

# Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)

Situation Report # 3  
2026-01 Winter Weather  
January 25, 2026, as of 4:00 am

## Summary

On January 22, 2026, Governor Spanberger declared a state of emergency due to the impending winter weather anticipated to impact the whole of the Commonwealth from January 24-26, 2026, and as of January 23, 2026, a Federal Emergency Declaration for Direct Federal Assistance only has been made. The storm system is currently bringing significant snow that will transition to potentially devastating and crippling ice totals (sleet and freezing rain) in some areas. The heaviest snow will fall across northern Virginia and the northern Shenandoah, where the potential for 12"+ is possible. The worst of the ice will likely be south of I-64 and 0.25" – 0.75" of ice accretion is possible. Roads, especially bridges and overpasses, will likely become slick, hazardous, and possibly impassable. The combination of significant snow and ice accumulation on power lines and tree limbs along with breezy winds at times may cause widespread and long-lasting power outages. Very cold temperatures and wind chills are also expected which could result in hypothermia or frostbite if precautions are not taken. Extreme cold is expected to remain for the duration of the week. The VEST is activated at Red (Full Activation) and will be monitoring for disruptions to critical infrastructure, including communications and transportation, and will coordinate support activities as needed throughout the event.

## State Actions

- Emergency Declaration made on January 22, 2026.
- VEST status is Red (Full Activation) as of 9:00 am on January 24, 2026.
- Continued coordination between state agencies and partners.
- Virginia State Police is at 12-hour shifts this weekend in anticipation of storm impacts.
- Virginia National Guard has approximately 274 Soldiers staged across the Commonwealth as of January 24, 2026.
- Virginia Department of Transportation is mobilized across all Regions and has completed pretreating roadways. During the incident, they will prioritize Interstates and Primary roads first.
  - Issued a transportation waiver effective January 22, 2026, through February 5, 2026.
- Virginia Energy supported Co-Op requests for out of state mutual aid. The National Co-Op Mutual Aid Compact has been activated.

## Local Actions

Local Emergency Operation Centers Status (Open) [\(93\)](#)

Source(s): WebEOC

VDEM Region	Locality	VDEM Region	Locality
1	Chesterfield County (Virtual)	4	Galax City (Monitoring)
<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">Colonial Heights City (Open)</a>	4	Grayson County (Monitoring)
<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">Dinwiddie County (Open)</a>	4	Radford City (Monitoring)
<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">Essex County (Virtual)</a>	4	Town of Richlands (Monitoring)
1	Hanover County (Partial)	4	Wise County (Virtual)
1	Henrico County (Virtual)	4	Wythe County (Monitoring)
<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">Hopewell City (Open)</a>	5	Chesapeake City (Virtual)
1	King and Queen County (Monitoring)	5	Gloucester County (Monitoring)

## Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)

1	King William County (Partial)	<u>5</u>	<u><a href="#">Hampton City (Virtual)</a></u>
1	New Kent County (Monitoring)	<u>5</u>	<u><a href="#">James City County (Monitoring)</a></u>
1	Nottoway County (Monitoring)	5	Lancaster County (Monitoring)
1	Petersburg City (Partial)	<u>5</u>	<u><a href="#">Matthews County (Partial)</a></u>
<u>1</u>	<u><a href="#">Powhatan County (Monitoring)</a></u>	<u>5</u>	<u><a href="#">Middlesex County (Monitoring)</a></u>
<u>1</u>	<u><a href="#">Richmond City (Partial)</a></u>	<u>5</u>	<u><a href="#">Newport News City (Open)</a></u>
1	Sussex County (Monitoring)	5	Norfolk City (Monitoring)
<u>2</u>	<u><a href="#">Caroline County (Virtual)</a></u>	<u>5</u>	<u><a href="#">Northampton County (Monitoring)</a></u>
2	Culpeper County (Monitoring)	5	Northumberland County (Virtual)
<u>2</u>	<u><a href="#">Fauquier County (Monitoring)</a></u>	5	Poquoson City (Monitoring)
<u>2</u>	<u><a href="#">Frederick County (Virtual)</a></u>	5	Portsmouth City (Monitoring)
2	Fredericksburg City (Monitoring)	5	Richmond County (Virtual)
<u>2</u>	<u><a href="#">Greene County (Partial)</a></u>	<u>5</u>	<u><a href="#">Southampton County (Monitoring)</a></u>
2	Louisa County (Monitoring)	5	Suffolk City (Virtual)
2	Orange County (Monitoring)	5	Surry County (Monitoring)
<u>2</u>	<u><a href="#">Page County (Partial)</a></u>	<u>5</u>	<u><a href="#">Virginia Beach City (Monitoring)</a></u>
2	Rappahannock County (Monitoring)	5	Westmoreland County (Open)
2	Shenandoah County (Monitoring)	5	York County (Monitoring)
<u>2</u>	<u><a href="#">Spotsylvania County (Partial)</a></u>	<u>6</u>	<u><a href="#">Bath County (Virtual)</a></u>
2	Town of Warrenton (Virtual)	<u>6</u>	<u><a href="#">Botetourt County (Partial)</a></u>
<u>2</u>	<u><a href="#">Warren County (Virtual)</a></u>	<u>6</u>	<u><a href="#">Covington City (Virtual)</a></u>
2	Winchester City (Monitoring)	<u>6</u>	<u><a href="#">Craig County (Virtual)</a></u>
<u>3</u>	<u><a href="#">Amherst County (Partial)</a></u>	<u>6</u>	<u><a href="#">Danville City (Virtual)</a></u>
3	Augusta County (Virtual)	<u>6</u>	<u><a href="#">Floyd County (Virtual)</a></u>
<u>3</u>	<u><a href="#">Buckingham County (Virtual)</a></u>	<u>6</u>	<u><a href="#">Franklin County (Virtual)</a></u>
3	Campbell County (Monitoring)	6	Henry County (Virtual)
<u>3</u>	<u><a href="#">Town of Farmville (Monitoring)</a></u>	<u>6</u>	<u><a href="#">Highland County (Monitoring)</a></u>
3	Halifax County (Virtual)	<u>6</u>	<u><a href="#">Montgomery County (Open)</a></u>
<u>3</u>	<u><a href="#">Harrisonburg City (Open)</a></u>	<u>6</u>	<u><a href="#">Pittsylvania County (Virtual)</a></u>
3	Lunenburg County (Monitoring)	6	Roanoke City (Partial)
3	Lynchburg County (Partial)	<u>6</u>	<u><a href="#">Roanoke County (Monitoring)</a></u>
3	Mecklenburg County (Monitoring)	6	Rockbridge County (Monitoring)
3	Nelson County (Monitoring)	<u>7</u>	<u><a href="#">Alexandria City (Partial)</a></u>
3	Prince Edward County (Monitoring)	7	Arlington County (Monitoring)
3	South Boston Town (Monitoring)	<u>7</u>	<u><a href="#">Falls Church City (Partial)</a></u>
3	Staunton City (Virtual)	<u>7</u>	<u><a href="#">Prince William County (Monitoring)</a></u>
<u>3</u>	<u><a href="#">Waynesboro City (Monitoring)</a></u>	<u>7</u>	<u><a href="#">Stafford County (Open)</a></u>
4	Bland County (Monitoring)		
4	Bristol City (Partial)		
<u>4</u>	<u><a href="#">Carroll County (Monitoring)</a></u>		

# Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)

Local Declarations [\(75\)](#)

Source(s): WebEOC

VDEM Region	Locality	VDEM Region	Locality
1	Brunswick County	3	Mecklenburg County
1	Chesterfield County	3	Prince Edward County
1	Colonial Heights City	3	South Boston Town
<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">Dinwiddie County</a>	3	Staunton City
1	Essex County	3	Waynesboro County
1	Goochland County	4	Bland County
1	Hanover County	4	Bristol City
1	Henrico County	4	Galax City
1	Hopewell City	4	Radford County
1	King and Queen County	4	Russell County
1	King William County	5	Chesapeake City
1	New Kent County	5	Town of Chincoteague
1	Nottoway County	5	Gloucester County
1	Petersburg City	5	Hampton City
<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">Powhatan County</a>	5	Lancaster County
<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">Richmond City</a>	5	Mathews County
1	Sussex County	5	Middlesex County
2	Caroline County	5	Newport News City
2	Fauquier County	5	Northampton County
2	Frederick County	5	Northumberland County
2	Fredericksburg City	5	Poquoson City
2	Greene County	5	Richmond County
2	King George County	5	Southampton County
2	Louisa County	5	Surry County
2	Madison County	5	Westmoreland County
2	Orange County	5	York County
2	Spotsylvania County	6	Botetourt County
2	Warren County	6	Craig County
2	Town of Warrenton	6	Franklin County
2	Winchester City	6	Floyd County
3	Appomattox County	<a href="#">6</a>	<a href="#">Montgomery County</a>
3	Augusta County	6	Roanoke City
3	Buckingham County	7	Alexandria City
3	Charlottesville City	7	Arlington County
3	Farmville Town	7	Manassas Park City
<a href="#">3</a>	<a href="#">Halifax County</a>	<a href="#">7</a>	<a href="#">Prince William County</a>
3	Lunenburg County	<a href="#">7</a>	<a href="#">Stafford County</a>
3	Lynchburg City		

# Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)

Local Shelter Status (Open) (26) (Mobilizing) (1)

Source(s): WebEOC / VDSS

VDEM Region	Locality	VDEM Region	Locality
1	Colonial Heights City (Open)	4	Galax City (Open)
<u>1</u>	<u>Hopewell City (Open)</u>	4	Grayson County (Open)
1	Petersburg City (Open)	4	Tazewell County (Open)
<u>1</u>	<u>Richmond City (Open)</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Newport News City (Open)</u>
2	Caroline County (Open)	5	Northumberland County (Open)
<u>2</u>	<u>Spotsylvania County (Open)</u>	6	Bedford County (Open)
2	Warren County (Open)	6	Danville City (Open)
2	Town of Warrenton (Mobilizing)	6	Franklin County (Open)
3	Albemarle County/Charlottesville City (Open)	6	Henry County/Martinsville City (Open)
3	Appomattox County (Open)	6	Pittsylvania County (Open)
3	Lynchburg City (Open)	6	Roanoke City (Open)
3	Mecklenburg County (Open)	7	Alexandria City (Open)
3	Nelson County (Open)	7	Prince William County (Open)
4	Bland County (Open)		

## Private Sector Actions

- The Private Sector Liaison will be holding a daily private sector stakeholders daily coordination call at 10:00 am.
- Updating SISE Hub as information and needs permit.
- Engaged and participating in the Power Restoration Task Force.

