

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Severe Weather and Floods
FEMA-DR-1655-VA)
FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office**

**STATE SITUATION REPORT # 20
1600 Hours 31 July 2006**

(New Information in Bold)

SUMMARY

The combination of tropical moisture steered northward around a low pressure system near Florida and a stationary frontal boundary across the Mid-Atlantic and New England States led to substantial rainfall and flooding across portions of the Commonwealth beginning 23 June 2006. Successive severe weather systems have continued to impact the Commonwealth.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

JFO Operations:

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center remains at Recovery Operations as activity continues from the Joint Field Office (JFO) located at 4800 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA. **VDEM Hours of operations are 0800-1800 hours, M-F. The VDEM-JFO telephone numbers are 804-270-2495/804-270-4080. JFO Fax is 804-270-2543.**

Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings will be conducted at the JFO on Tu & Th of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. Regular VDEM staff meetings will be conducted on M-W-F of each week at 0800 hours in the JFO Conference Room. **Situation Reports will be issued M-W-F of this week.**

**State of Emergency and
Executive Order:**

Through an Executive Order, Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a Statewide Emergency on 28 June 2006. Governor Kaine requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance, Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation on 30 June for the counties of Alleghany, Arlington, Augusta, Bath, Botetourt, Dickenson, Fairfax, Highland, King George, Montgomery and Rockbridge and the independent cities of Alexandria and Salem.

President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia on 13 July 2006. The City of Alexandria, the Counties of Alleghany, Arlington, Bath, Dickenson, Fairfax, Highland, King George and Rockbridge were designated to be eligible for the Public Assistance Program along with State and Local Government agencies and certain private nonprofit organizations. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide. The request for Individual Assistance is pending further review.

On 20 July 2006 Governor Kaine requested the addition of Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, and Henry Counties to the Public Assistance Program Disaster Declaration. On 26 July 2006 the declaration was amended by FEMA to include the above counties.

WEATHER

Forecast:

Four-day forecast (M-Tu-W – 31 July-2 Aug 2006): Excessive heat watch in effect for Monday through Thursday evening. Hot today with temperature highs in the upper 90s with a Heat Index value up to 107. Isolated showers and thunderstorms this evening with a chance of rain 20%. Tuesday brings humid weather with temperature highs around 102 and Heat Index values up to 114 during the day and 110 through early evening. Mostly hot Wednesday through Thursday with temperature highs around 100

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)

Legislative Liaison:

Currently, the 13 affected jurisdictions are represented by 54 legislators. All have been informed of declaration status. Contact the JFO-Legislative Liaison, Mr. Art Warren (art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov) for clarifications.

Legislator input into response activities continues to be monitored. VDEM continues to coordinate with the FEMA Congressional Liaison, Marge Atkins.

Public Information Office (PIO): Media material to promote the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is under development. Inquiries from the *Fairfax Connection* and the *Chantilly Times* newspapers regarding the Clifton Masonic Lodge were addressed.

OPERATIONS SECTION

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation:

Virginia Department of Transportation: **VDOT website continues to report** no primary roads and two secondary roads closed. Estimated completion dates for repairs to SR 697 in Franklin County and SR 620 in Mecklenburg County is late August.

ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery:

Initial Damage Assessment Reports:

Locality (37 each)	Private (18 each)	Public* (34 each)
Total	\$17,002,050	\$16,661,498

*Includes VDOT estimates and damages to state-owned facilities.

State Public Assistance (PA) Briefings:

Applicants' Briefings:

Conducted:

1. When: Tue, 25 Jul 2006 (1330 hours)
Where: State Police Academy, Richmond, VA
Total attendance: 20 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies)
Comment: One additional PA received from VDOT by VDEM
2. When: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 (1000 hours)
Where: Alternate EOC, Fairfax Government Center, Fairfax, VA
Total attendance: 71 (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies)
Comment: Following the "Applicants' Briefing," Deborah Mills (DSCO) and staff traveled to Clifton to provide the Mayor and members of the Masonic Lodge information regarding allowable repairs and flood prevention options for damaged structures.

