

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

## Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)

Situation Report #7  
2015-09-29 Severe Weather  
03 October 2015 2000  
**New information in red**

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### Summary:

Hurricane Joaquin is now a Category 3 Hurricane and is traveling northeast into open waters of the Atlantic. There is no direct threat to Virginia from Joaquin at this time; however Joaquin will generate winds and coastal flooding. No hurricane watches or warnings have been issued for the Commonwealth. Flash flooding and river flooding is still expected across the Commonwealth due to continued precipitation. The areas that will see the most rain over the next three days will be in Southwest Virginia.

### Contiguous States and FEMA Region III

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers arrived at the VEOC on October 3, 2015.

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 Emergency Declarations as of 1800 (24)

- Accomack County
- Botetourt County
- Town of Chincoteague
- Charlotte County
- Floyd County
- Hampton City
- Isle of Wright County
- James City County
- King and Queen County
- Lancaster County
- Newport News City
- Norfolk City
- Northampton County
- Prince Edward County
- Patrick County
- Pulaski County
- Poquoson County
- Portsmouth City

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- Surry County
- Tazewell County
- Westmoreland County
- Williamsburg City
- Mathews County
- **Fluvanna County (Rescinded Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

### Local EOCs Open as of 1800 (3)

- Chesapeake City
- Lancaster County
- Nelson County

### 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 1800 on 3 October: **0** Interstates closed, **3** Primary roads closed, **67** Secondary road closed (**21** in Salem, remainder distributed evenly across Commonwealth)
- Merry Pointe and Sunnybank ferries are closed throughout the storm. Service will be restored as soon as waters recede.
- Service at the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry is temporarily suspended. Motorists are advised to use Route 17 (James River Bridge) as an alternate.
- Amtrak has suspended services along the east coast for today

### ESF #2 Communications

- Verizon Wireless, Verizon, and Sprint staff are at the VEOC staffing ESF 2.
- **Developed a demobilization plan for staffing.**
- **Completed exercise for Future Planning Cell.**

### ESF #3 Public Works and Engineering

- Monitoring debris cleanup activities on the Eastern Shore by localities.
- Norfolk public utility vehicles used for road blocking.
- Working with VDH/ODW to get situational updates on the waterworks of localities. Only Doswell water system is experiencing intake problems, that are being resolved by an alternative water source provided by Ashland.

### ESF #4 Firefighting

- All field resources have been demobilized

### ESF #5 Emergency Management

- Continue to conduct conference calls as well as produce situational awareness products such as spot reports, situational reports, and mapping.

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### ESF #6 Mass Care

- No shelters are open. 17 localities have shelters on standby.
- American Red Cross has opened Disaster Recovery Headquarters in Richmond today.

### ESF #7 Logistics/Resource Support

- Missions (15)
- Requests include, but are not limited to water, meals, social media monitoring, debris removal teams, high mobility vehicles, and water rescue teams.

### ESF #8 Public Health

- Langley Air Force Base Hospital has re-opened as of 1030 hours.

### ESF #9 Search and Rescue

- Search and Rescue Teams Deployed
  - 1 boat team on the eastern shore (VSP), **will remain in place thru 1500 hrs., Oct 4**
  - 1 boat team in Pulaski (Div 4 Technical Rescue Team), **will remain in place until tomorrow**
  - 1 boat team in Floyd (VSP), **demobilizing**
  - 1 boat team in Patrick (VSP) **will remain in place thru 1200 hrs., Oct 4**
  - 2 boat teams in Roanoke (VSP) **will remain in place until tomorrow**

### ESF #10 Hazardous Materials Response

- DEQ conducted preparedness conference calls with regional offices

### ESF #11 Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Cooperative Extension working on damage assessments in Patrick, Floyd, and Montgomery counties
- Pet shelters are preparing to open in coordination with general population shelters

### ESF #12 Energy

- Current statewide power outages as of **1900 October 3: 2,101**
- Notification of potential electric sector Regional Mutual Assistance Group (RMAG) fleet movement coordination with multiple states on East Coast

### ESF #13 Public Safety

- Reported some minor flooding and some standing water on the roadways
- VSP SRT assets staged in Eastern Shore, Roanoke, and Richmond.

### ESF #14 Recovery and Mitigation

- **Continuing to monitor the initial damage assessments to identify impacts. Followed up with the electric cooperatives and state agencies requesting that they start submitting their estimated costs.**

### ESF #15 Public Affairs

- **Fielded media inquiry from NBC New York**
- **Completed NC/SC 48 hours scenario**

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- **Initiated after action report collection process**
- **Due to low media inquires released media relation staff**
- Posts continue to be made to Facebook and Twitter

### ESF #16 Military Affairs

- Personnel and Equipment have been staged and are ready for missions in Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, Sandston, Onancock, South Side Hampton Roads, Farmville, Danville, Cedar Bluff, Lexington, and Staunton.
- Total: 554 PAX, **251 Vehicles**, 32 Chainsaws

### ESF #17 Volunteers and Donations

- Continuing to build volunteer resource and capabilities database.
- Working to coordinate a conference call within planning section the next 48-72 hrs.

