

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

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Situation Report #4  
2015-09-29 Severe Weather  
02 October 2015 0500  
**New information in red**

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### **Summary:**

Hurricane Joaquin is now a Category 4 Hurricane but is tracking to the east. Hurricane Joaquin is currently forecasted to weaken and pass off of the coast of Virginia on Monday morning. Flash flooding and river flooding is still expected across the Commonwealth. The National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Watch for the majority of the Commonwealth, east of the I-77 corridor as Joaquin will still impact the Commonwealth with winds, additional rain, and coastal flooding. No hurricane watches or warnings have been issued for the Commonwealth.

### **Contiguous States and FEMA Region III**

FEMA Region III is conducting conference calls and developing a staffing plan in advance of the storm.

Governor of North Carolina, Pat McCrory, signed an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency in North Carolina in anticipation of heavy rains, potential flooding, and the possibility that Hurricane Joaquin may affect North Carolina.

Governor of Maryland, Larry Hogan, signed an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency in Maryland in anticipation of heavy rains, potential flooding, and the possibility that Hurricane Joaquin may affect Maryland.

### **State Actions**

**Governor McAuliffe declared a state of emergency on September 30, 2015 at 1704.**

### **Local Declarations as of 0500 (16)**

- Poquoson City
- Norfolk City
- Newport News City
- Patrick County
- Floyd County
- Isle of Wight
- Hampton City
- Mathews County
- Prince Edward County
- Surry County
- Lancaster County
- Westmoreland County
- Williamsburg City
- Portsmouth City
- King and Queen County
- Charlotte County

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### Local EOCs Open as of 0500 (1)

- Charlotte County

### Local Evacuations (1)

- Lancaster issued a mandatory evacuation for low lying areas in the AM on 2 October 2015, shelters are also opening in the AM on 2 October 2015

### Local Requests for Assistance as of 0000 (23)

- Requests include, but are not limited to water, meals, social media monitoring, and debris removal teams.

### VEST/VDEM/VEOC

- A WebEOC incident, 2015-09-29 Severe Weather, has been created.
- VDEM is monitoring the weather and participating in coordination conference calls.
- Regional conference calls continue

### ESF # 1 Transportation

- As of 0400 on 2 October: **0 Interstates closed, 0 Primary roads closed, 35 Secondary road closed** (20 in Salem, remainder equally distributed throughout the Commonwealth.)
- **VDOT authorized a temporary waiver of registration and licensing requirements for carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies or providing emergency restoration of infrastructure services valid from 1 -15 October, 2015.**
- Merry Point Ferry and Sunny Bank Ferry are closed until further notice

### ESF #2 Communications

- Verizon, Sprint, and other private sector partners staffing the VEOC starting on Friday
- **State radio cache assets will be deployed to Sussex County**
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### ESF #3 Public Works and Engineering

- Monitoring damage assessments in Augusta County
- Monitoring a locality led sandbagging operation in Bath County
- **City of Danville water system report was in error.**

### ESF #4 Firefighting

- VDOF is mobilizing three Type 3 IMT's
- VDFP is preparing to mobilize one agency MIST team to support VDEM Regional Operations
- DOF preparing for chain saw crews and IMT needs
- Working on five requests for IMT support

### ESF #5 Emergency Management

- FEMA Region 3 IMAT arrived in Richmond today
- VDEM continues to coordinate conference calls

### ESF #6 Mass Care

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- **Floyd County plans to open a shelter 2 October 2015 at 1800 with Floyd DSS assisting**
- **Lancaster County plans to open a shelter 2 October at 1200**
- **Chesapeake plans to open two shelters on 3 October time TBD**

### ESF #7 Logistics/Resource Support

- Pre-staged pre-packed meals and bottled water

### ESF #8 Public Health

- Office of Emergency Services alerted HMERT
- State Fair will close at 1900 1 October 2015 and will not re-open; this impacts the RAHD flu vaccine event scheduled for Saturday, which will need to be rescheduled
- Salem VA Medical Center removing water from several buildings, no impact to patient care at this time

### ESF #9 Search and Rescue

- **Initiated EMAC requests for swift water teams; initial responses received.**
- VSP SRT has 2 boat teams staged in Roanoke area.
- **VSP SRT has 1 boat team enroute to Eastern Shore. Will stage at Kiptopeke State Park (Northampton County).**
- Discussing plans with the Guard to possibly deploy aircraft to Lynchburg in advance of weather
- VSP SRT has 2 boat teams staged at Ft. Pickett.

