

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2012-10 Hurricane Sandy

Situation Report #3

October 27 1730 hours

Updates since last State Situation Report

SUMMARY

The VEOC is at Response Operations and Hurricane Readiness Condition 2 monitoring National Hurricane Center and National Weather Service products related to Sandy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

Governor Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency at 0950 hours on 26 October due to the anticipation of severe weather impacting the Commonwealth as a result of Hurricane Sandy. **Governor McDonnell issued limited mandatory evacuation for low lying areas along the Virginia coast and Chesapeake Bay.**

Weather Forecast

At 1400 hours, Sandy was located 335 miles from Charleston, SC moving NE at 11mph. The maximum sustained winds are 75mph and Tropical Storm force winds extend out 450 miles. Coastal Virginia and Eastern Shore localities are under a flood watch Sunday-Monday for sustained winds of 35-45mph and wind gusts to 60mph. A high wind watch is in effect for Accomack, Northampton, Virginia Beach, Norfolk, and Portsmouth. The Tropical Storm force winds will reach the VA coastline on Sunday evening. The winds will continue out of the northeast through Sunday, then turning north/northwest on Monday. Rainfall amounts in Hampton Roads are expected to be 6-8", the Eastern Shore rainfall amounts will be 8-10", and interior SE VA and west of I-95 will receive 3-6" of rain. Moderate to possible severe tidal flooding is likely across coastal Virginia Sunday – Monday with potential major tidal flooding along the Eastern Shore Sunday – Tuesday.

Local Emergencies Declared (19)

Accomack County

Charles City County

Chincoteague, Town of

Essex County

Fauquier County

Gloucester County

Hampton, City of

Isle of Wight County

King and Queen County

Lancaster County

Newport News, City of

Norfolk, City of

Northampton County

Northumberland County

Poquoson, City of

Prince George County

Sussex County

York County

King William County

Local Emergency Operation Centers Open (4)

Greensville County

Lancaster County

Northumberland County

Stafford County

Local Shelters Open (2)

Lancaster County

Northumberland County

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Federal Response Efforts

- **FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer and IMAT will deploy to the VEOC on 28 October.**
- **2 USCG liaison officers have reported to the VEOC.**
- **The Navy has cancelled Sortie Condition Alpha.**

ESF #1 – Transportation

- **VDOT is conducting coordination conference calls with all districts. The flood gates at the Midtown Tunnel were tested at 0500 hours, 27 October; no issues were found.**
- **VDOT, DMV, and VDEM jointly authorized a temporary waiver of registration and license requirements along with normal weight restrictions effective from 26 October until 30 November, to include an exemption for hours of service.**
- **Port of Hampton Roads is at Condition Yankee.**
- **The Sunnybank Ferry (Northumberland County) and Merry Point Ferry (Lancaster County) have suspended service until further notice.**

ESF #4 – Firefighting

- **Virginia Department of Forestry is pre-positioning two (2) 11-person Chainsaw Strike Teams on 28 October and has one additional team on standby.**

ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- **Providing situational updates.**
- **Conference Call held with ESF 2 / ESF 12 Private Sector Partners (Cox Communications, Verizon, Dominion Virginia Power, and Appalachian Electric Power)**
- **Holding daily GIS conference calls with GIS staff from state agencies and localities.**

ESF #6 – Mass Care

- **2-1-1 Virginia is serving as VDEM's public inquiry number for all Virginia residents.**

ESF #7 – Logistics Management & Resource Support

- **Monitoring numerous EMAC requests from Mid-Atlantic States**

ESF #9 – Urban Search and Rescue

- **VSP has staged 1 boat team on the Eastern Shore and 3 boat teams in Richmond.**
- **FEMA has placed VATF-1 and VATF-2 on standby for contingency purposes**

ESF #13 – Public Safety & Security

- **20 Extra Troopers have been assigned to the Eastern Shore.**

ESF #15 – External Affairs

- **Developing talking points and news releases to be distributed to state agencies and local emergency managers.**
- **Responding to inquiries from news media and posting emergency preparedness information on social media sites.**
- **The JIC is staffed with PIOs from VDEM and VDOT.**
- **Providing support for the Governor's press conference.**

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ESF #16 – Military Affairs

- Department of Military Affairs is pre-positioning a force unit to the Eastern Shore.
- A force CAP of **500 is authorized**.

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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