### Weather Forecast

#### Southwest/West Central Virginia:

##### **Tonight**

Chance of rain, low temperatures in the lower 70's, with winds from the northeast between 22-24 mph

##### **Sunday**

Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid to upper 60's. East winds 5-15 mph

#### Northwest/Northern Virginia:

##### **Tonight**

Showers likely with patchy fog, low temperatures in the mid 20's. New precipitation amounts of less than an inch possible.

##### **Sunday**

Cloudy, areas of drizzle with a chance of rain in the morning. Then a chance of showers in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 60's. North winds 10-15 mph with gusts of to 25 mph. Chance of rain 50 percent.

#### Central/Eastern Virginia:

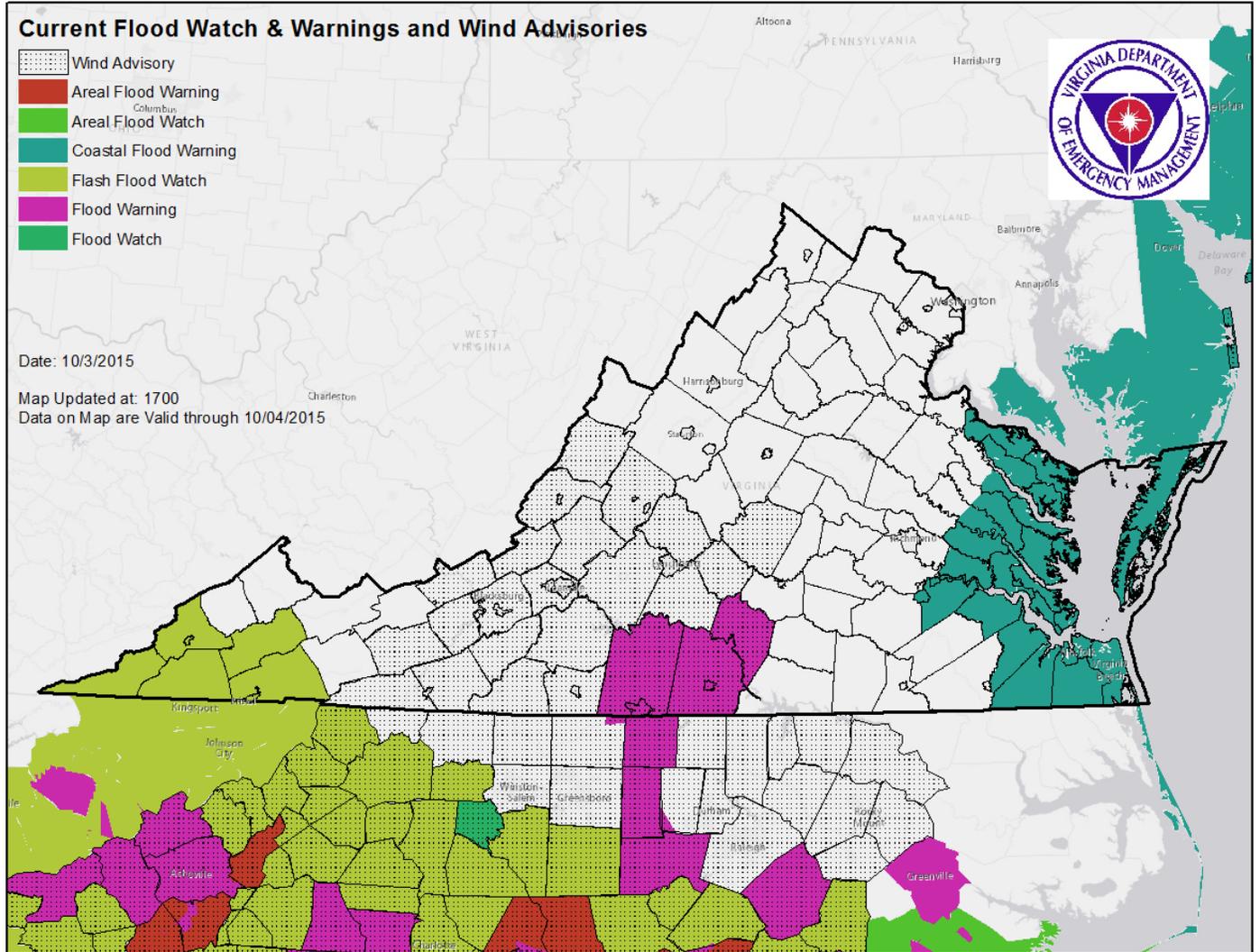
##### **Tonight**

Rain likely, with low temperatures in the low 50's, winds from the northeast at 15 mph.

