

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2010-02 Winter Storm February 5-6 & 9-10

Situation Report #12

1700 10 February 2010

SUMMARY

Governor McDonnell declared a State of Emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on 3 February 2010 authorizing state agencies to assist local governments responding to major winter storm impacting the Commonwealth Friday and Saturday, 5 and 6 February. Governor McDonnell updated the existing State of Emergency ensuring that the response process will continue unimpeded as the Commonwealth continues to be impacted by severe winter weather.

NWS Sterling has issued a *Blizzard Warning* in effect through 1900 tonight. Expect to see wind gusts of 45-55mph in northern Virginia. These effects will bring visibility to near zero. Expect temperatures in the mid 20's to low 30's today, with wind chills around 5-15 degrees. Additional snow accumulation will be in the range of 5-10 inches with values increasing as you move northwest from Staunton to D.C.

[NWS Sterling](#)

NWS Wakefield has issued a *Blizzard Warning* for Accomack County and a *Winter Storm Watch* through Wednesday night for most of their warning area. A *High Wind Warning* has been issued through Wednesday night. A *Storm Warning* has been issued for coastal areas until 0600 Thursday 11 February. A *Storm Warning* means that winds of 39 to 54 mph are occurring or are expected within the next 24 hours. [NWS Wakefield](#)

NWS Blacksburg has issued a *Winter Storm Warning* through Wednesday morning. A *High Wind Warning* has been issued through 0500 Thursday 11 February with winds sustained at 15 to 20 mph with gusts of 55 – 65 mph, with higher amounts possible across higher elevations. [NWS Blacksburg](#)

EXECUTIVE ACTION

- VEOC Activation:** VEOC at Response Operations.
FEMA Region III State Liaison Officer on-site.
- State of Emergency:** Governor McDonnell declared an emergency for the Commonwealth in [Executive Order #4](#) on Wednesday evening February 3, 2010 and continued the declaration for the continued severe winter weather in [Executive Order #7](#).
- Contiguous State Declarations** West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware, Pennsylvania
- State Coordinator** The State Coordinator has issued a limited exemption of hours worked for carriers transporting essential relief supplies providing essential services and/or restoration of utilities. If there are any questions, contact the VERT Coordinator at (804) 674-2400.
- Protective Actions:** Local emergencies declared at the peak of the emergency: 43
Locality's currently under a local declaration of emergency: 41 (1 Declared since last report) (1 No longer under declaration)
[CLICK FOR VDEM REGIONS](#)
Region 1 (-1): King and Queen County
Region 2: Frederick County, Fredericksburg City, Greene County, Madison County, Caroline County, Shenandoah County, Page County, Winchester City, Orange County, Culpeper County, King George County, Fauquier County, Rappahannock County, Spotsylvania County, Warren County, Clarke County, Louisa County
Region 3: Augusta County, Charlottesville City, Albemarle County, Staunton City, Fluvanna County, Rockingham County, **Harrisonburg City**
Region 4: Tazewell County, Pulaski County

Region 6: Pittsylvania County, Rockbridge County, Danville City, Franklin County, Bedford County, Martinsville City, Henry County
Region 7: Manassas Park City, Alexandria City, Stafford County, Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Prince William County, Manassas City

Local Emergency Operation Centers Currently Open: 19 (4 Opened since the last report) (1 Closed since the last report)

Region 2: Clarke County, Culpeper County, Shenandoah County, Fauquier County, Orange County, **Frederick County, King George (Closed since last report)**
Region 3: Charlottesville City, Fluvanna County, **Albemarle County**
Region 4: Russell County
Region 7: Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Fairfax City, Prince William County, Alexandria City, Stafford County, Manassas City, **Manassas Park City, Arlington County**

19 Local Shelters Open with 71 Occupants (16 fewer than the last report)

Region 2: Culpeper County: Salem VFD 0, St Stephen's Church 10
Clarke County: Johnston Williams Middle School 5
Louisa County: Lake Anna Rescue 0, Louisa MS 15
Madison County: Madison County Fire Department 0
Orange County: Orange County High School **3 (-9)**
Spotsylvania County: Thornburn MS **(Closed)**
Warren County: Fire Station #6 10, Fire Station #3 7
Shenandoah County: Peter Muhlenburg MS **(Closed)**
Rappahannock County: Rappahannock HS 0
Page County: Stanley FD **(Closed)**
Fauquier County: Brumfield 0
Frederick County: James Wood MS 0
King George County: King George Citizens Center 0
Region 3: Fluvanna County: Palmyra Fire Station 7, Lake Monticello Club House 0
Albemarle County: Earlysville VFD **(Closed)**
Region 7: Prince William County: Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department 9
Alexandria: Charles Houston Recreation Center 5
Stafford County: Government Center Bldg One 0
Arlington County: Washington Lee HS 0

Local Initial Damage Assessments (2 more since the last report)

Region 1: Chesterfield County
Region 2: Caroline County, Culpeper County, **Shenandoah County**
Region 3: Rockingham County, Town of Farmville
Region 4: Pulaski County
Region 6: Martinsville City, **Henry County**

VERT OPERATIONS

Priority is life safety and continued support of operations to restore critical infrastructure impacted by the storm.

