

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2012-06-29 Severe Weather

Situation Report #9

July 4, 2012 1030 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 (44):

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

Local Emergency Operation Centers Open (17):

Albemarle/Charlottesville	Craig County	New Kent County
Alexandria, City of	Fairfax, City of	Pittsylvania County
Arlington County	Fairfax County	Roanoke County
Bath County	Franklin County	Shenandoah County
Botetourt County	Highland County	Stafford County
Charlotte County	Nelson County	

*note – Albemarle and Charlottesville combined their EOCs

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Local Shelters Open (15):

Albemarle County

Alleghany County (3)

Amherst County

Bath County

Botetourt County

Craig County

Franklin County

Lynchburg, City of (2)

Madison County

New Kent County

Pulaski County

Roanoke City/County

Local Cooling Centers:

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

Fatalities (12):

Albemarle County – 2

Bedford County – 2

Chesapeake, City of – 1

Fairfax County – 3

Montgomery County – 1

Roanoke, City of – 1

Loudon County – 1

Richmond, City of – 1

ESF #1 – Transportation

- **Closed roads: 108 (+1) statewide as of 0900 hours 4 July**
 - **Primary: 7 (+1)**
 - **Secondary: 101 (no change)**

ESF #2 – Communications

- **VDOT and Verizon are working on a traffic light synchronization issue pertaining to VDOT Traffic Control Center in Northern Virginia. Verizon has isolated the issue and is working to bring closure. VDOT will send out advisories if the issue is not resolved.**
- **4 state/local requests for assistance (active)**
- 30 state sites without network connectivity, restored connectivity to 231 state sites as of 1700 on 3 July.
- Verizon is reporting that all 911 systems are back to normal operations

ESF #3 – Public Works & Engineering

- 6 private waterworks without water (as of 1700 on 3 July)
 - Albemarle County (3)
 - Botetourt County
- 14 waterworks on Boil Water Notice (as of 1700 on 3 July)
 - Culpepper County (1)
 - Hanover County (3)
 - Lancaster County (2)
 - Middlesex County (2)
 - New Kent County (1)
 - Montgomery County
 - Pulaski
 - Powhatan County (1)
 - Prince George County (1)
 - Shenandoah County (2)
 - Vinton, Town of (1)

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ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- VEOC at Response Operations
- Virginia Emergency Response Team augmented
- Responding to requests for assistance
- **1 local request for assistance (active)**

ESF #6 – Mass Care

- Monitoring local shelters and cooling stations

ESF #7 – Logistics Management & Resource Support

- **50 state/local requests for assistance**
 - 15 Active
 - 35 Complete

ESF #8 – Public Health & Human Services

- 1 Long Term Care Facility operating on generator power (as of 1700 on 3 July)

ESF #11 – Agriculture & Natural Resources

- Monitoring damage assessments and conducting inspections of food establishments

ESF #12 – Energy

- **3 state/local requests for assistance:**
 - 1 Active
 - 2 Complete

Power Outages as of 0900 hours: Statewide

176,928 (-59,911 from last situation report)

Dominion Power

63,489 (-43,105)

- Northern Virginia **36,109**
- Shenandoah Valley/Western Piedmont **23,991**
- Richmond Metro/Tri-Cities **7,640**
- Southside Virginia Area **873**

APCO

104,589 (-12,456)

- City of Lynchburg **20,771**
- Roanoke City **16,046**
- Bedford County **11,684**
- Roanoke County **8,424**
- Amherst County **8,245**

Electrical Cooperatives

8,850 (-4,350)

ESF #13 – Public Safety & Security

- Continue to monitor the secondary road closures for traffic control

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ESF #14 – Long-Term Community Recovery and Mitigation

- Requested cost estimates from electrical co-operatives
- 8 localities have submitted initial damage assessments

ESF #15 – External Affairs

- **Joint Information Center is currently staffed with public information officers from VDEM, VDOT and VITA.**
- **Multiple social media sites are being updated with information for the public including a blog established at www.virginiaderecho.tumblr.com . Also established #vaderecho as the Twitter hashtag.**
- **PIOs have handled approximately 75 media inquiries from international, national and state media outlets.**
- Talking points continue to be developed and provided to local emergency managers, local and state PIOs, and Virginia General Assembly members.

ESF #16 – Military Affairs

- **1 local request for assistance:**
 - **1 Active: Supporting Bedford Water/Ice distribution through 1200 hrs, 4 July (14 personnel)**
- **DMA Joint Operations Center normal operations and staff on call through DMA JOC**
- **Total DMA forces on State Active Duty: 20 personnel**
- **DMA scheduled to transition to Level 0 State Active Duty during the afternoon period of 4 July**
- From 30 June to 3 July, 2012 DMA conducted 35 presence patrols in Northern, Central, and Southwestern Virginia

ESF #17 – Volunteer and Donations Management

- **5 local requests for assistance:**
 - **3 Active**
 - **2 Complete**
- **1000KW generator donated by Giant Foods sent to meet power need at Longwood Assisted Living facility in Fairfax County**
- **Received notice of twenty pallets of water offered as donation by Giant Foods available to meet need in northern Virginia area**
- **Responded to calls from residents with unmet needs related to the storm**
- **Continue to assist in shelters/cooling centers, Points of Distribution and with feeding and debris clean up.**

Weather Forecast

Isolated to scattered thunderstorms may develop today across most of the Commonwealth this afternoon and evening. Isolated strong to severe storms are possible with the main threats being strong wind gusts up to 60 mph, heavy rainfall, and large hail. Afternoon temperatures in the 90s to 100s will bring heat index values in the low 100s to most of the Commonwealth. A Heat Advisory is in effect for areas of Northwest and Northern VA until 2100 this evening. Heat index values are expected to reach 105 degrees across these areas. Hot temperatures remain in the forecast for most of the Commonwealth into the weekend with heat index values approaching 105 degrees. A Code

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Orange Air Quality Alert (unhealthy for sensitive groups) is in effect for the Richmond Metro Area until 2000 this evening.

Isolated strong to severe storms are possible each afternoon and evening through the weekend and into early next week for most of the Commonwealth. The main threats would be winds gusts up to 50 mph, and large hail.

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