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## **W.Va. Flood media update for Friday, July 1, 2016**

**CHARLESTON, WV-** According to W.Va. Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jimmy Gianato, these are the latest facts and figures:

- Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin has directed all state agencies that can assist affected residents and businesses to staff the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) established in partnership with the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

DRCs are one-stop shops for eligible storm survivors to provide one-on-one, face-to-face help. Participation by state agencies will greatly enhance their effectiveness. Participating agencies and the topics of assistance will include:

- Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR): Aid with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits; vital statistics records (birth certificates, etc.).
- Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV): driver's licenses, vehicle titles.
- Tax Department: individual and business forms and documents.
- Insurance Commissioner: claims and related questions.
- West Virginia Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (WVVOAD): volunteer efforts, private bridges.
- West Virginia University College of Law: law student volunteers will offer help on the completion of FEMA and state agency forms, and providing advice on how to obtain legal services.

The West Virginia National Guard and representatives from Gov. Tomblin's office will also help staff the DRCs. **This participation is slated to begin Tuesday, July 5.**

Four DRCs are currently operating daily from 7 am to 7 pm:

- Greenbrier: 201 Kanawha Ave, Rainelle
- Greenbrier: 65 West Main St., White Sulphur Springs
- Kanawha: Crede Warehouse, 3300 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston
- Nicholas: Richwood City Hall, 6 White Ave., Richwood

Additional DRCs are planned for Summers and Roane counties soon. Additional details about those locations will be provided as they become available.

- DHSEM has launched [www.dhsem.wv.gov/Pages/WV-Flood-Information.aspx](http://www.dhsem.wv.gov/Pages/WV-Flood-Information.aspx) as a resource page for the flood response. Information hosted on this page includes much of what has been previously provided in the DHSEM media updates. The page will also host an archive of prior updates and other relevant documents.
- An initial assessment by state emergency officials *estimates* that throughout the affected areas, **1,500 homes** have been destroyed another **4,000 homes** have suffered damage while around **125 businesses** have been destroyed. Officials now await the results of the ongoing comprehensive assessments by FEMA.
- [www.wvflood.com](http://www.wvflood.com), a website developed by Volunteer WV, “attempts to connect the dots between those donating and those who need to receive the donations.” The site’s contact is [help@wvflood.com](mailto:help@wvflood.com).
- FEMA has posted detailed information about the various types of federal assistance available: <http://www.fema.gov/news-release/2016/06/25/federal-aid-programs-state-west-virginia>

## W.Va. Department of Transportation

The W.Va. Division of Highways (DOH) has initial road damage cost estimates in the affected areas:

County	District	Total FEMA Cost	Total FHWA Cost (Federal Highways)	Total
Clay	1	\$8,226,000	\$499,500	\$8,725,500
Kanawha	1	\$4,202,000	\$1,577,500	\$5,779,500
Lincoln	2	\$428,450	\$0	\$428,450
Logan	2	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
Wayne	2	\$334,700	\$100,000	\$434,700
Jackson	3	\$452,000	\$15,000	\$467,000
Roane	3	\$748,500	\$780,500	\$1,529,000
Braxton	7	\$182,000	\$25,000	\$207,000
Gilmer	7	\$94,250	\$135,000	\$229,250
Lewis	7	\$141,500	\$0	\$141,500
Upshur	7	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
Webster	7	\$1,497,100	\$457,350	\$1,954,450
Pocahontas	8	\$418,085	\$291,550	\$709,635
Randolph	8	\$220,500	\$25,500	\$246,000
Fayette	9	\$1,315,200	\$1,322,500	\$2,637,700
Greenbrier	9	\$2,261,180	\$2,847,200	\$5,108,380
Nicholas	9	\$3,013,385	\$3,670,100	\$6,683,485
Summers	9	\$548,000	\$80,000	\$628,000
		<b>\$24,182,850</b>	<b>\$11,826,700</b>	<b>\$36,009,550</b>

DOH has posted the latest roster of road closures **as of 10:43 am on July 1:**  
<http://www.transportation.wv.gov/communications/PressRelease/Pages/default.aspx>

## FEMA Info

Multiple FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams plan to continue canvassing affected areas to register survivors. These teams are operating in coordination with local emergency management officials.

