

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

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

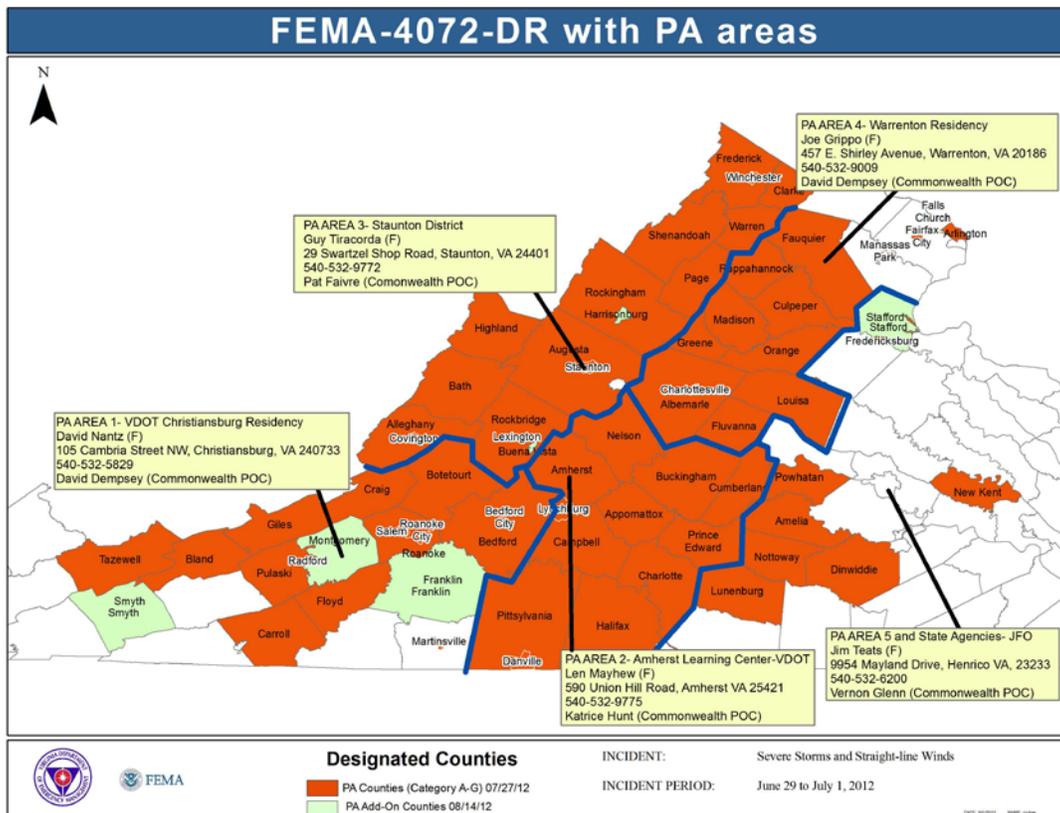
**SITUATION REPORT # 9**  
**1400 Hours October 5, 2012**  
**New information since Situation Report #8 in *bold italic font***

**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 Virginia's request for Major Disaster Declaration was approved. 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:**

- *Initiated adjustments to staffing pattern based on production, remaining work load and scheduled closure of Joint Field Office at the end of October.*
- *Completing projected cost plan to support Public Assistance Administration Plan approved by FEMA.*
- *Participated in NEMA-FEMA Headquarters-States conference call regarding FEMA Individual Assistance initiatives related to Preliminary Damage Assessment and Disaster Case Management.*
- Developing process to comply with new FEMA Strategic Fund Management Initiative that was recently implemented.
  - Initiative focuses on obligating estimated Public Assistance project funding based on applicant's capacity, resources, and schedule to execute work.
  - Initiative requires programs to develop "spend plans" listing anticipated Public Assistance payments thirty days in advance.
  - Will require close coordination with all parties involved in the process, applicants, finance, budget and FEMA.
- 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.

**Public Assistance Section:**

- *One hundred forty-nine (149) Requests for Public Assistance received from applicants to date. Fifteen (15) Requests withdrawn.*
- *One hundred forty-three (143) Applicant Kickoff Meetings completed.*

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- 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.
  - FEMA and VDEM working on a FAQ for and webinar presentation as part of additional outreach associated with this pilot project.
- 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](mailto:vccc@vita.virginia.gov)

**External Affairs**

- External Affairs activities transitioned to FEMA Region III and VDEM Public Affairs.

**Congressional Affairs**

- Congressional Affairs activities transitioned to FEMA Region III and VDEM Trade Court Facility.

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