Requests for Assistance Received 191 (8 more than the last report)

Accepted (1), Cancelled (**28**), Completed (**109**), Declined (7),
In Review (**2**), In Transport (0), In Use (**44**)

VERT OPS: **3**
ESF 1 (Transportation): 9
ESF 2 (Communications): **3**
ESF 4 (Firefighting): **13**
ESF 7 (Logistics): 54
ESF 8 (Health & Human Services): **5**
ESF 10 (HazMat): 1
ESF 12 (Energy): 3
ESF 15 (External Affairs): 1
ESF 16 (Military Affairs): **97**
ESF 17 (Volunteers & Donations): 2

Local Support Services:

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

The Southwest Mobile Command Post deployed 8 February, and remains on scene, in support of HAZMAT operations in Pulaski County. Region 7 Coordinator is onsite at PSTOC, Fairfax County to provide assistance.

ESF 1 – Transportation

VA Department of Transportation (VDOT) <http://511virginia.org/Ask511>

Impacted Roadway Summary:

<u>District</u>	<u>Interstate</u>	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>
Bristol	moderate - minor	minor - severe	minor - severe
Culpeper	minor - moderate	minor - moderate	minor - moderate
Fredericksburg	clear	minor	minor - moderate
Hampton Roads	clear	clear - moderate	clear - moderate
Lynchburg		clear - minor	clear - moderate
NoVA	minor - severe	moderate - severe	moderate - severe
Richmond	clear - moderate	clear - moderate	clear - moderate
Salem	minor	minor - moderate	minor - moderate
Staunton	moderate - minor	moderate - severe	minor - severe

Airline Status Update as of 1000h 10 February:

Richmond International: Open with significant impacts on flight schedules.

Norfolk International: Open with most flights on schedule.

Newport News/Williamsburg: Open with on schedule flights and delays.

Shenandoah Valley: Closed; All United flights cancelled; expected open today.

Roanoke Regional: Open with most flights on time.

Charlottesville: Open; All United flights cancelled; US Air flights running w/ delay.

Lynchburg Regional: Open and operating normally.

Washington Dulles & Reagan National: No flight operations expected today.

ESF 4 – Firefighting

VA Department Forestry (VDOF)

The VDOF IMT assigned to Alexandria is helping to coordinate snow removal and fire/EMS response operations for the city. Two VDOF chainsaw crews remain active in Central Virginia (based out of Fluvanna County) as well as in the Shenandoah Valley (based out of Shenandoah County). One VDOF Dozer crew remains active with clearing operations in Fauquier County and the agency has also provided two additional heavy equipment operators to VDOT in Tappahannock.

ESF 7 – Logistics

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Status of Statewide Mutual Aid Requests

City of Alexandria Request for: ALS Strike Teams being worked by: Newport News (1 Unit), and Hanover (1 Unit); Request for an EOC Manager/WebEOC Specialist has been filled by Virginia Beach.

ESF 8 – Public Health

VA Department of Health (VDH)

OCME reports 3 confirmed storm related fatalities and 2 additional fatalities currently pending confirmation. Coordination is in place with Local Health Departments (LHDs) and Regional Hospital Coordination Centers (RHCCs). LHDs are coordinating with the local EOCs, EMS organizations, hospitals and other healthcare facilities. LHDs also are providing public health support to local sheltering efforts.

ESF 9 Search & Rescue

Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFFP)

Augmented as of 0700 10 February in response to the increased risk of building collapses due to additional heavy snowfall amounts.

