

# Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Virginia Emergency Operations Center  
10501 Trade Court, Richmond, VA 23236

## Spot Report # 2 – FINAL February 24-28 Winter Weather 28 February 2010 1200 hours

**Summary:** Governor Bob Mc Donnell declared a State of Emergency for areas of western and southwestern Virginia on Friday, 26 February. A major winter storm over Northeastern US caused blizzard like conditions, including blowing and drifting snow, low visibility, extremely low temperatures and continuous mountain snow showers in Bland, Grayson, Smyth and Tazewell counties in Southwestern VA and Highland County in the Alleghany Highlands. Mountain snow showers, windy conditions and low temperatures are expected to continue into Sunday, 28 February.

**There is potential for another storm to impact the Mid Atlantic Region Tuesday and Wednesday, 2 and 3 March with a wintry mix. Questions still remain as to how far inland the storm will move which will greatly impact any accumulations of snow or mixing with rain. Virginia Emergency Operations Center will continue to monitor National Weather Service forecasts as this storm evolves and moves eastward.**

### Emergency Declarations:

- Virginia – 26 February
- Maryland – Issued in early February remains in effect
- West Virginia – Issued in early February remains in effect

### Localities

- No request for assistance and no unmet needs at this time

### Power Outages:

No significant outages reported

### VDEM/VEOC

- Increased Readiness with normal staffing
- Maintaining Situational Awareness and monitoring National Weather Service Forecasts
- 2010-02 Feb 25 Winter Weather event created in WebEOC
- **External Affairs coordinated with Governor's Press Office and public information officers from VDOT, National Guard and VA State Police on news release announcing State of Emergency**
- No unmet needs

### Transportation:

- **Roadways – VDOT 511 indicates minor road conditions on Interstate 81 and minor to moderate conditions on primary and secondary roads in Southwest VA with minor road conditions indicated on some primary and secondary roads in Highland County <http://www.va511.org>**

### Weather Conditions: Southwest/West Central VA

- Monday 1 March – **Mostly cloudy; daytime high temperatures mid 30s to mid 40s; overnight low temperatures upper 20s; west-northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.**

Prepared by: Mike Gray, VERT Plans Chief

Approved by: Joe Coyle, VERT Coordinator