### ESF #12 Energy

- **Most recent information on statewide power outages: 2,753**

### ESF #13 Public Safety

- All VSP Divisions on non-restricted stand-by
- VSP SRT assets staged in Southwest, Central, and Tidewater areas

### ESF #14 Recovery and Mitigation

- To assist us in planning for event, requested FEMA Region III to task USACE - ESF 3 to develop model projections for debris, temporary roofing, housing, and emergency power etc. based on Joaquin's storm track. FEMA Region III has mission assigned ESF 3 - USACE to support IMAT team that will be arriving this afternoon.
- Had initial conversation with FEMA PDA Coordinator regarding PDA Teams. Reviewing Reservist list regarding personnel availability. Will need to coordinate and request additional support through state agencies and contract services.
- Discussed Debris Management Addendum of the Public Assistance Admin Plan with FEMA Region III. Referenced additional state agencies that may have a major debris role/costs based on previous events.

### ESF #15 Public Affairs

- Conducting interviews (CNN, Weather Channel, WTOP)
- Monitoring social media
- Coordinated Governor's press conference

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### ESF #16 Military Affairs

- Determining where resources will be staged throughout the Commonwealth
- DMA will begin assembling forces on October 2, 2015

### ESF #17 Volunteers and Donations

- Polling groups for types of assistance available
- Augmenting Request Management

### Weather Forecast

#### Watches and Warnings

- NWS has issued a flash flood watch throughout Virginia
- Flood warning for the Dan River until Tuesday afternoon
- Flood warning for the Roanoke River (Randolph) until Tuesday afternoon .
- Coastal flood warnings of moderate to major levels through Saturday.

#### Southwest/West Central Virginia:

**Today:** Rain. Rain could be heavy at times. Cloudy, with a high near 56. Northeast around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between 1 and 2 inches possible.

**Tonight:** Rain. Rain could be heavy at times. Cloudy, with a low around 51. Northeast wind around 14 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between 1 and 2 inches possible. [NWS Morristown](#), [NWS Blacksburg](#)

#### River Forecasts (as of 2100)

- **Dan (Danville/South Boston); currently below flood stage, additional rise to at least moderate flood stage with additional rain.**
- **Roanoke**
  - **(Salem/Roanoke) – Flash Flood Watch; expected to exceed flood stage by Saturday PM**
  - **(Charlotte/Halifax border) – Flood Warning; currently just below flood stage, forecasted to exceed flood stage by Saturday AM, and into moderate flood stage by Saturday PM.**
- **James; Flash Flood Watch - forecast to exceed flood stage Saturday AM, and exceed into the moderate flood stage by Saturday PM**
- **Appomattox; Flood Watch - expected to exceed flood stage by Saturday PM.**
- **Jackson (Covington) Flash Flood Watch - expected to exceed flood stage by Saturday PM.**

#### Northwest/Northern Virginia:

**Today:** Rain. Rain could be heavy at times. Cloudy, with a high near 56. Northeast wind 14 to 17 mph with gust as high as 28 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.

**Tonight:** Rain. The rain could be heavy at times. Cloudy, with a low around 51. Breezy with a Northeast wind around 18 to 20 mph, with wind gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and three quarters of an inch possible. [NWS Sterling](#)

#### River Forecasts (as of 1000)

- **Rappahannock; Flash Flood Watch**

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- **Shenandoah (south fork) Flash Flood Watch ; expected to reach flood stage (minor) by Sunday PM**
- **Potomac River (Alexandria) Flood Watch; expected to reach flood stage by Saturday AM**

