

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2014-03-03 Winter Weather

Situation Report #1

1700 3 March 2014

Summary: A winter storm brought heavy snow, sleet, gusty winds, and ice accumulations to most of Virginia today. Precipitation is expected to continue through the evening. Snow and sleet accumulations of eight to ten inches are possible north of the Metro Richmond area, with four to eight inches elsewhere, and light ice accumulations. The storm is creating hazardous driving conditions, and roads are expected to remain covered in ice and snow through midweek, due to temperatures expected to reach only the low to mid 20s.

State Actions:

- Governor McAuliffe verbally declared a state of emergency on March 2 at 1853.
- Executive Branch Agencies in the Richmond-Metro Area were closed today.

Local Declarations as of 1600

- Charlotte County
- City of Newport News

Local EOCs Open as of 1600

- Albemarle County
- Arlington County
- Fairfax County
- Fredericksburg City
- King George County
- Loudoun County
- Manassas City
- Norfolk City
- Prince William County
- Rockbridge County
- Stafford County

VDEM/VEOC

- Response Operations as of 0800 March 3. WebEOC event, **2014-03-03 Winter Weather**, created.
- VDEM participating in situational awareness conference calls.

ESF # 1 Transportation

- VDOT reports two secondary road closures as of 1600.
- Snow/ice impacted road segments as of 1600:
 - Interstate: 144
 - Primary: 881
 - Secondary: 17
- Amtrak operated a modified snow schedule today.
- Virginia Railway Express offered no rail service today.
- DASH bus service was cancelled today.

- All Metrobus service (all routes, all lines) were suspended this morning.
- WMATA Metrobus & MetroAccess were cancelled today.
- Potomac Rappahannock Transportation Commission did not operate bus service today.
- All VRT services in Loudoun, Culpeper, and Mountain regions were suspended today.
- All Williamsburg Area Transit was suspended at 1300.
- Hampton Roads Transit will stop all rail and bus service at 2000.

ESF #6 Mass Care

No reports of warming centers or shelters open.

ESF # 8 Public Health

- OCME confirms three storm related fatalities resulting from motor vehicle accidents.
 - OCME Western Region – 1
 - OCME Central Region – 2

ESF # 12 Energy

Minimal power outages statewide.

ESF # 13 Public Safety

- **Total Calls Dispatched** – 1,451
 - **Total Accidents** – 820
 - **Total Disabled Vehicles** – 316

ESF # 15 Public Affairs

- The Joint Information Center is staffed by VDEM Public Affairs with some staff members working virtually. The JIC is coordinating release of public information with the Governor’s Press Office and other state agencies as well as handling media inquiries in both English and Spanish. Media inquiries have been minimal. A blog was created and is being used along with other social media platforms to provide information to the public. Talking points have been prepared and provided to state and local agency PIOs and emergency managers.

ESF # 16 Military Affairs

- **Authorized CAP:** 100
 - a. **Deployed:** Currently have pre-deployed forces to five Armories throughout the Commonwealth.
 - **Number of persons on state active duty:** 93

Weather Forecast

- **Southwest/West Central Virginia:** *Tonight:* Mostly cloudy, with a 40 percent chance of additional snow. Low temperatures in the low teens. Winds 10-15 mph; gusts around 20 mph. *Tomorrow:* Partly cloudy, highs in the upper 30s to mid 40s. Low temperatures in the low 20s. Winds 5-10 mph. [NWS Morristown EM Page](#); [NWS Blacksburg](#)
- **Northwest/Northern Virginia:** *Tonight:* Mostly cloudy, with a 20 percent chance of additional snow. Low temperatures in the single digits. Winds 5-10 mph. *Tomorrow:* Mostly cloudy, highs in the upper 20s to low 30s. Low temperatures in the low to mid teens. Winds light and variable. [NWS Sterling Winter Weather Page](#)
- **Central Virginia:** *Tonight:* Mostly cloudy, with a 20 percent chance of additional snowfall. Low temperatures in the single digits. Winds 10-15 mph; gusts around 20 mph. *Tomorrow:* Partly cloudy, highs in the low to mid 30s. Low temperatures in the low to mid 20s. Winds 5-10 mph. [NWS Wakefield EM Page](#)
- **Eastern Virginia:** *Tonight:* Mostly cloudy, with a 60 percent chance of additional snow. Low temperatures in the low 20s. Winds 15-25 mph; gusts up to 35 mph. *Tomorrow:* Mostly cloudy, with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 30s. Low temperatures in the low 30s. Winds 10-15 mph; gusts around 20 mph. [NWS Wakefield EM Page](#)

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