## Regional Impacts

- Region 1 – Nothing significant to report
- Region 2 – Nothing significant to report
- Region 3 – Nothing significant to report
- Region 4 – Nothing significant to report
- Region 5 – Nothing significant to report
- Region 6 – Nothing significant to report
- Region 7 – The Regional Coordination Center is activated to Orange: Partial Activation with ESF support. Staff have been coordinating closely with local, state, and regional partners through multiple channels, including Regional Partner Calls and Region 2, 3, and 7 weather briefings. Preparations for activation are complete, and one Request for Assistance has already been processed for a local jurisdiction. No needs at this time.

## Request(s) for Assistance

Source: WebEOC as of 4:00 am

# Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)

	Total	Region I	Region II	Region III	Region IV	Region V	Region VI	Region VII	VEOC	Other States
<b>Active Requests</b>	63	29	2	9	3	3	1	1	15	0
<b>Completed Requests</b>	62	22	3	9	4	18	2	2	2	0
<b>Withdrawn Requests</b>	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Request Totals</b>	128	52	6	19	7	21	3	3	17	0

## State Resource Summary

<b>RESOURCE SUMMARY</b>					
<b>1. Incident Name:</b> 2026-01 - Winter Weather		<b>2. Operational Period:</b>		<b>Date From:</b> 01/24/2026 <b>Time From:</b> 0900	<b>Date To:</b> 01/25/2026 <b>Time To:</b> 0900
<b>3. VEST</b>					
<b>Resource Identifier</b>	<b>Resource Point of Contact</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Resource Status</b>	<b>Capability / Assignment</b>	
Debris Removal team - DRT 1	VADOC	Appalachian CCAP	Staging	Snow/debris removal	
Debris Removal team - DRT 2	VADOC	Bland CC	Staging	Snow/debris removal	
Debris Removal team - DRT 3	VADOC	Cold Springs CU	Staging	Snow/debris removal	
Debris Removal team - DRT 4	VADOC	Marion Cadre	Staging	Snow/debris removal	
Debris Removal team - DRT 5	VADOC	Patrick Henry CU	Staging	Snow/debris removal	
Debris Removal team - DRT 6	VADOC	Wise CU	Staging	Snow/debris removal	
Debris Removal team - DRT 7	VADOC	Baskerville	Staging	Snow/debris removal	
Debris Removal team - DRT 8	VADOC	Buckingham	Staging	Snow/debris removal	
Debris Removal team - DRT 9	VADOC	Unit 13	Staging	Snow/debris removal	
Debris Removal team - DRT 10	VADOC	Coffeewood	Staging	Snow/debris removal	
Debris Removal team - DRT 11	VADOC	Dillwyn	Staging	Snow/debris removal	
Debris Removal team - DRT 12	VADOC	Halifax	Staging	Snow/debris removal	
Debris Removal team - DRT 13	VADOC	Lunenburg	Staging	Snow/debris removal	
Debris Removal team - DRT 14	VADOC	Nottoway	Staging	Snow/debris removal	

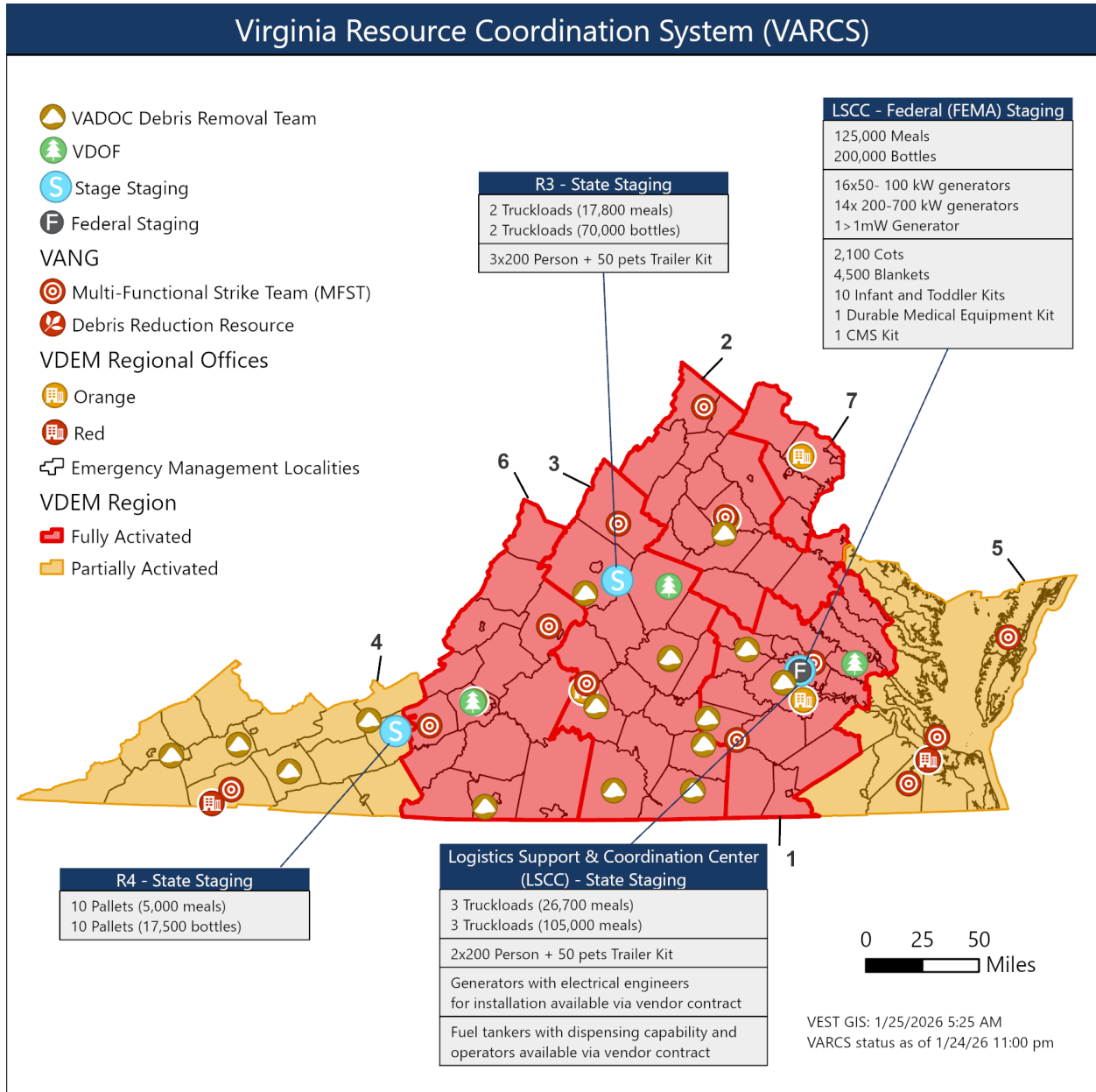
# Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)

