

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

HURRICANE GUSTAV SITUATION REPORT # 4 1500 Hours 4 September 2008

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SUMMARY

The remnant of Tropical Storm Gustav is located near Springfield, Missouri moving Northeast at 13 mph with winds near 15 mph. The circulation center of former Gustav has merged with a frontal boundary and should be in the Great Lakes area by Friday morning, 5 September.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation

The VEOC is at Response Operations, Hurricane Condition Readiness 2 with augmented staff in preparation of Hanna's potential impact on the Commonwealth.

Protective Action

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency today, 4 September, directing state agencies to take all reasonable actions necessary to protect the health and safety of Virginians from the potentially damaging effects of Tropical Storm Hanna

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

Thursday, 4 September: Mostly clear; high temps from to mid 80's to lower 90's; winds light and variable. Thursday night: Mostly clear; low temps in the mid 60's; east winds 6-9 MPH. Friday, 5 September: Mostly cloudy; with a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon; winds between 6 to 15 mph; chance of precipitation 50% mostly in Central and Southeastern Virginia. Friday Night: Rain likely with thunderstorms, some producing heavy rains mostly in the Central and Southeastern Regions of the State; winds between 15 and 25 MPH; chance of precipitation 70%, 2-3 inches possible.

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 5 – Emergency Management

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) is at Response Operations with augmented staff monitoring National Hurricane Center Advisories on Tropical Storms Hanna, Ike and Josephine and maintaining situational awareness. The VEOC is monitoring Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency conference calls reference Tropical Depression Gustav and Tropical Storm 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 1 – Transportation** Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Virginia Department of Transportation, Salem, provided fuel on 31 August to New Jersey State Police Swift Water Rescue Team en-route to Louisiana.
- 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. A 15 person Fairfax County Incident Management Team and a 9 person Roanoke City Incident deployed on 1 September to support Parish EOC's in Louisiana.
- ESF8 – Public Health** Virginia Department of Health (VDH)
The Office of Emergency Medical Service advised that 32 contract ambulances have been deployed to the Gulf Region under the direction of FEMA. These resources were not coordinated through EMAC. The Director and Epidemiologist from Leowisco Health Department in Southwest Virginia supported shelter operations in Kingsport, Tennessee where 300 Gulf Coast evacuees were sheltered.
- 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. The Slidell Police Department advised the VEOC on 1 September that the 20 person VSP Taskforce was no longer needed and the mission was cancelled.
- 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. A 9 person VANG Planning Unit deployed on 1 September to Camp Beauregard to support planning operations. A 4 person VANG Planning Unit has been deployed to the National Guard Bureau to support Planning Operations and to coordinate the Nationwide Response effort.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Situation Unit: Preparing Situation Reports; monitoring WebEOC entries; maintaining situational awareness.

Next Situation Report will be issued 8 September around 1500 hours.

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