$ Obligated	\$102,432

Individual Assistance

After FEMA's denied Virginia's request for Individual Assistance for Fairfax and Prince William counties, the U.S. Small Business Administration made low interest loans available November 14 to individuals, renters and businesses in the two Fairfax counties and nine contiguous localities.

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 Public Assistance program.
5. Provide a timely and effective Hazard Mitigation program.

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Joint Incident Objectives:

1. Implement Public Assistance program for newly designated counties through kick-off meetings and applicant briefings.
2. Conduct an effective outreach strategy to manage expectations of applicants, local officials and Virginia delegation.
3. Coordinate Mitigation, Historic Preservation and Environmental activities with Public Assistance.

Deputy Commonwealth Coordinating Officer (DCCO) Brett Burdick:

- Coordinate joint activities between the Commonwealth and FEMA.

Operations Section George Roarty:

- Plan closure of JFO February 24.
- Implement Tropical Storm Lee Public Assistance declaration for affected localities.
- Establish staffing patterns, allocate state resources and estimate operating costs.

Public Assistance Nealia Dabney:

- Complete processing of anticipated 135 Project Worksheets by the end of February.
- Deploy Public Assistance teams covering eight affected local jurisdictions.
- Received 16 Requests for Public Assistance.
- Public Assistance field offices in Stafford County for Northern Virginia localities and Tappahannock for the Northern Neck are supporting recovery efforts.

External Affairs Bob Spieldenner:

- Partner with SBA public affairs to provide community outreach activities, including bilingual services.
- Provide updated talking points to local EMs, county and state PIOs, VDEM staff.
- Respond to inquiries from the media and citizens.

Communications/IT:

- Maintain JFO network and telephone connectivity with VITA/NG.

Finance and Administration Section Virginia Moore:

- Assure efficient and cost-effective administration of disaster-related activities.

Logistics Section:

- 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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