Scheduled:

3. When: Thu, 3 Aug 2006 (1100 hours)
Where: State High School Auditorium, 400 Spartan Drive, Salem, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + affected state agencies, and Counties of Alleghany, Bath, Botetourt, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Henry, Highland and Rockbridge).

Kick-off Meetings:

Conducted:

1. **When: Fri, 28 Jul 2006**
Where: Chantilly, VA (Fairfax VDOT Area Maintenance Office)
(FEMA, VDEM, + VDOT)

Scheduled:

1. When: Tue, 1 Aug 2006 (1000 hours)
Where: Arlington, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + Arlington County)
2. When: Tue, 1 Aug, 2006 (1300 hours)
Where: Alexandria, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + City of Alexandria)
3. **When: Tue, 1 Aug, 2006 (1300 hours)**
Where: Fancy Hill, VA (I-81, Exit 180, VDOT Area HQ)
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + VDOT)
4. When: Wed, 2 Aug 2006 (1000 hours)
Where: Fairfax, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + Fairfax County)
5. When: Wed, 2 Aug, 2006 (1400 hours)
Where: Fairfax, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + Fairfax County Schools)

PA Briefing and Field Officer Training **was** conducted at the JFO on Mon, 31 Jul 2006 (0900-1700 hours). Morning training focused on program overview, eligibility, and safety/security issues. Afternoon training focused on more specific technical instructions for the PA Inspector Staff (POC: Howard Robinson, DFTO).

PDA's reports **were completed** for three additional counties – Augusta, Mecklenburg, and Rappahannock. **Mecklenburg and Rappahannock damages met the threshold for PA. A request for their addition to the declared counties for PA is being processed.**

James Lee Witt Associates/Innovative Emergency Management is supporting state PA operations through an Emergency Standby Services Contract.

The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) was launched on the VDEM website, www.vaemergency.com on 28 July 2006. The first section, Public Assistance Program, provides all current FEMA-1655-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource documents. **The deadline for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance for FEMA-1655-DR is Sat, 12 Aug 2006.**

The Public Assistance Program Administration Plan draft has been completed.

Individual Assistance:

Additional damage data was forwarded to FEMA HQ on Wednesday, 26 July, 2006 for affected Northern Virginia jurisdictions.

Mitigation:

The final draft of mitigation guidelines and the Mitigation strategy for this disaster in coordination with FEMA and Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Floodplain Management Program has been forwarded to the FCO/SCO for review.

DCR is working with several communities regarding National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) training, compliance, and enforcement. The counties of Dickenson, Montgomery, King George, and Rockbridge, and the cities/towns of Ashland, Clincho, Clintwood, Port Royal, and Salem have been contacted.

The Administrative Plan for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is currently under review by the VDEM Preparedness, Training, and Exercises (PT&E) Office.

HMGP Applicants' Briefings:

Scheduled:

1. **When: Tue, 15 Aug 2006 (1300-1500 hours)**
Where: Roanoke County, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)
2. **When: Wed, 16 Aug, 2006 (1000-1200 hours)**
Where: Lexington, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)
3. **When: Thu, 17 Aug 2006 (1300-1500 hours)**
Where: Fairfax, VA
Attendees: (FEMA, VDEM, + declared/affected localities)

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Emergency Management

A Hurricane Preparedness Planning meeting was conducted at the JFO on Wed 26 Jul 2006. Roundtable discussions addressed preparedness planning.

ESF 7 – Resource

The VDEM JFO staffing plan is complete. The VDEM-JFO Staffing Plan extends through the Labor Day week (8 Sep 2006). Updated versions will be published periodically.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Personnel Unit:

Current VDEM JFO staffing is **38 (including 8 contractor personnel)**.

Administration Unit:

Courier service (Trade Court-EOC-JFO-EOC-Trade Court) began Monday, 24 July 2006 and continues daily.

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