

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

## December 25 Winter Storm Situation Report #4 27 December 2010 0700 hours

Updated material in bold

### SUMMARY

Governor McDonnell declared a State of Emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia at 1130 hours on 25 December 2010 authorizing state agencies to assist local governments responding to potential major winter storm forecasted to impact the Commonwealth beginning Saturday, 25 December, through Monday, 27 December, with potential snow accumulations of 6 to 10 inches.

### EXECUTIVE ACTION

- EOC Activation:** VEOC at Full Augmentation with ESF staffing beginning 0700 26 December.
- State of Emergency:** Governor McDonnell declared an emergency for the Commonwealth at 1130 on 25 December.
- State Declarations** *Delaware declared a state of emergency at 1600 on 26 December*  
North Carolina declared a state of emergency at 1730 on 25 December.  
Maryland declared a state of emergency at 2200 on 25 December.
- Local Protective Actions:** Local Emergencies Declared (3):  
Essex; 1200 26 December  
Norfolk; 1330 26 December  
Virginia Beach; 1200 26 December
- Local Emergency Operation Centers Opened (4):  
Essex; 1200 26 December  
Isle of Wight; 2100 25 December  
Virginia Beach; 1200 26 December  
Suffolk; 0800 26 December
- Local Emergency Operation Centers Closed (1):  
Suffolk 1630 26 December
- Local Shelters Open:  
Virginia Beach – Salem High School  
Hampton- Ivy Church Homeless Shelter
- Requests for Assistance Received:  
No requests for assistance at this time.
- VERT Operations / Priorities
- Ensure life safety of the public and first responders during the event.
  - Maintain situational awareness, especially regarding traffic conditions, power outages, and potential sheltering and life-threatening events.
  - Maintain traffic flow on interstates and primary roads.
  - Provide timely information and messaging to the public and other stakeholders regarding the event.
  - Be ready to provide resource information and assistance to localities and state agencies.

- Anticipate worst-case scenario events and be proactive in prepositioning resources and providing information to other decision makers.

**ESF 1 – Transportation**

**VA Department of Transportation (VDOT)**  
**Roads:**

**Maintaining situational awareness on current road conditions and transportation infrastructure.**

**Total road closures statewide: all roads are open.**

**VDOT continuing snow and ice control operational plans in impacted areas. As of 2300 Hrs 26 December VDOT crews are fully mobilized in the Hampton Roads Region and responding in 12 hour shifts. Teams will continue to plow snow off of state-maintained roads, first addressing interstate and primary routes, and then working through secondary routes (those with route numbers 600 and above). High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) reversible roadway lanes in the HR region will not be open the morning of 27 December.**

**Conditions have improved on Interstates and Primary Roads. Interstates are demonstrating moderate to severe conditions with greatest improvements on the Peninsula. State maintained primaries are in moderate condition.**

**VDOT will fulfill National Guard’s request for fuel for 4 Humvees deployed to the Eastern Shore. There are no tunnel disruptions in the Hampton Roads area as of 0725 hours. Reviewing logistic resources from current operations and addressing supply operations. Weight waiver issued, effective 1200 hours, regarding delivery of essential supplies associated with the current event operation. Impact to secondary roads is extensive.**

**Rail:**

**VRE to operate full service on 27 December**

Norfolk-Portsmouth Beltline Railroad suspended service on 12/26.

**Air:**

**Airport closures:**

**City of Suffolk Executive Airport closed.**

**ESF 7 – Logistics**

**Resource Support**

**Supporting VERT Operations. No unmet needs.**

**ESF 8 – Public Health**

**VA Department of Health (VDH)**

**As of 1900 hrs 26 December VDH reps are no longer staffing VEOC ESFs 3 & 8, but will continue to monitor situation and will collaborate on information sharing, shelter staffing, warming stations, and status of health care facilities.**

**ESF 12 – Energy**

**State Corporation Commission (SCC)**

***Dominion Power outages by service area:***

Northern Virginia	1
Shenandoah Valley / Western Piedmont	0
Richmond Metro / Tri-Cities	66
Southside Virginia Area	0
Gloucester / Northern Neck	0
Southeastern Virginia Area	867
<b>Statewide Dominion Total:</b>	<b>879</b>

Estimated restoration time for most Dominion serviced areas is 2100 26 December; however, winds could impact estimated restoration times

No significant Co-op outages to report.

**ESF 13 – Public Safety**

**VA State Police (VSP)**

State Police continue to respond to minor traffic accidents across Hampton Roads where snow accumulations are heaviest.

*Calls by Division as of 0300 27 December*

D1 161 crashes/71 disabled vehicles

D2 19 crashes/12 disabled vehicles

D3 31 crashes/25 disabled vehicles

D4 21 crashes/27 disabled vehicles

D5 345 crashes/204 disabled vehicles

D6 36 crashes/26 disabled vehicles

D7 8 crashes/30 disabled vehicles

**ESF 14 – Recovery**

**VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)**

Conducting preliminary assessments on snow total data. Will assess need for Presidential Emergency Declaration request given new per capita thresholds. Will seek state and local cost data for this event.

**ESF 15 – External Affairs**

**VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)**

*No activity 1900 26 December-0700 27 December*

Media interest has been fairly low today regarding the storm and state readiness, with only six interview requests recorded, primarily from national media. Social media circulated information put out by VDEM and VDOT.

**ESF 16 – Military Support**

**VA Department of Military Affairs (DMA)**

126 persons on state active duty

3 missions accepted

**VERT PLANNING SECTION**

Maintaining situational awareness. Preparing and distributing State Situation Reports, Coordination Action Plans, shift change situational briefings, and special briefings to senior leadership as needed. Continue demobilization plan.

**Weather Forecast:**

Commonwealth Overview: Cold with highs between 23 and 34 degrees today; lows between 11 and 17 degrees tonight. Winds speeds will range between 14 to 26 with gusts to 48. General clearing throughout the day with the exception of the Southwest Virginia where winds will *create blowing snow conditions and Wind Chills below 0.*

Southwest – High temperatures near 23; dropping to 11 overnight. Wind speeds steady at 21-24 mph with gusts up to 47 mph creating blowing snow and wind chill temperatures near -2.

West Central/Northwest/Northern – General clearing throughout the day. High temperatures near 32; dropping to 17 overnight. Wind speeds will range between 16-26 mph with gusts up to 48 mph.

Central /Southeastern – General clearing throughout the day. High temperatures near 34; dropping to 17 overnight. Winds steady at 14-21mph with gusts up to 31

**mph creating blowing snow. Snow will taper off today with perhaps an additional inch of accumulation.**

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