

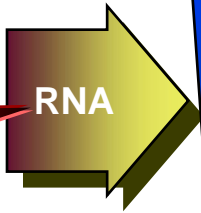
# RECOVERY AND MITIGATION DIVISION



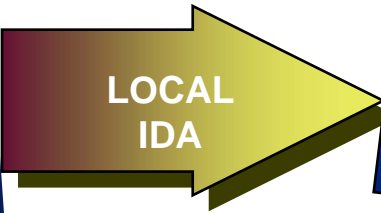
# Overview

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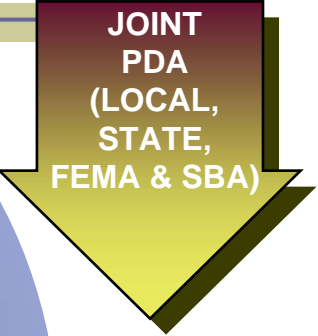
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- Initiatives



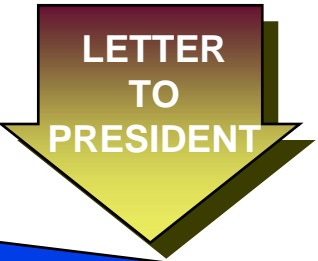
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**VDEM EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER REVIEW**



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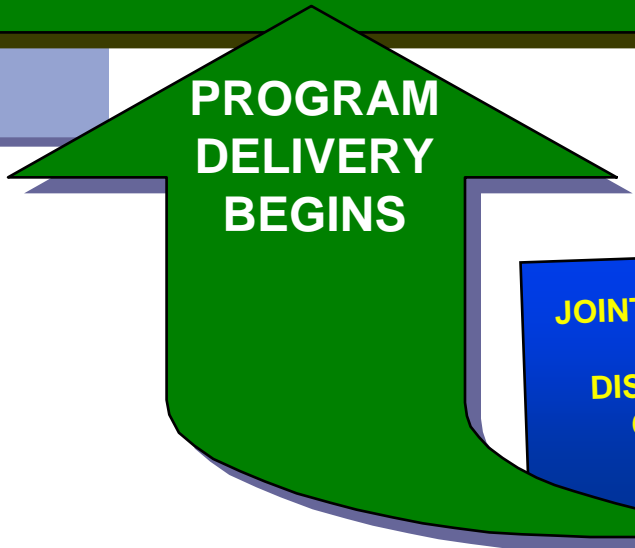
**PRESIDENT DECLARES FEDERAL DISASTER**



