

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2010-02 Winter Storm February 5-6

Situation Report #8

0800 9 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 in the days ahead.**

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NWS Wakefield has issued a *Winter Storm Watch* from Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday night for most of Regions One and Five. [NWS Wakefield](#)

NWS Blacksburg has issued a *Winter Storm Warning* from Tuesday evening through Wednesday morning. [NWS Blacksburg](#)

EXECUTIVE ACTION

- EOC Activation:** VEOC at Response Operations.
FEMA Region III State Liaison Officer on-site.
- State of Emergency:** Governor McDonnell declared an emergency for the Commonwealth on Wednesday evening, February 3, 2010
- Contiguous State Declarations** ***West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware, Pennsylvania***
- Protective Actions:** **Local emergencies declared at the peak of the emergency (39)**
Locality's currently under a local declaration of emergency (38)
[CLICK FOR VDEM REGIONS](#)
Region 1: Essex County, 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
Region 3: Augusta County, Charlottesville City, Albemarle County, Staunton City, Fluvanna County
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
- Local Emergency Operation Centers Opened (20)**
Region 2: Culpepper County, Shenandoah County, Page County, King George County, Fauquier County, Orange County, **Frederick County (Closed)**
Region 3: Charlottesville City, Albemarle County, Fluvanna County
Region 4: Russell County, **Pulaski County (Closed)**
Region 6: Danville City, Henry County, Rockbridge County,

Pittsylvania County (Closed),

Region 7: Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Fairfax City, Prince William County, Manassas Park City, Alexandria City, Stafford County

(15) Local Shelters Open with (125) Occupants

Region 2: Culpeper County: Salem VFD (3), St Stephen’s Church (14)

Fauquier County: Brumfield ES (13)

Louisa County: Lake Anna Rescue (0), Louisa MS (26)

Madison County: Madison County Fire Department (1)

Orange County: Orange County High School (11),

Spotsylvania County: Thornburn MS (8)

Warren County: Fire Station #6 (8), Fire Station #1 (0)

Region 3: Charlottesville/Albemarle: Monticello HS (12)

Fluvanna County: Palmyra Fire Station (12),

Lake Monticello Club House (15)

Region 7: Prince William County: Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department (2)

Local Initial Damage Assessments

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private Property (\$)</u>	<u>Public Property (\$)</u>
Region 4: Pulaski County	101,500	4,200
Region 6: Martinsville City	0	57,948

VERT OPERATIONS

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

Requests for Assistance Received (155)

**Accepted (6), Cancelled (24), Completed (69), Declined (2),
In Review (6), In Transport (5), In Use (37)**

- ESF 1 (Transportation): 15
- ESF 2 (Communications): 1
- ESF 4 (Firefighting): 11
- ESF 7 (Logistics): 40
- ESF 8 (Health & Human Services): 2
- ESF 10 (HazMat): 1
- ESF 12 (Energy): 3
- ESF 15 (External Affairs): 1
- ESF 16 (Military Affairs): 78
- ESF 17 (Volunteers & Donations): 1

Local Support Services:

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

The Southwest Mobile Command Post deployed this morning, 8 February in support of hazmat operations in Pulaski County.

ESF 1 – Transportation

VA Department of Transportation (VDOT)

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

41 roads impacted by flooding including 3 washed out

ESF 4 – Firefighting

VA Department Forestry (VDOF)

Dozer crews will be assisting VDOT with road clearing operations in Rappahannock and Fauquier County. Chainsaw crews will be working in Shenandoah County. A Type 3 IMT will begin supporting EOC operations in Alexandria.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

VA Department of Social Services (VDSS)

2-1-1 VIRGINIA answered 600 calls between February 5 and 7. About 37% were related to disaster response. Most of these calls were from the areas hardest hit by the storm.

ESF 8 – Public Health

VA Department of Health (VDH)

OCME has confirmed 3 storm related fatalities.

ESF 12 – Energy

State Corporation Commission (SCC)

Total: 20,435 (-22,180)
Dominion: 3,830 (-7,170)
APCo: 1,700 (-2,300)
Allegheny: 2,230 (-3,460)
Cooperatives: 12,675 (-9,250)

Status of Restoration Efforts:

Allegheny Power has reported that restoration to all customers may take until Feb. 12. APCo reported that they expect to complete restoration to all customers by Tuesday evening, February 9th.