Debris Removal team - DRT 15	VADOC	Rustburg	Staging	Snow/debris removal
Debris Removal team - DRT 16	VADOC	State Farm	Staging	Snow/debris removal
Debris Removal team - DRT 17	VADOC	State Farm WC	Staging	Snow/debris removal
<b>4. Region 1 – Activation Level</b>				
Resource Identifier	Resource Point of Contact	Location	Resource Status	Capability / Assignment
Multi-Function Strike Team 1-A	ESF16	Sandston	Staging	1 LMTV and 2 debris teams
Multi-Function Strike Team 1-B	ESF16	Ft. Barfoot	Staging	1 LMTV and 2 debris teams
VDOF Strike Team - 1	ESF4	New Kent	Staging	
<b>5. Region 2 - Activation Level</b>				
Resource Identifier	Resource Point of Contact	Location	Resource Status	Capability / Assignment
Multi-Function Strike Team 2-A	ESF16	Culpeper	Staging	1 LMTV and 2 debris teams
Multi-Function Strike Team 2-B	ESF16	Winchester	Staging	1 LMTV and 2 debris teams
<b>6. Region 3 - Activation Level</b>				
Resource Identifier	Resource Point of Contact	Location	Resource Status	Capability / Assignment
Multi-Function Strike Team 3-A	ESF16	Lynchburg	Staging	1 LMTV and 2 debris teams
Multi-Function Strike Team 3-B	ESF16	Harrisonburg	Staging	1 LMTV and 2 debris teams
VDOF Strike Team - 2	ESF 4	Charlottesville	Staging	
<b>7. Region 4 - Activation Level</b>				
Resource Identifier	Resource Point of Contact	Location	Resource Status	Capability / Assignment
Multi-Function Strike Team 4-A	ESF16	Abingdon	Staging	1 LMTV and 2 debris teams
Multi-Function Strike Team 4-B	ESF16	Cedar Bluff	Staging	1 LMTV and 2 debris teams
<b>8. Region 5 - Activation Level</b>				
Resource Identifier	Resource Point of Contact	Location	Resource Status	Capability / Assignment
Multi-Function Strike Team 5-A	ESF16	Hampton	Staging	1 LMTV and 2 debris teams
Multi-Function Strike Team 5-B	ESF16	Suffolk	Staging	1 LMTV and 2 debris teams
Debris Team - 1	ESF16	Eastern Shore (Melfa)	Staging	1 debris team
Debris Team - 2	ESF16	Eastern Shore (Melfa)	Staging	1 debris team
<b>9. Region 6 – Activation Level</b>				
Resource Identifier	Resource Point of Contact	Location	Resource Status	Capability / Assignment

# Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)

Multi-Function Strike Team 6-A	ESF16	Lexington	Staging	1 LMTV and 2 debris teams
Multi-Function Strike Team 6-B	ESF16	Christiansburg	Staging	1 LMTV and 2 debris teams
VDOF Strike Team	ESF4	Salem	Staging	
<b>10. Region 7- Activation Level</b>				
<b>Resource Identifier</b>	<b>Resource Point of Contact</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Resource Status</b>	<b>Capability / Assignment</b>
Multi-Function Strike Team 7	ESF16	Fairfax / R7 RCC	Staging	2 LMTV and 4 debris teams
<b>11. State Staging</b>				
Meals and Water	ESF 7	Pulaski	Staging	10 Pallets (5,000 meals) 10 Pallets (17,500 bottles)
Meals and Water	ESF 7	Waynesboro	Staging	2 Truckloads (17,800 meals) 2 Truckloads (70,000 bottles)
Shelter Supplies	ESF 7	Waynesboro	Staging	3x200 Person + 50 pets Trailer Kit
Meals and Water	ESF 7	Richmond (LSCC)	Staging	3 Truckloads (26,700 meals) 3 Truckloads (105,000 meals)
Shelter Supplies	ESF 7	Richmond (LSCC)	Staging	2x200 Person + 50 pets Trailer Kit
Power Generation	ESF 7	Richmond (LSCC)	Staging	Generators with electrical engineers for installation available via vendor contract
Fuel	ESF 7	Richmond (LSCC)	Staging	Fuel tankers with dispensing capability and operators available via vendor contract
<b>11. Federal (FEMA) Staging</b>				
Meals and Water	FEMA	Richmond (LSCC)	Staging	125,000 Meals 200,000 Bottles
Power Generation	FEMA	Richmond (LSCC)	Staging	16x50- 100 kW generators 14x 200-700 kW generators 1>1mW Generator
Shelter Supplies		Richmond (LSCC)		2,100 Cots 4,500 Blankets 10 Infant and Toddler Kits 1 Durable Medical Equipment Kit 1 CMS Kit
Prepared by: Presleigh Coleman		Position/Title: OSC		

# Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)



# Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)

UNCLASSIFIED

Winter Storm 24 JAN 26 Concept of Operations v.6 20260123

TASKED (ACTIVE) CAPABILITY	REG	LOC	QTY	PAX	VEH	PAX/REG
JTF-VA-JOC Staff	1	Richmond	n/a	23	0	
ESF-16 Staff	1	Richmond	n/a	1	0	
Battalion C2 Resource (-) (BNC2R)	1	Richmond	1	13	0	56
VDF ERMS		Various	10	10	0	
VDF Log Distribution Resource (LDR)		Various	9	9	7	
Multi-Function Strike Team (MFST) (-)	1	Blackstone	(-)	10	4	
Multi-Function Strike Team (MFST) (-)	1	Sandston	(-)	10	4	26
Debris Reduction Resource (DRR) w/ C2	1	Petersburg	2	6	3	
Multi-Function Strike Team (MFST) (-)	2	Winchester	(-)	10	4	
Multi-Function Strike Team (MFST) (-)	2	Culpeper	(-)	10	4	20
Multi-Function Strike Team (MFST) (-)	3	Harrisonburg	(-)	10	4	
Multi-Function Strike Team (MFST) (-)	3	Lynchburg	(-)	10	4	26
Debris Reduction Resource (DRR) w/ C2	3	S Boston	2	6	3	
Multi-Function Strike Team (MFST) (-)	4	Abingdon	(-)	10	4	
Multi-Function Strike Team (MFST) (-)	4	Cedar Bluff	(-)	10	4	20
Multi-Function Strike Team (MFST) (-)	5	Hampton	(-)	10	4	
Multi-Function Strike Team (MFST) (-)	5	Suffolk	(-)	10	4	24
Debris Reduction Resource (DRR)(+)	5	E. Shore	1	4	2	
Multi-Function Strike Team (MFST) (-)	6	Lexington	(-)	10	4	
Multi-Function Strike Team (MFST) (-)	6	Christiansbu	(-)	10	4	26
Debris Reduction Resource (DRR) w/ C2	6	Danville	2	6	3	
Multi-Function Strike Team (MFST)	7	Fairfax	1	16	6	16
Platoon C2 Resource (PC2R)(-)		RCC 1-7	7	14	7	14
<b>TOTAL TASKED (ACTIVE) CAPABILITIES</b>			<b>228</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>228</b>	
STAGED (ASSEMBLED) CAPABILITY	REG	LOC	QTY	PAX	VEH	PAX/REG
Medium Rotary Wing Resource – Utility	1	AASF	1	3	0	
Medium Rotary Wing Resource – Hoist	1	AASF	1	3	0	16
Light Rotary Wing Resource (LRWR)	1	AASF	1	3	0	
Aviation Support Resource (AVSR)	1	AASF	1	7	0	
<b>TOTAL STAGED (ASSEMBLED) CAPABILITIES</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	
STAND-BY (ALERTED) CAPABILITY	REG	LOC	QTY	PAX	VEH	PAX/REG
<b>TOTAL STAND-BY (ALERTED) CAPABILITIES</b>						

**Tasked = 230 pax**  
**Staged = 16 pax**

Phase I – Increased Readiness 20-23 JAN 26. Conduct Crisis Action Planning and Interagency Coordination; Assess risk; Notify and assemble the JTF-VA-JOC Staff  
 Phase II – Assemble 23-24 JAN 26. Assemble response forces NLT 231700JAN2026 at initial staging locations; conduct in-processing; prepare equipment; distribute sustenance and other resources  
 Phase III – Execute 24 JAN 26 – UTC. Response forces staged awaiting regional tasking; upon tasking, response forces report to RCC and conduct regional mission assignments  
 Phase IV – Recover & Redeploy TBD. Upon release from RCC, response forces return to initial staging location; conduct recovery operations; complete close-out requirements; request authorization to release personnel to HOR

UNCLASSIFIED

## Unmet Needs

- None.

