

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

**2013-01-17 Winter Weather**

**Situation Report #1**

**1730 17 January 2013**

**Summary** Rain showers on 17 January across Virginia are forecast to mix with snow or sleet at times before changing over to all snow. Precipitation forecast to increase in intensity and continue across much of the Commonwealth through the afternoon hours. Rain completely changed to snow in Southwest VA during the late morning and early afternoon hours, while rain slowly mixes with and changes to snow across Northern VA and Central VA during the afternoon hours/early evening hours. The rain/snow line will progress south and east through the afternoon and evening hours, eventually changing to snow across Southeast VA before precipitation moves offshore early tomorrow morning.

**Contiguous States** Maryland has activated to Enhanced Readiness

**VEOC Status/Staffing:** Increased Readiness with additional staff

## **Local Status/Actions**

**EOCs: 1**

**Declarations: 1**

**Shelters: 2**

**Requests for Assistance: 0**

**Virginia Emergency Response Team** Monitoring the event; maintaining situational awareness

**ESF 1-Transportation** <http://www.511virginia.org/>

All district offices staffed

VDOT Southwest TOC reports that I-77 is becoming icy with accidents

## **ESF 4-Firefighting**

- VDOF personnel and specialized equipment remain available to SW VA as well as the potential winter weather response into tonight and tomorrow
- Chainsaw crews alerted to possibility for response
- 4X4 and other mechanized equipment remains available
- State EOC staffing plan is in place and incident management team personnel remain available

## **ESF 5-Emergency Management**

**Local Support Services** Region 7 LSS located at the Stafford County Public Safety Building

### **Logistics**

- Weather update provided to private sector partners (approximately 7800 contacts) and VDEM Disaster Service Contractors
- Updated Resource Informational Sheet provided to all Virginia locality SMA contacts (apx. 740)
- Implemented initial staffing plan and provided updated/projected staffing plan through 22 January to VERT leadership
- Prepared the VEOC areas with necessary materials to respond to snow conditions
- Received updates for current weather and attended briefing for inauguration related activities
- Established the Section and monitoring WebEOC for any resource requests

**Planning** Maintaining awareness of the situation; preparing reports

**ESF 8-Health and Medical** Situation report issued

**ESF 9-Search and Rescue** Tech rescue teams notified of concern for potential roof collapse from wet, heavy snowfall, and also localized flooding issues

## **ESF 12-Energy**

- Dominion staging additional storm personnel and line crews
- 14,500 outages for Dominion and APCO statewide
  - 14,125 for APCO mostly in Bland, Buchanan, Giles Russell and Scott counties

**ESF 13-Public Safety and Security** Staff augmented

**ESF 15-External Affairs** Staff augmented; answering traditional & social media inquiries

**ESF 16-Military Support** Staff augmented

**ESF 17-Volunteers and Donations** Staff augmented

## **Weather**

### **Thursday evening – 17 January**

**Southwest/West Central** Cloudy, 100% chance snow, ending around 1am Saturday with 2-4 inches accumulation; low temperatures upper teens to mid 20s with winds 5-10 mph and gusts up to 20 mph

**Northwest/Northern** Cloudy, 70% chance snow, ending around 1 am Saturday with 1 inch accumulation; low temperatures mid to upper 20s; winds 5-10 mph

**Central/Eastern** Cloudy, 100% chance snow, ending around 4 am in Central VA and 6 am in Eastern VA; 3-5 inches snow accumulation across Central VA with 1-2 inches snow accumulation across Eastern VA; 5-10 mph winds in Central VA and 10-20 with gusts up to 30 mph across Eastern VA

### **Friday – 18 January**

**Southwest/West Central** Mostly sunny; high temperatures mid 30s, low temperatures low 20s; winds 5-10 mph gusts up to 15 mph

**Northwest/Northern** Mostly sunny; high temperatures mid to upper 30s, low temperatures mid 20s; winds 5-10 mph gusts up to 15 mph

**Central/Eastern** Mostly sunny; high temperatures upper 30s, low temperatures low 20s; winds 5-10 mph gusts up to 20 mph

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