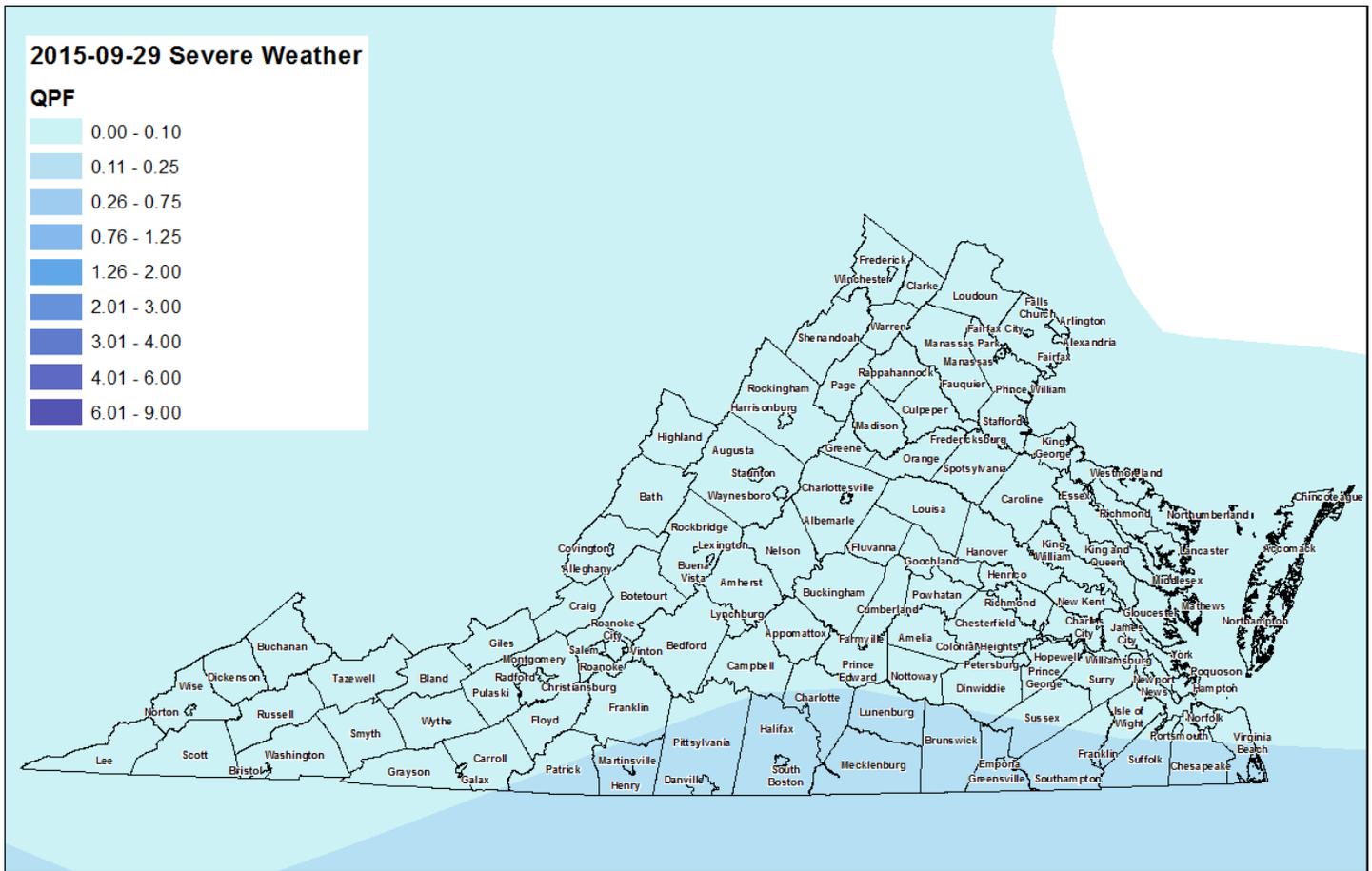
##### **Sunday**

Cloudy, with patches of rain remaining. Highs in the upper 60's. Chance of rain is 70%, winds out of the north/north east at 20 mph

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## 3 Day Precipitation Estimate

Map Updated - October 03, 2015 2 PM  
VALID 12Z 10/4/2015 - 12Z 10/7/2015

