

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

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

2013-03-06 Winter Weather

Situation Report #2

1700 6 March 2013

Summary: Governor Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency at 0950.

Rain showers began during the evening hours of 5 March across Virginia. Forecast is that this precipitation will mix with snow then change over to all snow in parts of Virginia during the day 6 March.

Total snow accumulation ranges from 2-20 inches in Eastern Virginia with wind speeds of 15-25mph and gusts to 30 mph; 1 to 3 inches in southwest Virginia with wind speeds of 5-15mph; northern Virginia, 2 to 20 inches accumulation. This accumulation together with sustained low temperatures and wind chill negatively impacted commuting; federal offices and schools were closed.

VEOC Status/Staffing: WebEOC Incident, 2013-03-06 Winter Weather was created. VEOC at Response Operations.

Local Status/Actions

- **SITREPS: 30**
- **EOCs Open: 12**
- **Declarations: 7**
- **Shelters: 12 open across 7 jurisdictions housing 32 people**
- **Requests for Assistance: 14**

Virginia Emergency Response Team Monitoring the event; maintaining situational awareness

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

- Maryland Bay Bridge closed due to high winds.
- Sunnybank and Merry Point ferries are closed.

Road Locations Impacted

- Interstate 39
- Primary 479
- Secondary 38

ESF 2 – Communications

- Coordinating Private Sector participation in the Governor's Briefings

ESF 4 – Firefighting

- Personnel and specialized equipment ready although VDOF Command Center is currently operating off of back-up generator power due to the local power outage.

ESF 5 – Emergency Management

- Maintaining awareness of the situation; preparing reports/briefings, participating in stakeholder conference calls.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Shelters open by jurisdiction (Shelters Open: People Sheltered)

- Culpepper 1:2
- Greene 1:9
- Madison 1:14
- Orange 1:0
- Rockbridge 5:7
- Warren 2:0
- Augusta/Waynesboro 1:0

ESF 7 – Resource Support

- VDEM Disaster Services Contractors are aware of the event and potential impact areas
- Localities are able to use contracts and contract pricings for resources due to the State Declaration of Emergency
- VDEM Private Sector Liaison has updated all private sector contacts of the event and potential impact areas
- Requests for Assistance: 14
- Current Missions: Albemarle County – Mission has been accepted.

ESF 8 – Health and Medical

- No Casualties.

Hospital Status

- Martha Jefferson: On generator power due to grid power disruptions.
- UVA: West Complex is on generator power.

Long term Care Facilities on Alternate Power

- Avante at Waynesboro
- Charlottesville Health and Rehabilitation
- Envoy at the Village
- Heritage Hall – Lexington
- Martha Jefferson House
- Spring Nursing Center – Bath
- Summit Square Retirement Community
- The Colonnades
- Trinity Mission Health & Rehabilitation of Charlottesville
- Westminster – Canterbury of the Blue Ridge
- The Cedars / Golden living Center

ESF 12 – Energy

- As of 1600 approximately 225,735 consumers are without electricity.

ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security

- Staff augmenting VEOC.
- Crash Total: 556

ESF 15 – External Affairs

- Joint Information Center open and staffed; coordinating release of public information with state agencies; supporting the Governor’s Press Office; responding to media inquiries; and posting information to social media sites. No unexpected issues at this point.

ESF 16 – Military Support

- Department of Military Affairs received (10) Missions, of which (3) were withdrawn upon contact with the VSP POC. Force Cap of 200 was approved. Currently (2) packages are being sent to Leesburg and Staunton (50 Personnel each), with DMA Command and Control and Logistical support. Initial vehicle and personnel have linked up with VSP at Leesburg, Charlottesville, Luray, and Winchester, with anticipated link up in Harrisburg pending. Assigned missions focus on providing transportation and debris removal. ESF-16 and DMA JOC are at 24 hour manning

Contiguous Jurisdictions

Maryland has activated to Level 3 (MEMA staff only). The Maryland Emergency Management Agency will move to Level 2 staffing at 0700 Wednesday; level 2 means key MEMA staff and certain agency representatives will staff the state Emergency Operations Center.

Washington DC has activated its EOC with partial staffing. Federal Office of Personnel Management closed all federal offices for 6 March.

Weather Forecast

National Weather Service – Sterling: [Sterling VA](#)

Northern Virginia Area: Snowfall reports vary widely in forecast area from 2-20 inches. Winds are between 15-25 mph with gusts to 30 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow in the evening. Lows around 30. North winds 15-20 mph with gusts to 30 mph. Chance of snow 50 percent.

Thursday: Partly sunny; highs in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 15 to 20 mph.

National Weather Service (NWS) – Morristown: [Morristown TN](#)

Southwest Virginia: Snowfall accumulations from 1-3 inches. Winds are between 5-15mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers; lows in the lower to mid 20s. Northwest winds 5-15 mph. Chance of snow 30 percent.

Thursday: Partly sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 40s. Northwest winds 5-15 mph.

National Weather Service – Blacksburg: [Blacksburg VA](#)

West-Central Virginia: Reports vary widely in forecast area from 1-10 inches. Winds 15-20 mph with gusts to 30 mph

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of snow this evening, then mostly clear after midnight; lows in the mid 20s.

Northwest winds 15-20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph. Chance of snow 20 percent.

Thursday: Sunny; highs in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 10-15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph.

National Weather Service – Wakefield: [Wakefield, VA](#)

Eastern Virginia: Snow accumulation reports vary widely in forecast area from trace amounts to 6 inches with winds of 30-35mph and gusts to 55mph.

Tonight: Cloudy with rain and snow likely early this evening, then a chance of rain and snow showers late evening and overnight. Little or no snow accumulation; lows in the lower 30s. Northwest winds 30-35 mph with gusts to 55 mph.

Decreasing to 20-30 mph with gusts up to 45 mph after midnight. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain and snow showers in the morning, then partly sunny in the afternoon; highs in the upper 40s. Northwest winds 20-25 mph with gusts to 35 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

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