

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2012-06-29 Severe Weather

Situation Report #12

July 6, 2012 1200 hours

SUMMARY

New items in bold

Severe thunderstorms with winds surpassing 80 mph impacted the Commonwealth on the evening of Friday, 29 June, and continued into the early morning hours of Saturday, 30 June. Severe thunderstorms again impacted the Commonwealth on the evening of Saturday, 30 June and the afternoon of Sunday, 1 July.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

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

Local Emergencies Declared (44):

No new declarations since Situation Report #11

Local Emergency Operation Centers Open (7):

Albemarle/Charlottesville	Fairfax, City of	Stafford County
Botetourt County	Fairfax County	
Covington, City of	Highland County	

Local Shelters Open (9):

Albemarle County	Amherst County	Pulaski County
Alleghany County	Botetourt County	Roanoke City/County
Alleghany/Covington	Lynchburg, City of (2)	

Local Cooling Centers:

- VDSS is compiling reported local cooling center information and posting to VDEM's website at [Cooling Center Locations](#)
- As many as 140 cooling centers have opened throughout the Commonwealth due to this event

Fatalities (13):

Albemarle County – 2	Montgomery County – 1
Bedford County – 2	Roanoke, City of – 1
Chesapeake, City of – 1	Loudon County – 1
Fairfax County – 4	Richmond, City of – 1

ESF #1 – Transportation

- **Closed roads: 120 as of 1400 hours on 5 July (+65 since Situation Report #11 due to a software reporting error)**
 - **Primary: 11 (+10)**
 - **Secondary: 109 (+55)**
- 1 state request for assistance (**complete**)

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ESF #2 – Communications

- 4 state/local requests for assistance (3 active, 1 complete)
- 9 state sites without network connectivity, restored connectivity to 256 state sites as of 0915 hours on 6 July

ESF #3 – Public Works & Engineering

- 3 private waterworks with water outages as of 1500 on 5 July
 - Albemarle County
 - Montgomery County
 - Pulaski County
- 11 waterworks on Boil Water Notice as of 1500 on 5 July
 - Albemarle County (2 private)
 - Botetourt County (2 govt, 1 private)
 - Fluvanna County (1 private)
 - Franklin, City of (1 private)
 - Prince George County (1 private)
 - Roanoke County (1 govt)
 - Tazewell County (2; 1 govt, 1 private)

ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- VEOC at Response Operations
- Virginia Emergency Response Team augmented

ESF #6 – Mass Care

- Monitoring local shelters and cooling stations

ESF #7 – Logistics Management & Resource Support

- 54 state/local requests for assistance
 - 9 Active
 - 44 Complete

ESF #8 – Public Health & Human Services

- 1 Hospital on generator power as of 1500 on 5 July
- 2 Long Term Care Facilities operating on generator power as of 1500 on 5 July

ESF #11 – Agriculture & Natural Resources

- Monitoring damage assessments and conducting inspections of food establishments

ESF #12 – Energy

- 3 state/local requests for assistance (3 complete)

Power Outages as of 1130 hours:

Statewide	70,601 (-18,169 since Spot Report #5)
APCO	65,512 (-10,139)
• City of Lynchburg	9,863
• Roanoke, City of	9,581
• Amherst County	7,627
• Roanoke County	5,247
• Bedford County	3,831
• Giles County	3,584

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Dominion Power	5,089 (-6,070)
• Shenandoah Valley/Western Piedmont	3,963
• Northern Virginia	760
• Richmond Metro/Tri-Cities	253

ESF #13 – Public Safety & Security

- Continue to monitor the secondary road closures for traffic control

ESF #14 – Long-Term Community Recovery and Mitigation

- Requested cost estimates from electrical co-operatives
- **15 localities have submitted initial damage assessments**

ESF #15 – External Affairs

- Joint Information Center is currently staffed with VDEM public information officer.
- **A news release detailing today's updates was developed and provided to the Governor's Press Office for distribution to media statewide.**
- **PIOs have handled more than 95 media inquiries from international, national, and state media outlets.**
- Multiple social media sites are being updated with information for the public including a blog established at www.virginiaderecho.tumblr.com.

ESF #16 – Military Affairs

- DMA transitioned to Level 0 State Active Duty
- DMA Joint Operations Center normal operations and staff on call through DMA JOC

ESF #17 – Volunteer and Donations Management

- 5 local requests for assistance (**2 active, 3 complete**)
- **Virginia Baptists activated Crisis Care Chaplains to assist with emotional care during the early days of the power outages**
- Assisted with matching corporate donations with localities' needs
- Responded to calls to VDEM from residents with unmet needs related to the storm—**connecting residents with unmet needs with VOAD organizations that may be able to assist**

Weather Forecast

- Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected to move from north to south across most of Virginia this afternoon and evening. Isolated damaging wind gusts, large hail, and heavy rainfall will be possible with some storms.
- Hot temperatures remain in the forecast into the weekend. A Heat Advisory is in effect for most areas of Virginia east of the Blue Ridge Mountains until Saturday evening. Heat index values are expected to reach as high as 109 degrees in some areas.
- A Code Orange Air Quality Alert (unhealthy for sensitive groups) is in effect for the Richmond Metro Area until 2100 this evening.
- An Excessive Heat Watch is in effect for areas of Northwest, Northern, Central, and Eastern VA from Saturday morning until Saturday evening. Heat index values across these areas may reach as high as 112 degrees.
- Isolated strong to severe storms will be possible each afternoon and evening into early next week across Virginia with thunderstorm coverage increasing significantly by Sunday night into

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Tuesday. The main severe threats each day will be strong damaging winds and locally heavy rainfall.

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

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