## VEST ESF Updates

Source: WebEOC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Safety and Government</li> <li>Law Enforcement</li> <li>Correctional Facilities</li> <li>Firefighting</li> <li>Other Fire Services</li> <li>Search and Rescue Response</li> <li>Incident Coordination</li> <li>Incident Support</li> <li>Essential Government Functions</li> <li>Government Offices</li> <li>Schools</li> <li>Historical and Cultural Resources</li> <li>Flooding</li> <li>Wind Event</li> <li>Geological Hazards</li> <li>Winter Weather</li> <li>Air Quality</li> <li>Cyber Security</li> <li>Civil Unrest</li> <li>Other Hazards</li> <li>Community Safety Impacts</li> <li>Protective Actions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health and Medical</li> <li>Hospitals</li> <li>Healthcare Facilities (other than hospitals)</li> <li>Emergency Medical Services</li> <li>Mortuary and/or Post-Mortuary Services</li> <li>Health Surveillance</li> <li>Human Services</li> <li>Human and Animal Support</li> <li>Agriculture</li> <li>Commercial Food Distribution</li> <li>Food Distribution Programs</li> <li>Mass Care Sites</li> <li>Housing</li> <li>Livestock and/or Poultry</li> <li>Pets</li> <li>Aquatic Animals</li> <li>Individual and Family Direct Support</li> <li>Community Direct Support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utility Services</li> <li>Drinking Water Systems</li> <li>Wastewater Systems</li> <li>Electric</li> <li>Fuel and/or Oil</li> <li>Natural Gas / Propane</li> <li>Transportation</li> <li>Roads</li> <li>Special Facilities</li> <li>Railroads</li> <li>Airports</li> <li>Aircraft</li> <li>Commercial Aviation</li> <li>Passenger Aviation</li> <li>Waterways</li> <li>Ports and Port Facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hazardous Materials</li> <li>Chemical/Oil Hazardous Materials</li> <li>Nuclear Non-Power Facility</li> <li>Specialized Response Teams</li> <li>Communications</li> <li>Cellular Infrastructure</li> <li>Cable Systems and Wireline</li> <li>Broadcast (TV and Radio)</li> <li>Data Centers / Cloud Infrastructure</li> <li>Other Communications Infrastructure</li> <li>Alerts and Warnings</li> <li>Public Safety Answering Point</li> <li>First Responder Communications</li> </ul>
--	--	---	--

# Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)

**ESF 1:** Flight cancellations and delays are reported at all the commercial airports.

**ESF 2:** No updates.

**ESF 3:** No updates.

**ESF 4:** No updates.

**ESF 6:** No updates.

**ESF 8:** No updates.

**ESF 9:** No updates.

**ESF 10:** No updates.

**ESF 11:** No updates.

**ESF 12:** No updates.

**ESF 13:** No updates.

**ESF 16:** No updates.

**ESF 17:** No updates.

## **Task Forces**

**Power Restoration:** Established to ensure power is restored to critical infrastructure to ensure life safety missions. Had initial coordination call on January 24, 2026, and POCs identified. Field POCs and Regional liaisons are coordinating. Daily stand up for 11:00 am.

**Debris:** Established to ensure emergency access to roadways for life safety accessibility missions such as healthcare, nursing homes, etc. Had initial coordination call on January 24, 2026, and POCs identified. Daily stand up for 1:00 pm.

**Feeding:** Established to ensure that feeding operations can be executed in the event or requests for assistance. Initial coordination call is tentatively scheduled for 11:00 am on Sunday January 25, 2026. Meeting invites forthcoming.

**Shelter:** Pulled partners and had preliminary conversations to establish the Shelter Task Force have occurred. The Shelter Task Force is to ensure that when the need for shelters is identified that they can be set up quickly.

## **Weather Forecast**

*(By VDEM Region)*

### **Region 1 (Richmond Area)**

**Today:** Freezing rain and sleet, possibly mixed with snow before 1pm, then freezing rain, possibly mixed with sleet between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm, then freezing rain after 2:00 pm. The sleet could be heavy at times. High near 29. North wind 6 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New ice accumulation of 0.1 to 0.3 of an inch possible. New snow and sleet accumulation of around an inch possible.

**Tonight:** Freezing rain before 4am, then a slight chance of snow and freezing rain. Low around 23. West wind 3 to 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New ice accumulation of 0.1 to 0.3 of an inch possible. Little or no snow accumulation expected.

### **Region 2 (Northwest Area)**

**Today:** Sleet, possibly mixed with snow, becoming all sleet after 2pm. The snow and sleet could be heavy at times. High near 26. North wind 3 to 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow and sleet accumulation of 2 to 4 inches possible.

**Tonight:** Freezing rain and sleet, becoming all freezing rain after 10:00 pm. Low around 16. Calm wind. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New ice accumulation of less than a 0.1 of an inch possible. New sleet accumulation of less than a half inch possible

# Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)

## **Region 3 (Central Virginia)**

**Today:** Freezing rain, possibly mixed with sleet. The sleet could be heavy at times. High near 25. North wind 5 to 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New ice accumulation of 0.1 to 0.3 of an inch possible. New sleet accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

**Tonight:** Freezing rain, possibly mixed with sleet before 1am, then a slight chance of freezing rain between 1am and 4am, then a slight chance of snow and freezing rain after 4:00 am. Low around 22. Calm wind coming from west around 5 mph after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New ice accumulation of 0.1 to 0.2 of an inch possible. New snow and sleet accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

## **Region 4 (Far Southwest Area)**

**Today:** Freezing rain before 11am, then rain. High near 42. East wind 8 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New ice accumulation of 0.1 to 0.3 of an inch possible.

