

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

HURRICANE GUSTAV SITUATION REPORT # 5 1500 Hours 8 September 2008

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SUMMARY

Recovery efforts continue in Louisiana and the Gulf Coast region after Hurricane Gustav made landfall on 1 September near Houma, Louisiana. Virginia continues to support this effort through deployment of State and local Resources through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

EXECUTIVE ACTION

- EOC Activation** *The Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) has transitioned to Routine Operations as it continues to monitor and respond to EMAC requests from the States impacted by Hurricane Gustav.*
- Protective Actions** Governor Kaine activated the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) 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. [Executive Order # 75](#)
- 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.

WEATHER

- Forecast** Monday, 8 September: *Mostly sunny; high temps mid 80's except SW VA with possible showers and thunderstorms; South winds 4 to 7 MPH. Monday night:* *Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms; low's from the mid to upper 60's; South winds 7 to 9 MPH. Tuesday, 9 September:* *Mostly cloudy; with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon; winds between 7 to 12 mph; chance of precipitation 40 to 50% over most of the State. Tuesday night:* *Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms; low's from mid to upper 60's; Northwest winds 3 to 7 MPH; chance of rain 50to 60%.*

OPERATIONS SECTION

- ESF 5 – Emergency Management** VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) transitioned from Response to Routine Operations on 7 September and continues to support EMAC Missions that have deployed from State Agencies and Local Jurisdictions to the Gulf Coast Region to support recovery efforts. The VEOC continues to broadcast EMAC requests received from States impacted by Hurricane Gustav for resource availability and assistance.
- 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** VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Donations

The City of Roanoke sheltered 5 evacuees from the Gulf Coast in a local homeless shelter. ***The evacuees from the Gulf Coast region were assisted by the local American Red Cross Chapter and have returned to the Gulf Coast.***

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. Statewide Mutual Aide broadcasts are being sent out to local jurisdictions and State agencies reference these requests. ***The 15 person Fairfax County and 9 person Roanoke City Incident Management Teams that were sent to Louisiana to support local Parish EOC's on 1 September have combined resources on 5 September and are now staged in the City of New Orleans assisting local emergency management officials in planning for a possible second evacuation of the City if Hurricane Ike poses an imminent threat as it enters the Gulf of Mexico over the next several days.***

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. ***The Virginia Beach USAR Team returned to the State on 5 September and the Fairfax Team was redeployed on 5 September to Jacksonville, Florida for response to Hurricane Ike.***

ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security

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. ***The DGIF Task Force returned to the Commonwealth on 5 September.***

ESF 16 – Military Affairs

Virginia Army National Guard (VANG)

A 9 person VANG Planning Unit deployed on 1 September to Camp Beauregard to support planning operations and a 4 person VANG Planning Unit deployed to the National Guard Bureau in Washington DC 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 11 September around 1500 hours.

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