

Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Virginia Emergency Operations Center

10501 Trade Court, Richmond, VA 23236

Spot Report #5

2012-06-01 Severe Weather

3 June 2012 1300

New Information

Summary: Line(s) of strong to severe thunderstorms impacted Virginia during the afternoon and evening on 1 June 2012. National Weather Service (NWS) Wakefield confirmed EF1 tornado, estimated maximum wind speed 98 mph, impacted the City of Hampton around 8:13 pm on 1 June. NWS Wakefield confirmed high end EF0, maximum winds estimated 80-85 mph, impacted the City of Petersburg from 7:08 pm to 7:14 pm on 1 June.

Casualties: 7 injuries; 0 fatalities

- City of Petersburg – 5 minor injuries
- City of Hampton – 1 minor injury; 1 transported to local hospital, extent of injuries unknown

Emergency Declarations: 1 – City of Petersburg at 7:45 pm. 1 June

Local Emergency Operations Centers Open: 1

City of Petersburg – 7:30 am 2 June

City of Hampton – closed 1:30 pm 2 June

Local Shelters Open and Number of Occupants: None

Local Reports:

- **City of Hampton:** Most significant areas of damage follow the Hampton River from Hampton Roads, impacting the neighborhoods of Easthampton, Southampton, Merrimac Shores, Sussex, Victoria/Park Place, and the Downtown area
 - **Damage assessments completed on 2 June**
 - **Major damage**
 - **Single family homes – 5**
 - **Business/Industry – 1**
 - **Minor damage**
 - **Single family homes – 201**
 - **Multi-family – 99**
 - **Business/Industry – 2**
 - **Debris removal operations scheduled to continue on 4 June**
 - Significant damage to vessels at Hampton Yacht Club
 - **Blackbeard Festival reopened 2 June at 2 pm after fire and Health Department assessments and safety inspections completed**
 - No unmet needs
- **City of Petersburg:** Most significant damage occurred in East Walnut Hill neighborhood and northeast sections of Oakhurst neighborhood.
 - Approximately 100 homes damaged
 - Voluntary evacuation of affected areas
 - Damage assessment underway
 - Debris impacting roads, public transportation routes rerouted
 - Telephone lines down in impacted areas with limited communication available in affected areas
 - No unmet needs at this time

National Weather Service Tornado Reports (This information is preliminary and subject to change pending final review of the event (s))

- City of Petersburg: EF0 tornado tracked approximately 3 miles beginning on the western edge of Ft. Hayes Common, where a couple trees were damaged, then continued northeast through

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portions of the Battlefield Park, Oakhurst, and East Walnut Hill sections of Petersburg. The tornado then crossed Interstate 95, causing damage, mainly windows blown out and signs damaged, just east of the intersection of Rt. 460 and Hickory Hill Rd. The last minor damage/debris was observed on the north side of Hickory Hill Rd. near the entrance of Petersburg National Battlefield Park. In general, the damage was characterized by trees, large limbs and power lines down. A number of trees fell on homes. The most significant damage occurred in the East Walnut Hill neighborhood, and the northeast sections of the Oakhurst neighborhood. In addition to the tornado damage, straight line wind damage to trees was observed in the eastern sections of the Oakhurst neighborhood and on Poe Lane (just west of Rt. 460). The time of these 2 events would be 711 pm and 714 pm respectively.

- City of Hampton: EF1 tornado tracked approximately 3.5 miles beginning as a waterspout touchdown with power flashes on Monitor Merrimac Bridge. Its track went over Chesapeake Avenue, through downtown Hampton, to the Hampton Yacht Club before moving into the Chesapeake Bay. Tents at the Blackbeard Festival were blown over; hundreds of homes were damaged at both the Merrimac Shores and Withe neighborhoods; at the Hampton Yacht Club windows were blown out and the roof was partially damaged; the Hampton Roads Amory sea food building on sunset road also experienced roof damage; several boats damaged at the Crown Plaza Hotel Marina on King Street.

Power Outages: All storm related power outages restored 2 June

Transportation: per VDOT 511

Impassable: 2 primary and 6 secondary

VDEM/VEOC

- Increased Readiness
- Incident Management Cadre monitoring situation and prepared to assist as needed
- Public Affairs monitoring media outlets, traditional and social

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