**Tonight:** Rain likely before midnight, then a chance of rain and snow showers between midnight and 1am, then a chance of snow showers after 1:00 am. Cloudy, with a low around 14. West wind 5 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

## **Region 5 (Tidewater-Hampton Roads Area)**

**Today:** Rain. High near 42. Northeast wind 7 to 13 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.

**Tonight:** Rain before 1am, then drizzle likely, mainly between 1:00 am and 4:00 am. Low around 32. West wind 5 to 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

## **Region 6 (Southwest Virginia)**

**Today:** Sleet, possibly mixed with freezing rain, becoming all freezing rain after 1pm. The sleet could be heavy at times. High near 26. East wind 3 to 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New ice accumulation of 0.1 to 0.3 of an inch possible. New sleet accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

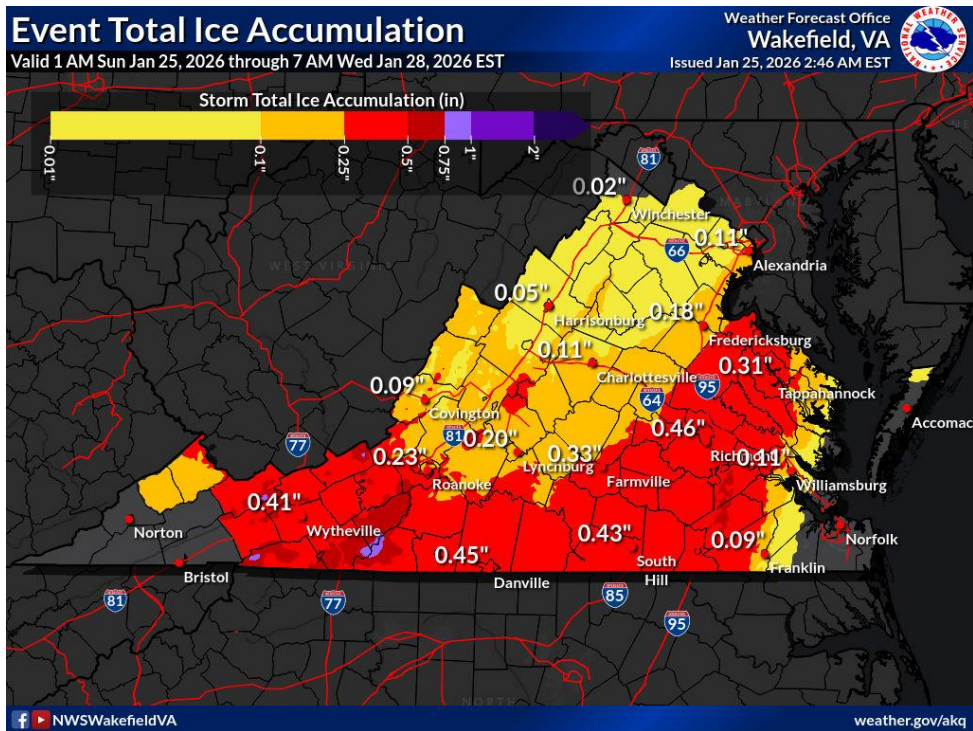
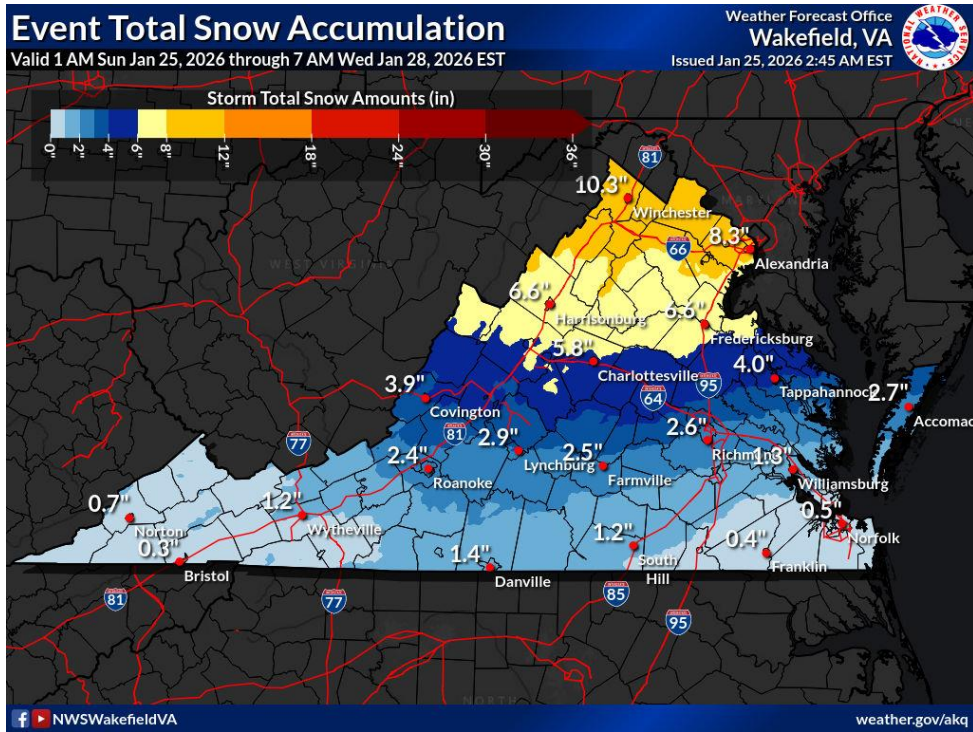
**Tonight:** A chance of freezing rain, mainly before 8:00 pm. Cloudy during the early evening, then gradual clearing, with a low around 20. Light and variable wind becoming northwest 9 to 14 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 24 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New ice accumulation of less than a 0.1 of an inch possible.