**AFFECTED**

**COMMUNITY**

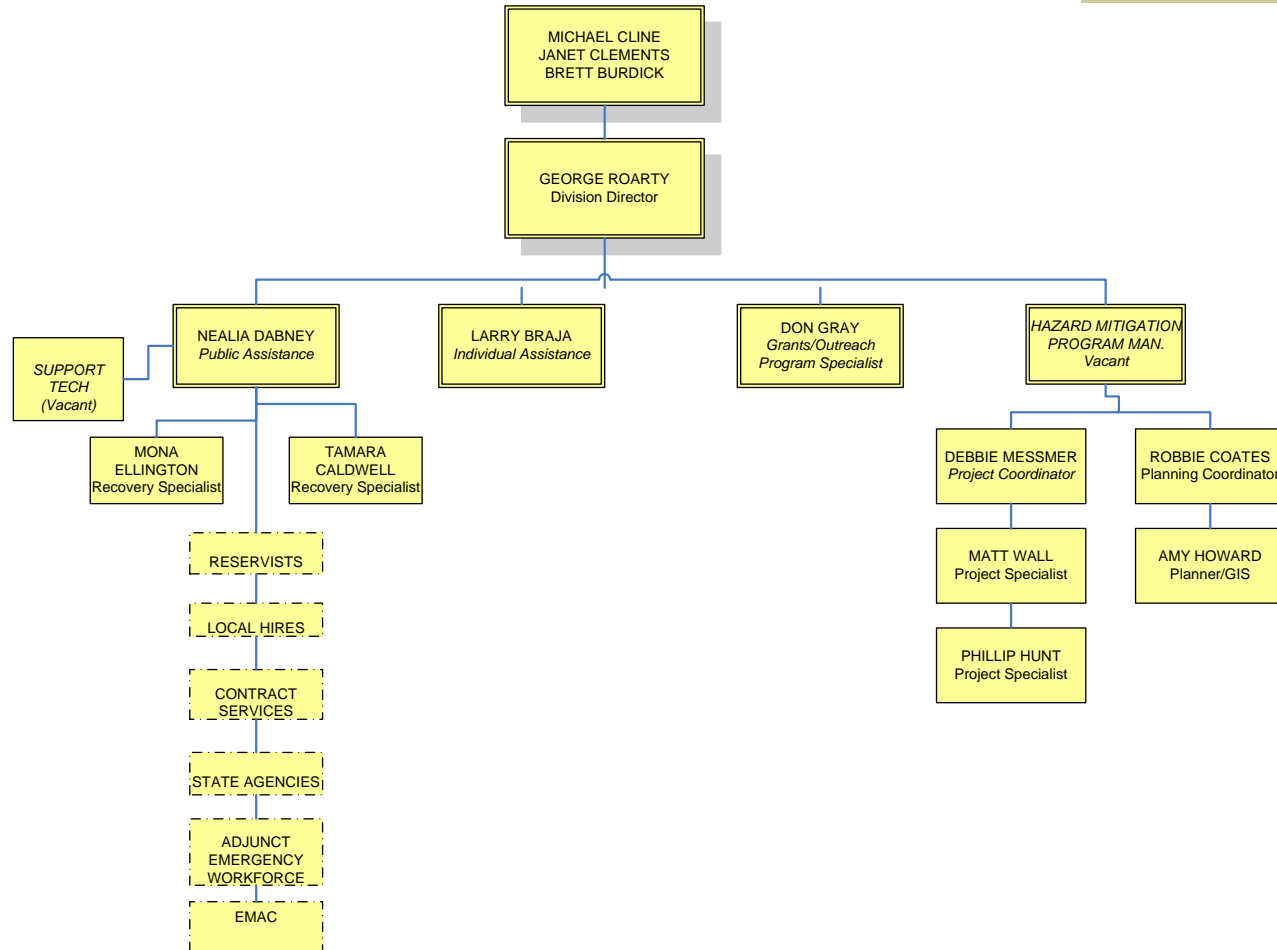
**VDEM Division of Recovery & Mitigation**



**JOINT FIELD OFFICE (JFO) AND DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS (DRCs) ESTABLISHED**



# Recovery and Mitigation Division



# Public Assistance

- Nealia Dabney  
*Public Assistance Officer*
- Tamara Caldwell  
Mona Ellington  
*Recovery Specialists*
- Support Technician (Vacant)
- Staff Supported By:
  - State Agencies
  - Reservists
  - Local Hires
  - Contractor – James Lee Witt Associates
- Federal PA Program
  - Provides assistance to states, local governments and selected private non-profit organizations for debris removal, emergency protective measures and permanent restoration of infrastructure
  - 2009 Thresholds:
    - State: \$1.31 per capita (\$9,272,855)
    - Local: \$3.28 per capita
- State PA program
  - Structured similar to federal program
  - Localities must meet thresholds established
    - \$4.00 per capita
- Fire Management Assistance Program

# State PA Program Initiatives

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- State Contracts
  - 8 Debris Removal Contracts
  - 3 Debris Monitoring Services
  - Extension of Emergency Services Contract - (Witt Associates)
- Acquire software to enhance PA grant management/interface with Finance, FEMA and applicants
  - Just received approval from VITA to proceed with project
- PA Training February - April 2009:
  - Three Debris Management Workshops
  - Four Damage Assessment Workshops
  - Three PA Eligibility & Grants Management Workshops
  - Two PA Shelter Workshops
    - Hampton Roads - local/regional jail personnel
    - Charlottesville – Colleges/Universities
- In process of placing PA Shelter Workshop and PA Eligibility/Grant Management in Knowledge Center

# Individual Assistance

- Larry Braja, Program Manager
- Programs:
  - Federal IA
  - Public Safety Employee Assistance Program (Section 44-146.17 – 7/1/06)
- IA Support Organizations (Partial)
  - Department of Social Services
  - Virginia Employment Commission
  - Department of Housing and Community Development
  - SCC - Bureau of Insurance
  - Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse
  - Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters



Richmond, September 2, 2004 -- Federal, state, and local officials inspect the damage in the Shockoe Bottom section of town left by tropical storm Gaston two nights ago. Gaston dropped as much as 12 inches of rain two nights ago over a period of four hours. Photo by: Liz Roll/FEMA News Photo



# Individual Assistance

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- Housing Assistance

(100% Federal)