ESF 12 – Energy

State Corporation Commission (SCC)

Status of Restoration Efforts from February 5/6 2010 Storm:

Dominion - Completed restoration for this storm

APCo - Completed restoration for this storm

Central VA Co-Op - 400 without power

NVEC - 190 without power

Rappahannock Electric - 1,625 without power, includes:

- Louisa: 300
- Culpeper: 300
- Spotsylvania: 300

Alleghany Electric - 500 without power

For February 9/10 2010 Storm as of 1600:

Dominion - 7,200

APCo - 5,350 (primarily in Roanoke Valley; Expect restoration today- tomorrow)

Virginia Co-Op's – Approximately 200

ESF 13 – Public Safety

VA Department of State Police (VSP)

Statistics are since 9 February 2010

Number of crashes by type:

Fatalities: 0

Personal Injury: 80

Property Damage: 706

State Owned Vehicle: 19

Total number of Accidents Reported: 805

Total Number of Disabled Vehicles: 769

Total Calls Dispatched: 2154

ESF 15 – External Affairs

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Assisted with Governor’s media conference. Distributed roof safety news release.

Conducting outreach with Spanish language radio stations. Published storm-focused EM Update. Coordinating response to constituent inquiries.

Maintaining Google map and online list of local shelters. Developed and

distributed talking points for local governments, state agencies, governor’s office, local and regional emergency coordinators, and legislative liaison.

Updating Web site, disaster blog and Twitter. Responding to media calls.

Coordinating messaging among VERT agencies. Monitoring broadcast and online media reports.

ESF 16 – Military Support

VA Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

ESF 16 has processed 97 mission requests; 24 are active. Primary tasks are Transport and command and control. Currently repositioning and reallocating forces to meet 500 manpower ceiling. Planning for demobilization.

ESF 17 – Volunteers and Donations

VA Department of Emergency Management

Accepted mission for locating 10 volunteers trained to operate chainsaws to assist the City of Alexandria. Volunteers are needed by 11 February 2010 at 0800. We are currently contacting local CERT coordinators in the vicinity of the city for assistance. Additionally will contact Virginia Beach CERT that does have chainsaw trained volunteers to see if any of those folks would be willing to travel to Alexandria.

VERT PLANNING SECTION

Producing the Coordination Action Plan, State Situation Reports, and supporting ESF's with GIS products.

Local Activities

Region II:

Frederick County reported a structural collapse of Garbers Ice Cream. Caroline County reported a structural collapse of a lean to shed resulting in one fatality. **Louisa reports the collapse of a church within the county.**

Region III:

Albemarle County reported a partial roof collapse of the 84 Lumber Building.

Region IV:

Tazewell County reported the collapse of one structure, no injuries reported. Pulaski County reported nine buildings collapsed, one was at the Conny Oil Company resulting in a hazmat incident.

Region VI:

Pittsylvania and Covington 911 centers and jails are back on commercial power. City of Danville buses are not operating.

Region VII:

Manassas Regional Airport has reported the total collapse of an aircraft hanger. Fairfax County reported that the partial roof collapse of Baileys Crossroads Fire Station #10, with no injuries reported. Mayfield Intermediate School, Manassas City has officially been "condemned" for occupancy by local building officials due to visual roof truss damage caused by heavy snow. Stafford County reported a complete roof collapse of a 30 x 125 WWII semi-circle warehouse storage building at the Gari Melcher's Complex.

Contiguous State Activity

Pennsylvania DOT website current listing: due to blizzard conditions the entire length of Interstates: 76, 78, 83, 176, 476, 676 and PA 581 have been closed. Also I81 is closed from the Maryland state line to I80. Motorists have been advised to avoid all travel.

Federal Activity

DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano called state and local leaders from the east coast region impacted by the current snow storm—relaying the Department's continued support and underscoring the importance of ongoing partnerships between local first responders and the federal government.

Weather Forecast

West Central VA:

30% Chance of scattered snow showers overnight with no significant accumulation expected. Low temperatures around 23 degrees. Sustained WNW winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts of 50+ mph.

Southwest VA:

80% Chance of snow overnight with additional accumulations of 2 to 7 inches possible. Low temperatures around 17 degrees. Sustained WNW winds of 20 to 35 mph with gusts of 50+ mph.

Northern VA:

40% Chance of snow overnight with additional accumulations of less than 1 inch expected. Low temperatures around 18 degrees. Sustained NW winds of 23 to 31 mph with gusts of 50+ mph.

Central VA:

Mostly cloudy with low temperatures around 22 degrees. Sustained WNW winds of 16 to 25 mph with gusts of 38+ mph.

Eastern VA:

20% Chance of snow before midnight with no accumulation expected. Sustained NW winds of 20 to 29 mph with gusts of 34+ mph.

****Northern Neck & Northern Accomack County: 70% Chance of snow with 1 to 3 inches of additional accumulation expected. Sustained NW winds of 24 to 32 mph with gusts of 49+ mph.***

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