

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 #13

0700 11 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 Hazardous Weather Outlook for Northern and Central Virginia which includes strong northwest winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts up to 40 mph tonight. These winds will cause blowing snow and snow drifts to continue, resulting in treacherous travel conditions. [NWS Sterling](#)

NWS Wakefield has issued a *Gale Warning* for coastal areas until 1600 hours 11 February. [NWS Wakefield](#)

NWS Blacksburg has issued a *High Wind Warning* through 0500 Thursday 11 February with wind gusts of 65 – 80 mph, especially just east of the Blue Ridge. A **Blizzard Warning** has been issued for Grayson County until 1300 hours 11 February. [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 #5](#) 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: 44**
Locality's currently under a local declaration of emergency: 43 (1 Declared since last report)
[CLICK FOR VDEM REGIONS](#)
Region 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, **Craig 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: 18 (1 Opened Since Last Report)

Region 2: Clarke County, Shenandoah County,
Fauquier County, Orange County, Frederick County
Region 3: Fluvanna County, Albemarle County
Region 4: Russell County
Region 6: **Craig 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

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
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 (9)

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 194 (3 more than the last report)

Accepted (1), Cancelled (29), Completed (114), Declined (7),
In Review (1), In Transport (0), In Use (42)

VERT OPS: 3
ESF 1 (Transportation): 9
ESF 2 (Communications): 3
ESF 4 (Firefighting): 12
ESF 7 (Logistics): 56
ESF 8 (Health & Human Services): 5
ESF 10 (HazMat): 1
ESF 12 (Energy): 4
ESF 15 (External Affairs): 1
ESF 16 (Military Affairs): 98
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 clear of the scene of the PSTOC in Fairfax County and returning home.**

ESF 1 – Transportation

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

Impacted Roadway Summary as of 0400h 11 February:

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

46 secondary roads closed due to high water.

Airline Status Update as of 0200h 11 February:

Richmond International: Open, additional flight cancelations are expected.

Washington Dulles & Reagan National: No flight operations until further notice.

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. **Staff has been monitoring the situation and poling information from the VDFP personnel in the field on weather conditions.**

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. **Request for Planning Section IMT is in route and being filled by the Department of Forestry.**

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

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

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)

For February 9/11 2010 Storm as of 0300:

Dominion – **714 (-6,486)**

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

Virginia Co-Op's – Approximately **560**

ESF 13 – Public Safety

VA Department of State Police (VSP) as of 0630 11 February

Number of crashes by type:

Fatalities: 0

Injury Accidents: **102**

Property Damage Accidents: **876**

State Owned Vehicle: **31**

Total number of Accidents Reported: **1,009**

Total Number of Disabled Vehicles: **1,043**

Total Calls Dispatched: **2,793**

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 98 mission requests; 19 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. 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. **Franklin County reported that one apartment complex received damage after large tree fell across roof.**

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, 176, 476, and 676.

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: **THURSDAY:** Partly cloudy, with low temperatures in the low 20's, winds west around 18 mph, with gusts as high as 37 mph. **THURSDAY NIGHT:** Partly cloudy, with a low temperatures in the upper teens, winds west between 9 and 15 mph.

Southwest VA: **THURSDAY:** Scattered snow showers, mainly before 3pm, with high temperatures in the upper 20's, winds west between 16 and 26 mph, with gusts as high as 37 mph. Little or no snow accumulation expected. **THURSDAY NIGHT:** A slight chance of snow showers before 7pm with low temperatures in the lower teens, winds northwest between 10 and 15 mph.

Northern VA: **THURSDAY:** Mostly sunny, with high temperatures in the lower 30's, winds northwest between 18 and 21 mph. **THURSDAY NIGHT:** Mostly clear, with low temperatures in the upper teens, winds northwest between 11 and 15 mph.

Central VA: **THURSDAY:** Sunny, with high temperatures in the lower 40's, winds northwest between 10 and 17 mph. **THURSDAY NIGHT:** Mostly clear, with low temperatures in the lower 20's, winds west between 6 and 8 mph.

Eastern VA: **THURSDAY:** Sunny, with high temperatures in the lower 40's, winds northwest between 10 and 15 mph. **THURSDAY NIGHT:** Mostly clear, with low temperatures in the upper teens, winds northwest between 5 and 8 mph

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