

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2012-06-29 Severe Weather
Situation Report #1
June 30, 2012 12:00 hours

SUMMARY

Lines of severe thunderstorms with winds surpassing 80 mph impacted the Commonwealth during the evening on Friday, 29 June, and continued into the early morning hours of Saturday, 30 June.

Severe weather (thunderstorms, high winds, hail, and extreme heat) is expected again today across the Commonwealth. Temperatures will reach as high as 105 degrees with heat index values expected to reach 112 degrees.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

Governor Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency at 1100 hours on 30 June 2012 due to severe weather that impacted the Commonwealth on 29 June 2012.

Protective Actions

Local Emergencies Declared (12):

Albemarle County	02:03 on 30 June
Bath County	09:30 on 30 June
Botetourt County	01:50 on 30 June
Craig County	22:06 on 29 June
Franklin County	23:33 on 29 June
Highland County	20:58 on 29 June
Middlesex County	05:00 on 30 June
Orange County	11:11 on 30 June
Pulaski County	10:59 on 30 June
Rockbridge County	08:20 on 30 June
Rockingham County	11:00 on 30 June
Stafford County	10:55 on 30 June

Local Emergency Operation Centers Open (16):

Albemarle County/Charlottesville, City of
Bath County
Botetourt County
Craig County
Fairfax County
Franklin, City of
Goochland County
Highland County
Loudoun County
Lynchburg, City of
Middlesex County
Nelson County
Page County
Shenandoah County

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

Stafford County
Winchester, City of

Local Shelters Open (1):

Craig County (on generator power) – 8 occupants

Local Cooling Shelters Open (32):

Amherst County – 0 occupants

Augusta/Staunton/Waynesboro – 0 occupants

Botetourt County – 0 occupants

Charlottesville, City of – 0 occupants

Dinwiddie County (3) – 0 occupants

Fairfax, City of (2) – 0 occupants

Fluvanna County – 0 occupants

Halifax County – 0 occupants

Hanover County (4) – 0 occupants

Lunenburg County (3) – 0 occupants

Lynchburg, City of – 0 occupants

Middlesex County – 0 occupants

Nelson County – 0 occupants

Orange County – 0 occupants

Powhatan County – 0 occupants

Pulaski County – 0 occupants

Richmond, City of (2) – 0 occupants

Salem, City of – 0 occupants

Shenandoah County (5) – 0 occupants

Fatalities (6):

Albemarle County – 2

Bedford County – 2

Fairfax County – 2

Injuries (9):

Albemarle – 1

Bath – 1

Craig – 2

Danville – 1

Nelson – 1

Spotsylvania – 2

Waynesboro – 1

Local Damage Reports:

- Frederick County: 1 mobile home destroyed
- City of Lynchburg Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant lost power causing the discharge of 250,000 gallons/hour into the James River at 03:00 on 30 June
- Pulaski County: 1 mountain fire and 1 confirmed structure fire
- Waynesboro, City of: 1 apartment complex, including 10 apartments with damage. Four residents of the apartment complex were evacuated

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

ESF #1 – Transportation

- Closed roads: 473 statewide per www.511virginia.org as of 1100 hours 30 June
- Primary – 45 closed
- Secondary – 523 closed
- VDOT crews continue to work clearance activity on impacted roadways
- No reported impacts or known issues to Air or Rail

ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- VEOC at Response Operations
- Virginia Emergency Response Team augmented

ESF #7 – Logistics Management & Resource Support

- 2 active local requests for assistance – resources being pursued through Statewide Mutual Aid

ESF #8 – Health and Human Services

- Memorial Hospital of Martinsville on emergency power; some concerns with rising temperatures in building; AEP notified and working the situation.
- Alleghany Regional on emergency power; same potential issues with building temperature.
- Alexandria: 1 hospital, 5 nursing homes, and 1 assisted living center all operating on generator power

ESF #12 – Energy

Statewide Total: 987,989

Dominion Power

- | | |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| • Northern Virginia | 429,868 |
| • Shenandoah Valley / Western Piedmont | 113,640 |
| • Richmond Metro / Tri-Cities | 109,288 |
| • Southside Virginia Area | 17,377 |
| • Gloucester / Northern Neck | 16,475 |
| • Southeastern Virginia Area | 14,836 |
| • Statewide Total: | 701,484 |

Electric Co-Operatives

- | | |
|---------------|---------|
| • APCO | 234,930 |
| • Southside | 26,875 |
| • Northern VA | 24,700 |

ESF #15 – External Affairs:

- The Joint Information Center has been opened
- Providing safety information to localities
- Facilitated Governor’s Press Briefing

Weather Forecast:

- Dangerously high temperatures are expected today across the Commonwealth. Temperatures will reach as high as 105 degrees with heat index values expected to reach 112 degrees.

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

- An Excessive Heat Warning is in effect for areas east of the Blue Ridge Mountains until 21:00 this evening.
- A Heat Advisory is in effect until 21:00 this evening for areas of the Commonwealth along the Blue Ridge Mountains.
- A Code Orange Air Quality Alert (unhealthy for sensitive groups) for has been issued today for the Tri-Cities area in Southwest VA, the Richmond Metro Area, and the Hampton Roads area.
- Thunderstorms are expected again for most of the Commonwealth this afternoon and evening. Isolated strong to severe storms are possible with the main threats being damaging winds and large hail.
- Afternoon and evening thunderstorms are expected Sunday into the middle of next week for areas along and west of Interstate 95. Isolated strong to severe storms are possible with the main threats being hail and damaging winds.

Prepared by: VEOC Planning Section

Authority of: Michael Cline, State Coordinator

Approved by: Michael Nelson, VERT Coordinator

All Situation Reports for this event can be found on the VDEM website at:

<http://www.vaemergency.gov/news/sitreps>