- Temporary Housing
  - Rental Assistance
  - Travel Trailers/Mobile Homes
- Repair to make home safe, sanitary, functional
- Replacement

- Other Assistance

(75% Federal-25% State)

- Household goods, medical, funeral, clothing, fuels, clean-up items, disaster damaged vehicle, moving & storage

- Other Support

- Crisis Counseling
- Disaster Unemployment Assistance
- Legal Services
- Special Tax Considerations

- Post Katrina Initiatives

- Comprehensive nationwide housing strategy
- Comprehensive case management services for selective disasters
- Increased funds for home repairs & replacement

# Current IA Initiatives

## *Long Term Recovery/Housing*

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- ESF 14 - Long-Term Recovery Planning Group (Established April 2007)
- Members: FEMA, HUD, USDA, SBA, VAVOAD, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Virginia Housing Development Authority, local government (Virginia Beach)
- Objectives:
  - Timely identification/communications of critical long-term recovery/housing issues
  - Development of common strategy to address immediate/long-term disaster housing needs and associated support
  - Improve coordination with federal, state, local, private, voluntary partners

# Current IA Initiatives

## *Disaster Recovery Centers/Training*

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- Disaster Recovery Centers
  - Developing MOU with DMV to support management of DRCs
  - Will be developing DRC handbook/training and Website of agency services/contacts
- Supporting Damage Assessment Workshops

# Hazard Mitigation

- Program Manager -Vacant
- Debbie Messmer,  
*Projects Coordinator*
  - Phillip Hunt  
*Project Specialist*
  - Matt Wall  
*Project Specialist*
- Robbie Coates  
*Planning Coordinator*
  - Amy Howard  
Planner/GIS
- Reduce injury to people, damage to property, and loss of critical societal function from natural or human caused disasters
- Grants
  - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (Post Disaster)
  - Hazard Mitigation Assistance
    - Pre-Disaster Mitigation
    - Flood Mitigation Assistance
    - Repetitive Flood Claims
    - Severe Repetitive Loss
- Planning
  - Maintaining enhanced state plan
  - Support development/update of 22 regional, 5 local & 8 Disaster Resistant University Plans

# Current Mitigation Initiatives

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- Update of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, Volume 6, Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - Approved 3/14/07
  - Enables Commonwealth and eligible local governments, PNPs to remain eligible for public assistance grants
  - Enables Commonwealth to remain eligible for HMGP grants – extra 5%
- Acquire software to enhance Mitigation grant management/interface with Finance, FEMA and applicants
  - Received FEMA approval; Need VITA approval
- Training:
  - Mitigation Grants Workshop
- Soliciting Severe Repetitive Loss Grant Projects

# Grants and Outreach Program

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- Don Gray

*Grants and Outreach  
Program Specialist*

- Supports/enhances overall grant management process
  - Transitioning to more electronic framework
    - Evaluate and integrate software tools
    - Develop procedures and training to support transition

# Grants and Outreach Program

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- Improve program interface with Finance
- Lead ESF 14 Support Unit (Finance, Logistics and transition to JFO)
- Responsible for ensuring effective FEMA -State (VITA-Northrop Grumman Partnership) IT interface and support at Joint Field Office
- Support expansion of recovery and mitigation training opportunities through Knowledge Center
- Outreach

# Other Division Initiatives

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- Review/update organizational framework, supporting plans/SOPs and better define associated resource/infrastructure needs as well as sources of support to ensure effective recovery operations at VEOC-ESF 14 and Joint Field Office
  - Strengthening Partnerships with State/Federal Agencies, Volunteer Agencies and Private Sector
  - Coordinating with FEMA, VITA and Northrop Grumman to improve IT interface, coordination and support at Joint Field Office

# Other Division Initiatives

- Grow Recovery and Mitigation Training Program
  - Increase offerings
  - Improve scheduling/packaging of courses
  - Make training available through Knowledge Center
  - Increase state cadre of student instructors – Train-the-Trainer
  - Continue to collaborate with Federal, state and local partners in delivery



# References

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- Website - Recovery Center
  - Guidance
    - Sample Debris Plan Template/Copies of approved plans
    - Grant Information/Forms
    - Program/Policy Information
- Coordinator's Handbook – October 2008
  - Chapter 5 – Recovery and Mitigation Division
  - Chapter 17 – Recovery Toolkit
  - Chapter 18 - Mitigation Toolkit

# Recovery and Mitigation

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- Questions?

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