

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

HURRICANE GUSTAV SITUATION REPORT # 2 1500 Hours 1 September 2008

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SUMMARY

Hurricane Gustav made landfall at 1000 hours on the Gulf Coast region of Louisiana as a category 2 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 110 miles per hour. Areas from Alabama to Texas are experiencing high winds, heavy rain, storm surge, and tornados from the storm.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation

The VEOC is at Response Operations with limited staff.

Protective Action

Governor Kaine activated the Emergency Management Assistance Compact on Friday, 29 August, directing a series of state agencies and organizations to identify resources that they could deploy to help Gulf Coast states prepare and respond to impacts from Hurricane Gustav.

ESF 15 – External Affairs

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

VDEM Public Affairs staff continues to maintain situation awareness and field media inquires reference Virginia's response to Hurricane Gustav and are coordinating press releases with the Governor's Office and other State Agencies.

WEATHER

Forecast

Monday, 1 September: Sunny; high temps mid to upper 80's; variable winds 5-15 MPH with gusts up to 20 MPH in Southwest VA. Monday night: Clear; low temps low 50's to low 60's; east winds 2-5 MPH. Tuesday, 2 September: Sunny; high temps upper 80's to low 90's; north winds 2-6 MPH. Tuesday night: Clear; low temps upper 50's to low 60's; variable winds 2-5 MPH.

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring Hurricane Hanna currently 40 miles north of the Southeastern Bahamas and newly formed Tropical Depression #9 which is located 1,470 miles eastward of the Leeward Islands.

Hurricane Hanna has been upgraded to a Cat 1 Hurricane as of 1300 hours 1 September. Hanna is located near the Southeastern Bahamas and is moving West-Southwest near 5 miles per hour. Maximum sustained winds are near 75 miles per hour. Some additional strengthening is forecast during the next 24 hours.

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 5 – Emergency Management

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) is at Response Operations with limited staff monitoring National Hurricane Center Advisories on Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Hanna and maintaining situational awareness. The VEOC is monitoring Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency conference calls reference Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Hanna. An event has been created in WebEOC titled 2008 09 Hurricane Gustav. State agencies and localities should make entries and monitor for information related to Hurricane Gustav.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

VA Department of Social Services (VDSS)

Assessments are being made as to the potential for short term sheltering needs for evacuees that may enter the Commonwealth from areas impacted by Hurricane Gustav and for the potential impact of Hurricane Hanna should it impact Virginia.

**ESF 14 – Long Term
Community Recovery**

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

VDEM staff is assessing long term housing resources for evacuees that may be coming into the Commonwealth from impacted area along the Gulf Coast.

**ESF 17 – Volunteers and
Donations**

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VVOAD) is assessing member's reference long term sheltering capabilities. **The City of Roanoke is sheltering 5 evacuees from the Gulf Coast in a local homeless shelter. They are assessing capabilities for possible additional evacuees.**

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

The Logistics Section and VDEM Emergency Management Assistance Compact Coordinator continue to monitor EMAC requests coming from the Gulf States and is currently assessing State Resources for the potential effects of Hurricane Hanna on the Commonwealth. Statewide Mutual Aide broadcasts are being sent out to local jurisdictions and State agencies reference these requests. EMAC Operations is working with Fairfax County and Roanoke County on a possible Incident Management Team (IMT) deployment to be sent to New Orleans and Saint Bernard Parish in Louisiana.

ESF 9 – Search and Rescue

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

At the direction of FEMA, two Urban Search and Rescue Teams (USAR) were deployed to the Gulf Coast Region to support response operations. Virginia Task Force 1 (USAR) Blue and Red Teams, Fairfax, VA, deployed to Houston, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia for staging on 30 August. Virginia Task Force 2 (USAR, VA Beach, deployed on 29 August and is staged in Houston, Texas.

**ESF 13 – Public Safety and
Security**

VA State Police (VSP); VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (DGIF)

A 30 person Department of Game and Inland Fishery (DGIF) Task Force deployed on 31 August to Baton Rouge, Louisiana under EMAC to support Search and Rescue efforts with an expected return date of 10 September.

An EMAC request for a 20 member Law Enforcement Team from the Virginia State Police to deploy to Slidell Louisiana on 2 September is ongoing. **The VSP 20 member team is now on hold for deployment pending further notifications from Slidell Louisiana Police Department.**

ESF 16 – Military Affairs

Virginia Army National Guard (VANG)

A VANG Planning Unit to include 8 personal that was to deploy to Camp Beauregard in Alexandria, LA to support response operations has been put on hold until further notification.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Situation Unit:

Preparing Situation Reports; monitoring WebEOC entries; maintaining situational awareness.

Next Situation Report will be issued 2 September around 1500 hours.

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