

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2012-10 Hurricane Sandy

Situation Report #13

November 1 1600 hours

SUMMARY

(New information in bold)

Hurricane Sandy became Post-Tropical Cyclone Sandy just before landfall near Atlantic City, N.J., at 2000 October 29, according to the National Hurricane Center.

The VEOC has transitioned to Recovery Operations at 0700 hours 1 November with minimal staffing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

Governor Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency at 0950 hours on 26 October in anticipation of severe weather impacting the Commonwealth as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Virginia has been awarded federal disaster assistance to support emergency response efforts. Specifically, FEMA is authorized to deploy federal resources if needed by local and state officials.

WEATHER

Friday, 2 November: Partly to mostly cloudy conditions forecast for areas of Southwest, West Central, Northwest and Northern Virginia with partly sunny skies forecast for areas of Central and Eastern Virginia. Daytime high temperatures range in the low to upper 50s with overnight lows in the mid to upper 30s. Winds expected to be 5 to 10 mph with gusts ranging up to 20 mph except in across the Blue Ridge Mountains and along Virginia coast where gusts up to 30 mph are possible. No precipitation is forecast. No National Weather Service advisories, watches and/or warnings in effect.

Local Government Actions

- Total Local Emergency Declarations (60)
- Local Emergency Operations Centers Open: **Russell County and Highland County**
- **There are no local shelters open**

ESF #1 – Transportation

- **Roads impacted as of 1 November 1200 hours:**
 - **No Primary roads and 23 Secondary roads**
- **Virginia Volunteer Pilot Group conducted two photo recon flights of Saxis area of Accomack County.**

ESF #2 – Communications

- **No state facilities are experiencing IT outages.**
- Tazewell County communication tower down due to wind and snow. A temporary solution was identified and is being tested and alternate solutions are also being identified.

ESF #3 – Public Works

- **3 Waterworks are impacted; no residents are reported without water.**

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ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- Coordinating 47 requests for assistance across the Commonwealth.
 - Active – 4
 - Complete – 43

ESF #7 – Logistics Management & Resource Support

- Requests for assistance: 17 (15 complete)
- Monitoring 3 EMAC requests and investigating potential deployment to affected NE states.

ESF #8 – Public Health and Medical Services

- Environmental Health Teams giving emergency disinfection of well information door-to-door in flooded areas, and assisting in reopening of restaurants after power outages.
- 3 Boil Water Notice's are in effect for areas of Culpeper, and portions of Tazewell and Buchanan Counties (affecting 11,320 people).
- Virginia Disaster Medical Assistance Team (VA-1 DMAT) is deploying to assist in response/recovery operations in New Jersey.
- Based on the recommendation of the Division of Shellfish Sanitation (DSS) the closure of the Chesapeake Bay and the Seaside of the Eastern Shore to the harvesting of shellfish has been modified: The lower reaches of the York and Rappahannock Rivers and Mobjack Bay are sufficiently well flushed to open them effective midnight 31 October. The extended condemnation for the Hampton Roads rivers will last for two weeks, as required by the National Shellfish Sanitation Program for areas potentially impacted by viruses.

ESF #9 – Search and Rescue

- VATF-1 and VATF-2 are currently staged in NJ.

ESF #11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources

- All pet shelters are closed.
- VDACS Food Safety Specialists are visiting affected locations; approximately \$103,000 dollars worth of food products have been destroyed due to flooding, power outages, and other issues.

ESF #12 – Energy

- Approximately 5,980 customers are currently without power across the State as of 1530 hours 1 November.

ESF #14 – Recovery & Mitigation

- Received 27 Initial Damage Assessments reports.
- Scheduling Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) starting 2 November.

ESF #15 – External Affairs

- Coordinating with FEMA External Affairs on PDAs.
- Continue to provide talking points to the governor, local and state PIOs, local emergency managers, General Assembly members and others.

ESF #16 – Military Affairs

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- **Final Multifunctional Response Package has been completed. DMA forces will be fully demobilized by 2400 hours tonight.**

ESF #17 – Volunteer & Donations Management

- **Recruiting volunteers for known needs and responding to individuals and groups wishing to volunteer.**
 - **Medical assistance group is on hand to support requirement if needed.**
 - **Recruited volunteers in support of an EMAC request for 1000 volunteers to assist in shelters in New York**
 - **Assisted Americorps teams from MS, NC and VA Beach in locating needs for service in support of Sandy survivors**
 - **Communicated donation offer of hygiene and clean up supplies**
 - **Responded to inquiries regarding Target's donation offer**
 - **Recruited volunteers to assist with clean up in Accomack**
 - **Recruited volunteers to assist with an unmet need on Tangier Island**
 - **Responded to inquiries regarding application of VDRF for Sandy needs**
 - **Participated in Virginia VOAD Conference call**

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

http://www.vaemergency.gov/content/sitreps#hurricane_sandy