

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2013-01-17 Winter Weather

**Situation Report #2
1300 18 January 2013**

Summary The storm system that moved across North Carolina on 17 January produced rain, sleet, and snow across Virginia. Rain changed over to snow across Southwest/West Central VA during the late morning hours. National Weather Service (NWS) unofficial snowfall totals ranged from 12 to 16 inches across higher elevations with 4 to 12 inches across the region and a trace to 2 inches in the foothills. Rain mixed with sleet across Central VA late morning/early afternoon before changing over to snow late afternoon/early evening. NWS unofficial snowfall totals ranged from 2 to 8 inches across the region. Rain mixed with sleet across Eastern VA during the afternoon before changing to snow during the evening. NWS unofficial snowfall totals ranged from a trace to 4 inches. The snowfall across Southwest VA and West Central VA resulted in significant power outages and transportation issues.

Contiguous States Maryland activated to Enhanced Readiness

VEOC Status/Staffing: Increased Readiness with additional staff

Local Status/Actions

EOCs: 2

Declarations: 4

Shelters: 3 facilities sheltering 67 total people in 3 localities

Requests for Assistance: 3

Virginia Emergency Response Team Monitoring the event; maintaining situational awareness

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

- The storm hit mainly the southern section of the state from I-64 south
- Roads in the southern section are in minor to moderate condition
- VDOT crews have been working through the night plowing and treating roads as snow swept through much the state
- I-77 open and traffic moving
- Road closures: 8 primary and 111 secondary

ESF 2-Communications

- Multiple state sites experiencing weather related network connectivity issues
- Users are unable to access network resources to perform daily job functions
- VITA technicians working to find a resolution for the issue
- VA Network Operations Center is contacting the sites to verify power and equipment

ESF 5-Emergency Management

- **Local Support Services** Region 4 Coordinator assisting localities
- **Operations** Preparing for demobilization of select ESFs; VERT transitioning to the Incident Management Cadre
- **Logistics** Private Sector Liaison reaching out to Grocers/Fuel Association contacts for information on potential locations with power/fuel
- **Planning** Maintaining awareness of the situation; preparing reports- next report will be 1900

ESF 6-3 Local shelters open

- Carroll County: 1 Shelter - 0 Occupancy
- Russell County: 1 Shelter - 30 Occupancy
- Bland County: 1 Shelter - 37 Occupancy

ESF 7

- 1 completed; Pulaski County – chain saw crew
- 1 in use; Russell County – shelter assistance
- 1 tasked; Bland County – fuel for stranded motorists

ESF 8-Health and Medical

- 1 – fatality; motor vehicle accident, Eastern Region
- Hospitals on generator power: Carillion Giles Community
- Catawba Community Hospital on regular power

ESF 12-Energy

- Statewide as of 1100 – 124,595
- Appalachian Power – 107,150; Bland County – 3,215 (84%); Grayson County – 8,250 (79%); Giles County – 6,355 (64%) Wise County – 2,030 (59%); Wythe County – 9,120 (54%); Smyth County – 9,235 (53%)
- Dominion VA Power – 9,245; Richmond area – 4,053; Shenandoah Valley – 2,578; Southside – 2,389
- Southside Electric Coop – 8,200; Prince Edward – 2,205; Amelia – 1,330

ESF 13-Public Safety and Security Working to help maintain safe travel on roadways; conducting patrols to gather disaster intelligence

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

ESF 16-Military Support Staff augmented; providing support as needed

ESF 17-Volunteers and Donations Staff augmented; assisting Russell County with shelter/special needs

Weather**Friday – 18 January**

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

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

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

NWS Unofficial Snowfall Totals:

Southwest/West Central: 12 –16 inches across higher elevations; 4 – 12 inches with trace to 2 inches in foothills

Northwest/Northern: trace to 2 inches

Central: 2 – 8 inches

Eastern: trace to 4 inches

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