ESF 13 – Public Safety

VA Department of State Police (VSP)

Total Calls Dispatched – 4,824

Number of Traffic Crashes by Type:

- Fatal Accidents – 2
- Personal Injury – 148
- State Vehicle Accidents – 40
- Property Damage Accidents – 1,632
- Disabled Vehicles – 1,912

ESF 16 – Military Support

VA Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

DMA continues Winter Storm operations under a force cap of 700 personnel. 421 personnel are currently on state duty staged from 10 armory locations from NOVA to central VA. Mission sets continue to support EMS response and law enforcement support. DMA relocated a contingent of 55 personnel and 17 vehicles to the EOC in Fairfax County. Relocation of additional forces to this location is contingent upon a weather assessment.

ESF 15 – External Affairs

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Sent out a news release on food safety in the aftermath of the winter storm to statewide media outlets and local and state PIOs.

VERT PLANNING SECTION

Revised conference call schedule for 9 Feb 2010:

0800 – Regions 1 & 5

0845 – Regions 2, 3 & 7

0930 – Regions 4 & 6

1015 – State Agencies

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

Local Activities

- Region I:** Boil Water Notice issued in Prince George County for Prince George Industrial Park; Population served: 1,650.
- Region II:** Frederick County reported a structural collapse of Garbers Ice Cream.
- 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
- Region VII:** City of Alexandria had four nursing homes on generator power, 2 have returned to normal operations. Falls Church water pumping station that supplies the Tyson's Corner is back to normal operations. Manassas Regional Airport has reported the total collapse of an aircraft hanger. The City of Fairfax's Water Facility, located in Loudoun County is back on commercial power. Fairfax County reported that the partial roof collapse of Baileys Crossroads Fire Station #10, with no injuries reported.
- Federal Activity** ***Office of Personnel Management made the announcement that the Federal government will be closed on Tuesday 9 February.***

Weather Forecast

Northern/Northwest VA: Tuesday: NWS Sterling has issued a Winter Storm Warning for D.C. Metro effective 1200 Tuesday to 1900 Wednesday. The NWS Storm Prediction Center currently shows a 10-40% chance of the storm generating over 10-20 inches. The storm is currently forecast to arrive around 2-3PM Tues, and will last into Wed late afternoon. Temperatures will start near freezing, but will drop into the mid-upper 20's during the storm. Wednesday's high is 33-36. NW winds at 15-25 MPH. **Tuesday Night:** Snow with low temperatures in the mid 20's, chance of precipitation is 90%, winds southeast then becoming north at 8mph. **Wednesday:** Snow likely, mainly before noon with high temperatures in the low 30's, winds west between 14 and 21 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Southwest/West Central VA: Tuesday: Snow and sleet before 4pm, then rain and sleet between 4pm and 5pm, then snow and sleet after 5pm. High temperatures in the mid 30's, winds south between 6 and 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New snow and sleet accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible. **Tuesday Night:** Rain, snow, and sleet, becoming all snow after midnight with low temperatures in the low 20's, winds west 6 to 9 mph increasing to between 17 and 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible. **Wednesday:** A chance of snow showers with a high temperatures in the upper 20's, winds west wind between 21 and 28 mph, with gusts as high as 41 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Central/Eastern VA: Flood Warning continues for the Nottoway River and Blackwater Rivers. Tuesday: Rain near the coast with a slight chance of snow and sleet further inland between 10am and noon, then rain, possibly mixed with sleet. High temperatures in the mid 30's, winds becoming southeast around 5 mph with an 80% chance of precipitation, little or no snow accumulation expected. **Tuesday Night:** Rain before 1am near the coast, then a chance of snow and sleet, while a chance of snow further inland with low temperatures in the mid 30's, winds north between 5 and 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New precipitation amounts show between 2-4 inches possible. **Wednesday:** A chance of snow showers inland before 1pm with rain and sleet towards the coast, high temperatures in the upper 30's, winds west between 11 and 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

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