## **Region 7 (Northern Virginia)**

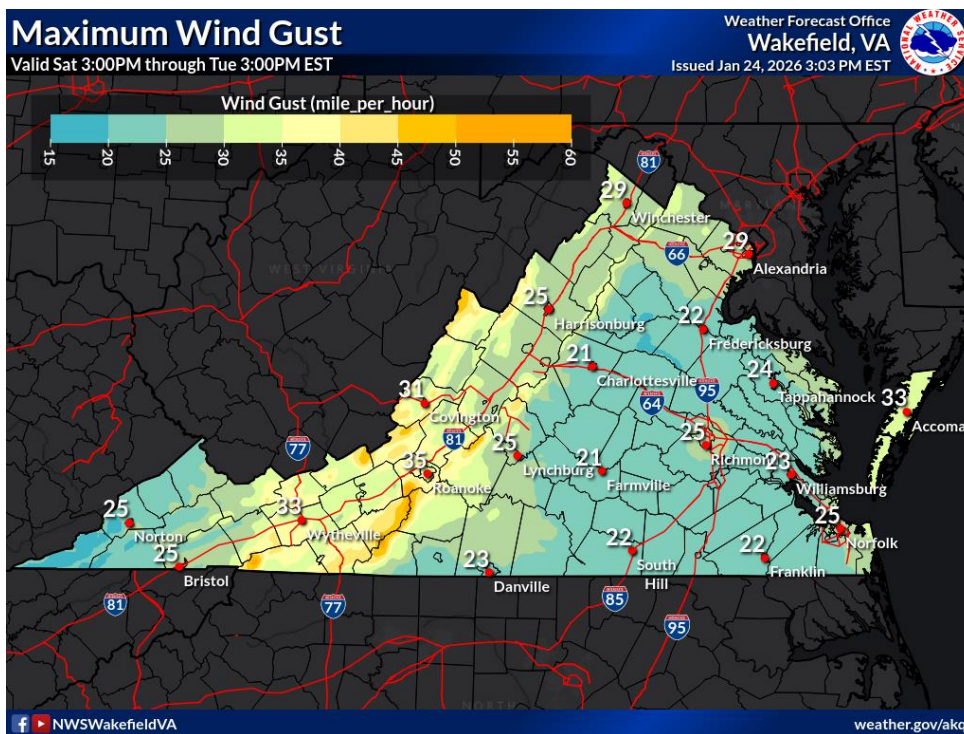
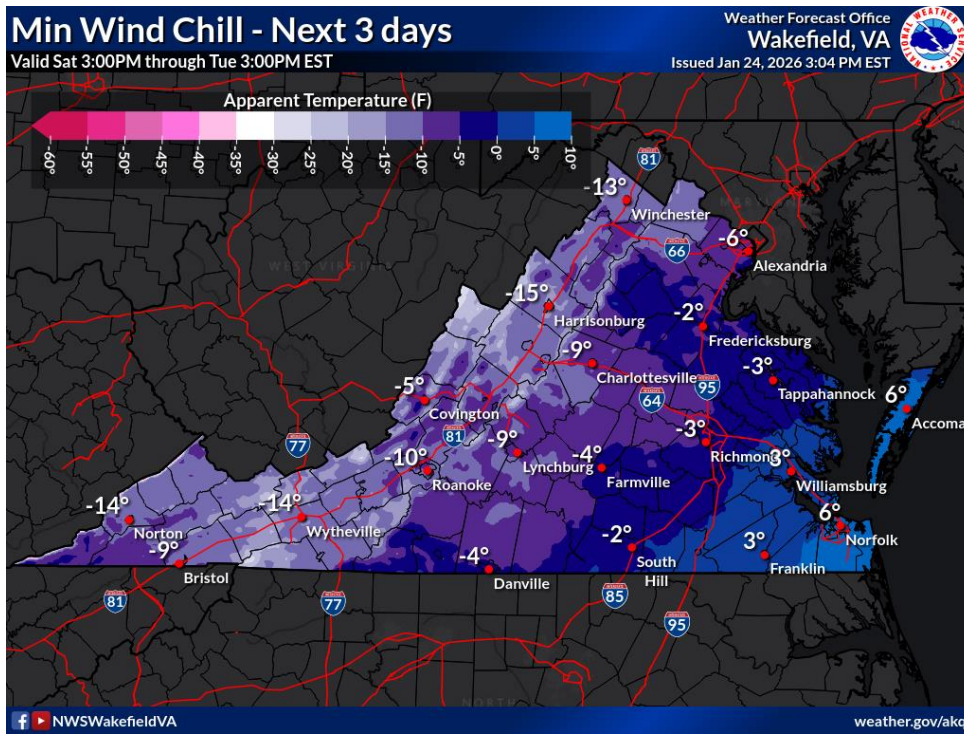
**Today:** Sleet, possibly mixed with snow, becoming all sleet after 3:00 pm. The snow and sleet could be heavy at times. High near 26. Northeast wind 6 to 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow and sleet accumulation of 3 to 5 inches possible.

**Tonight:** Freezing rain and sleet, then all freezing rain after 10pm. Low around 19. Northwest wind 3 to 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New ice accumulation of less than a 0.1 of an inch possible. New sleet accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

# Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)



# Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)



Prepared by: VEST Planning Section  
Approved by: Stephanie Harris, VEST Lead