

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2012-06-29 Severe Weather

Situation Report #7

July 3, 2012 0700 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 (40)

Albemarle County	Falls Church, City of	Pulaski County
Alexandria, City of	Franklin County	Radford, City of
Alleghany County	Gloucester County	Roanoke County
Amherst County	Greene County	Rockbridge County
Arlington County	Henrico County	Rockingham County
Augusta County	Highland County	Salem, City of
Bath County	Louisa County	Shenandoah County
Bedford, City of	Lynchburg, City of	Stafford County
Bedford County	Martinsville, City of	Staunton, City of
Botetourt County	Middlesex County	Tazewell County
Charlotte County	Nelson County	Vinton, Town of
Craig County	Orange County	Waynesboro, City of
Fairfax, City of	Page County	
Fairfax County	Pittsylvania County	

Local Emergency Operation Centers Open (20)

Albemarle County	Craig County	Pittsylvania County
Alexandria, City of	Fairfax, City of	Prince William County
Arlington County	Fairfax County	Pulaski County
Bath County	Franklin County	Roanoke County
Botetourt County	Highland County	Shenandoah County
Charlotte County	Nelson County	Winchester, City of
Charlottesville, City of	Page County	

Local Shelters Open (11)

Albemarle County	Lynchburg, City of
Carroll County	Pulaski County
Craig County (2)	Radford City
Franklin County	Roanoke City/County
Halifax County	Waynesboro City

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Local Cooling Centers:

- The VEOC is compiling reported local cooling center information on their website at [Cooling Center Locations](#)
- As many as 140 cooling centers have opened throughout the Commonwealth due to this event.

Fatalities (10):

Albemarle County – 2
Bedford County – 2
Chesapeake, City of – 1

Fairfax County – 3
Montgomery – 1
Roanoke, City of – 1

Local Response Efforts

- The following facilities are on generator power:
 - Botetourt County – multiple water treatment facilities
 - Central Virginia Training Center
 - City of Covington fire and rescue station
 - Falls Church Community Center (used as a cooling center)
 - Highland County – municipal water treatment facility and cooling shelter
 - Northern VA Training Center
 - Rockingham County – Town of Grottoes water plant

ESF #1 – Transportation

- Closed roads: **174** statewide as of 2100 hours 2 July
 - Primary – **15**
 - Secondary – **159**
- VDOT and DMV issued temporary waiver of registration, license requirements, and weight and width restrictions to carriers responding to the 29 June Severe Storms. A revised waiver was approved to allow for fuel distribution in a timely manner.
- A limited exemption of hours worked for power restoration and carriers transporting emergency supplies granted beginning at 1600 hours 30 June.

ESF #2 – Communications

- **55** state sites without network connectivity, restored connectivity to 207 state sites.
- The following 911 Systems are affected by the storm. Verizon has prioritized system recovery and is working to bring all systems back online.
 - Arlington County – Landline is fully operational, wireless has limited service
 - City of Fairfax – Intermittent service

ESF #3 – Public Works & Engineering

- 8,939 consumers affected by water outages
 - 4 government waterworks with a partial outage
 - Botetourt County
 - Clifton Forge, Town of
 - Craigsville, Town of
 - Vinton, Town of
 - 4 private waterworks without water
 - Albemarle (3)
 - Fluvanna

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- 15 waterworks on Boil Water Notice and one water outage affecting 3,355 consumers in 9 localities:
 - Culpepper County (2)
 - Hanover County (3)
 - Lancaster County (2)
 - Middlesex County (2)
 - New Kent County
 - Powhatan County
 - Prince George County
 - Shenandoah County (2)
 - Vinton, Town of

ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- VEOC at Response Operations
- Virginia Emergency Response Team augmented
- Responding to requests for assistance

ESF #6 – Mass Care

- Monitoring local shelters and cooling stations

ESF #7 – Logistics Management & Resource Support

- 46 local requests for assistance
 - 19 Active
 - 27 Complete

ESF #8 – Public Health & Human Services

- 8 Long Term Care Facilities are operating on generator power
- Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) reports 6 heat related deaths since 20 June

ESF #11 – Agriculture & Natural Resources

- Monitoring damage assessments and conducting inspections of food establishments

ESF #12 – Energy

Power Outages as of 0600 hours:

Statewide	286,192 (- 123,374 from last situation report)
Dominion Power	131,633
• Northern Virginia	78,886
• Shenandoah Valley/Western Piedmont	35,788
• Richmond Metro/Tri-Cities	15,268
• Southside Virginia Area	1,691
APCO	141,478
Electrical Cooperatives	13,081

- Dominion expects to restore service to 80-85 percent of customers by Tuesday night; 90-95 percent of affected customers by Thursday night, and virtually all remaining customers by Saturday night.

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ESF #13 – Public Safety & Security

- Continue to monitor the secondary road closures for traffic control

ESF #14 – Long-Term Community Recovery and Mitigation

- Requesting cost estimates from electrical co-operatives
- 5 localities have submitted initial damage assessments
 - **Major Damage – 18 structures**
 - **Minor Damage – 85 structures**
 - **Affected -38 structures**

ESF #15 – External Affairs

- VDEM Public Affairs staff and VDH director of public affairs are working in the Joint Information Center, handling state and national media inquiries
- Providing safety tips through news releases to the Information Center
- Drafting talking points for local and state agency public information officers
- Updating multiple social media sites

ESF #16 – Military Affairs

- Current force cap 300
- Security Response Package (30 personnel) Lexington, VA conducting presence patrols
- Multifunctional Response Package (**65 personnel**) Fredericksburg, VA conducting presence patrols
- Security Response Package (**50 pax and 8 vdf**) in Fredericksburg, VA conducting presence patrols.
- **Security Response Package (20 pax and 4 vdf) in Winchester, VA conducting presence patrols.**
- Supporting water and ice distribution in Bedford County (10 personnel)

ESF #17 – Volunteer & Donations Management

- Multiple voluntary organizations working in support of cooling centers in multiple jurisdictions
- Mercy Chefs provided a chef to supervise and assist with meal preparations in the Lynchburg shelter
- American Red Cross and Virginia Baptist Mission Board Disaster Relief have established a feeding unit in Bath County (able to provide up to 3,000 hot meals)
- Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia Disaster Relief is supporting a shelter and providing chain saw service in the City of Lynchburg
- Gleaning for the World and God's Pit Crew donated truck loads of water and Gatorade respectively
- Operation Blessing provided a refrigerated trailer in Highland County

Weather Forecast

- Tuesday high temperatures in the mid-90's with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight.

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All Situation Reports for this event can be found on the VDEM website at:
<http://www.vaemergency.gov/news/sitreps>