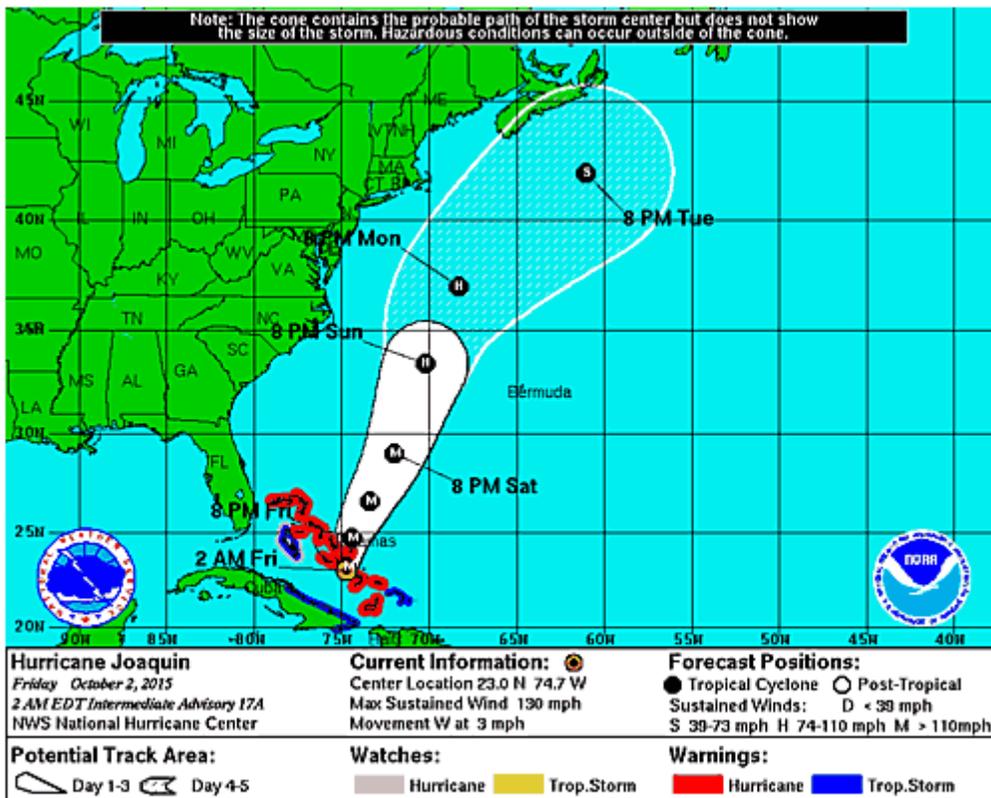
### Central/Eastern Virginia:

**Today:** Rain. Rain could be heavy at times. Cloudy, with a high near 61. North wind around 16 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between a 1 and 2 inches possible.

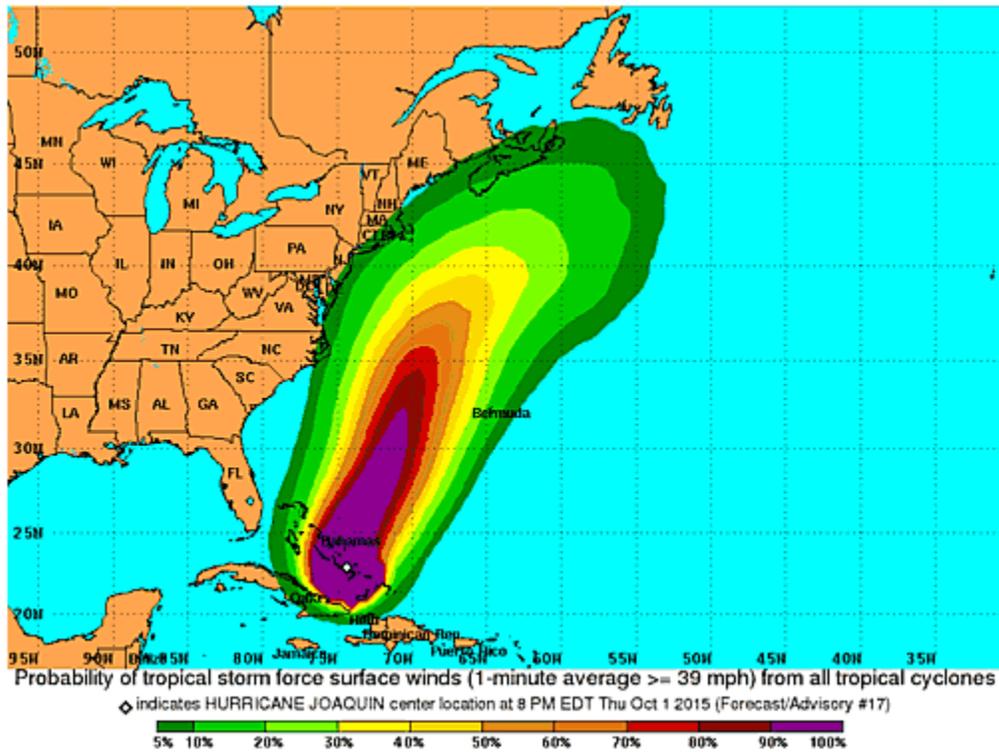
**Tonight:** Rain. The rain could be heavy at times. Low around 58. Northeast wind around 22-29 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80% along the coast and 100% in the central area. New precipitation amounts between half and three quarters of an inch possible. [NWS Wakefield](#)

### River Forecasts (as of 1000)

- **James River – Flood Watch; forecast to exceed flood stage Saturday AM, and exceed into the moderate flood stage by Saturday PM**
- **Rivanna River – Flood Watch; expected to exceed flood stage by Saturday AM**



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