

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2012-10 Hurricane Sandy

Situation Report #18

November 19, 2012 1530 hours

SUMMARY

(New information in bold)

The VEOC transitioned from Recovery to Routine Operations on 16 November. Recovery efforts related to Hurricane Sandy (FEMA-3359-EM) continue and are being coordinated through the Joint Initial Operating Facility.

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.

Governor Bob McDonnell submitted request on Friday, 16 November, asking for federal disaster assistance to help 28 Virginia communities recover from the affects of Hurricane Sandy. The governor requested federal aid through FEMA's Individual Assistance Program for Accomack County. The Individual Assistance Program makes funding available for homeowners and renters in the form of grants and low-interest loans as well as disaster housing assistance. The governor also requested disaster unemployment assistance and legal services. The governor also requested FEMA's Public Assistance Program for the counties of Accomack, Arlington, Clarke, Craig, Culpeper, Essex, Fauquier, Frederick, Greene, Highland, King and Queen, Lancaster, Loudoun, Madison, Mathews, Middlesex, Nelson, Northampton, Northumberland, Prince William, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, Surry, Warren, and Westmoreland and the cities of Fairfax, Falls Church and Manassas. In addition, Governor McDonnell requested Hazard Mitigation Assistance for all Virginia localities.

WEATHER

There is a slight possibility of rain showers across portions of Central VA and Eastern VA on Tuesday, 20 November. After Tuesday, the forecast across Virginia calls for dry weather through Friday with mostly sunny skies and unseasonably warm conditions forecast for Thursday, Thanksgiving, and Friday.

ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- Next VERT Situation Report will be issued when new information is received.
- Coordinating 2 active requests for assistance on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. 48 total requests for assistance have been completed across the state.

ESF #7 – Logistics Management & Resource Support

- Monitoring EMAC requests from affected Northeastern states

ESF #8 – Public Health and Medical Services

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- **Emergency shellfish closure #210H revised effective 19 November. Nansemond River affected, all other areas revert back to classification prior to Hurricane Sandy.**

ESF #14 – Recovery & Mitigation

- **Prepared Major Disaster Declaration request package regarding Public Assistance, Individual Assistance to include Disaster Unemployment Assistance and Legal Services and Hazard Mitigation statewide.**
- **Had preliminary discussions with FEMA regarding staff training and recovery operations if declaration is received.**
- **Coordinating with Accomack County, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and voluntary organizations in developing strategy to address housing needs of affected population while federal declaration request for Individual Assistance is being evaluated.**
- Submitted Emergency Declaration letter requesting reconsideration for Public Assistance Category A and B as requested by FEMA Region III.
- Reviewing staffing requirements for Hurricane Sandy and to support continued processing of pending Project Worksheets with regard to open disasters.

ESF #17 – Volunteer & Donations Management

- Methodist, Baptist, and Catholic volunteer groups engaged in cleanup activities in Accomack County
- Working to develop a streamlined Virginia Disaster Relief Fund process to provide 30 days emergency rental assistance
- Recruiting additional VA VOAD organizations to assist with clean up and repair/rebuild efforts

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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