

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

## Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2011-08 Hurricane Irene  
Situation Report #16  
September 3, 2011 1300 hours

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*New information in bold*

### SUMMARY

Governor Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency to include authorization to the Department's of State Police, Transportation and Motor Vehicles to grant temporary overweight, over-width, registration, or license exemptions to all carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies or providing restoration of utilities on 25 August for Virginia in preparation for Hurricane Irene. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management issued an hours worked waiver for carriers transporting essential emergency relief supplies on 25 August.

On 27 August the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that federal aid is available to the Commonwealth of Virginia to supplement Commonwealth and local response efforts in the area due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Irene effective 26 August, and continuing. This action authorized FEMA to coordinate all disaster relief efforts in the counties of Accomack, Northampton, Isle of Wight, James City, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland and New Kent and the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg.

On 30 August the Federal Emergency Management Agency approved Virginia's request for 10 localities to be added to the pre-landfall emergency declaration that was issued 26 August, before the arrival of Hurricane Irene. These localities were added at the governor's request: Essex, Gloucester, Henrico, King George, King and Queen, Louisa, Surry, Sussex and York, and the city of Richmond.

### EXECUTIVE ACTION

#### Protective Actions

Local Emergencies Declared (52)

- Region I – 19 localities
- Region II – 4 localities
- Region V – 25 localities
- Region VII – 4 localities

Local Emergency Operation Centers Open (8)

- **Region 1 – 6 localities**
  - Colonial Heights, City of
  - Greensville County
  - King and Queen County
  - New Kent County
  - Richmond, City of
  - Sussex County
- **Region 5 – 2 localities**
  - Suffolk, City of
  - Westmoreland County
- **All local EOCs operating on normal power**

#### ESF #1 – Transportation

- **Closed roads as of 1200, 3 September: 1 Primary, 27 Secondary**
- **All Amtrak East Coast services have been restored**

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### ESF #2 – Communications

- **25 state sites experiencing network connectivity issues as of 1430 on 2 September.**
- 32 Verizon Wireline Central Offices continue to run on generator backup due to no power restoration as of 2 September.

### ESF #3 – Public Works and Engineering

- **Approximately 96 public water systems on boil water notice affecting 21,248 of the 3 million people in the affected area as of 1400, 2 September.**

### ESF #4 – Firefighting

- VDOF's Urban Forest Strike team working in Norfolk assessing hazard tree situations around all Norfolk school properties. Mission expected to be complete by 1600, 3 September.

### ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- VEOC at Response Operations – Hurricane Readiness Condition 5
- Virginia Emergency Response Team – partial augmentation: daytime hours with Incident Management Cadre on call overnight.

### ESF #6 – Mass Care Housing and Human Services

- Many different groups have raised questions regarding D-SNAP, but this program is contingent upon several criteria including a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

### ESF #7 – Logistics Management & Resource Support

Grand Total	Tasked/In Use	Withdrawn	Completed
<b>168</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>116</b>

### ESF # 8 – Health

- **71 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers provided 1,192 hours of volunteer service during this event. Volunteers from Alexandria, Chesapeake, Eastern Shore, Norfolk, Peninsula, Portsmouth, Richmond City, Three Rivers, and Virginia Beach MRC units were deployed to shelters, provided staffing in HDOCs, assisted in response preparations, distributed pre-storm EH flood safety restaurant education, and provided on-call medical consulting support.**
- Local Health Departments are focusing on increased food safety, septic and well inspections. This process will continue to be on-going as power and water systems continue to be restored.

### ESF #11 – Agriculture & Natural Resources

- **\$45,837,626 in agricultural-related damages reported by 25 localities.**
- Food Safety & Security personnel, working primarily in smaller, single location firms have witnessed or cataloged the destruction of approximately 3,035,978 pounds of food products.

### ESF #12 – Energy

Statewide Totals as of **1300 3 September: 51,356 (-54,089)**

- Dominion Virginia Power – **51,356**
  - Richmond Metro/Tri-Cities – **46,070**
  - Gloucester/Northern Neck – **1,638**
  - Southeastern – **2,651**
- **All Cooperatives have completed restoration**

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### ESF #14 – Long-Term Community Recovery

#### Individual Assistance

Virginia IA PDA Summary thru Day 2 ( 9.1.2011)					
Locality	Destroyed	Major	Minor	Affected	Inaccess
Mathews County	0	1	1	1	0
Norfolk City	0	1	31	2	0
Poquoson City	0	33	105	155	0
Suffolk City	1	0	1	4	0
York County	3	8	22	26	1
Emporia City	1	9	15	10	0
Greensville County	0	7	11	10	0
Newport News City	0	7	7	0	6
Chesapeake City	1	13	38	41	0
James City County	4	6	10	5	0
New Kent County	4	9	4	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>7</b>

- IA PDA's occurring 2 September: Petersburg, Prince George, Richmond City, Essex, Southampton

#### Local Initial Public Assistance Projections

- Reported damages from forty-six (46) entities as of 1100 2 September
  - Total: \$39,212,494

PDA's Completed and Projected		
Completed		Projected
August 31, 2011 (9)	September 1, 2011 (11)	September 2, 2011 (10)
James City County	Essex County	Chincoteague Town
Southampton County	New Kent County	Henrico County
Chesapeake City	Suffolk City	Mathews County
Lancaster County	Sussex County	Virginia Beach City
Norfolk City	Poquoson City	Franklin City
York County	Virginia Beach City	Richmond City
Portsmouth City	Hampton City	Accomack County
Williamsburg City	Emporia City	King and Queen County
Newport News City	Middlesex County	Surry County
	Isle of Wight County	Northampton County
	Hopewell City	

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### ESF #15 – External Affairs

- Set up media availabilities for Richmond media outlets to view work of damage assessment teams and to explain FEMA process.
- News release about request for federal disaster assistance drafted and provided to Governor's Press Office for review and release.
- To date more than 230 media inquiries have been handled by ESF-15 staff.
- Social media being used to keep public informed about state and local recovery efforts, and event blog at [www.vaemergency.gov](http://www.vaemergency.gov) continues to be updated.
- Some 75 news releases from various state and local agencies coordinated through the JIC and posted to WebEOC.
- Supporting Governor's Press Office as needed with setting up press conferences and assisting media.

### ESF #16 – Military Affairs

- Authorized cap: 500
- **Number of personnel on state active duty: 0**

### ESF #17 – Volunteer & Donations Management

- Virginia VOAD organizations have been involved in mass feeding, chain saw work, debris clean up, distribution of clean up kits, and general response to individuals with particular needs.
- Received and deployed donations of drinking water and provided information regarding services to 211, VOAD organizations, to other ESFs and to FEMA.

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

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