FEMA assistance figures **as of close of business Thursday, June 30, 2016:**

FEMA Registrations	4,561
Day's Registrations	541
Individuals and Households Program (IHP) Funding Approved	\$5,420,886.57
Housing Assistance (HA) Funding Approved	\$4,321,602.61
Other Needs Assistance (ONA) Approved	\$1,099,283.96
Inspections Issued	3,713
Inspections Returned	1,003
Inspections Outstanding	2,710
% Complete	27.01%
Inspectors in the field	68
Funerals Paid	0
Funeral Funding Approved	NA
Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) open	4

For more information on FEMA's role in West Virginia's disaster recovery:

<http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4273>

[www.twitter.com/FEMA](http://www.twitter.com/FEMA)

[www.facebook.com/FEMA](http://www.facebook.com/FEMA)

[www.fema.gov/blog](http://www.fema.gov/blog)

## U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

The U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to open two Business Recovery Centers (BRC) **on July 6** to help affected businesses. The BRCs will allow business owners to meet individually with SBA representatives and find out how a low-interest disaster loan can help them recover.”

BRC Locations (as of July 6):

- Greenbrier County: Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corp., 804 Industrial Park, Suite 5, Maxwelton.  
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.
- Kanawha County: Charleston Area Alliance, 1116 Smith St., Charleston.  
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm.

### **Loan Insurance for Banks**

The W.Va. Economic Development Authority (WVEDA) is reminding West Virginia banks that loan insurance is available to cover new loans given to businesses affected by recent flooding. Under this coverage, the WVEDA guarantees up to 80 percent of a bank loan, not to exceed \$500,000. Bank loans of \$50,000 or less to small businesses will also receive expedited processing during the recovery effort. Information about the application process and how to apply for coverage is available at (304) 558-3650 and [www.wveda.org](http://www.wveda.org).

### **Legal Services**

Free disaster legal assistance is now available for West Virginia flood survivors. They can receive counseling on insurance claims, landlord-tenant issues, home-repair contracts, the replacement of legal documents destroyed by the storm and other legal matters. The toll-free hotline for this assistance is **(877) 331-4279**.

### **Debris Removal**

Greenbrier County has developed a contract for hauling debris and is sharing it with other affected counties as a potential template. Counties are advised to provide curbside pickup while also designating temporary dump sites as midpoints for these pickups before the debris is then hauled to landfills.

### **Power**

As of **5:45 am on July 1**, there were 740 reported outages statewide.

### **Fatalities**

The W.Va. Department of Health and Human Resources has provided the following details **as of June 30, 2016** from its Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; *it is unable to release names per state law*:

Statistical Data Regarding Mass Fatality Resulting from 2016 Flooding State of Emergency
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#	Location	County	Age Range*	M/F	Preliminary Cause of Death	Unconfirmed Physical Location of Recovery
1	Wheeling	Ohio	5 to 14	M	Asphyxiation	Water
2	Elkview	Kanawha	45 to 64	M	Asphyxiation	Roadway
3	NA	Kanawha	15 to 24	F	Asphyxiation	Roadway
4	Elkview	Kanawha	45 to 64	F	Automobile Accident	Vehicle
5	Ravenswood	Jackson	1 to 4	M	Asphyxiation	Water
6	Rainelle	Greenbrier	85+	M	Asphyxiation	Private Structure
7	Rainelle	Greenbrier	85+	M	Asphyxiation	Private Structure
8	Rainelle	Greenbrier	75 to 84	M	Asphyxiation	Private Structure
9	Rainelle	Greenbrier	45 to 64	M	Asphyxiation	Private Structure
10	Elkview	Kanawha	65 to 74	M	Asphyxiation	Private Structure
11	Elkview	Kanawha	45 to 64	F	Asphyxiation	Private Structure
12	Elkview	Kanawha	45 to 64	F	Asphyxiation	Private Structure
13	Rupert	Greenbrier	75 to 84	F	Asphyxiation	Water
14	Rupert	Greenbrier	65 to 74	M	Asphyxiation	Water
15	White Sulphur Springs	Greenbrier	15 to 24	M	Asphyxiation	Water
16	Caldwell	Greenbrier	45 to 64	M	Asphyxiation	Water
17	White Sulphur Springs	Greenbrier	45 to 64	F	Asphyxiation	Private Structure
18	White Sulphur Springs	Greenbrier	65 to 74	M	Asphyxiation	Gounds of Commercial Property
19	Rupert	Greenbrier	65 to 74	F	Asphyxiation	Water
20	White Sulphur Springs	Greenbrier	45 to 64	F	Complications from injuries received	Private Structure

\* National Center for Health Statistics Age Group for Mortality

According to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the number of deaths attributed to the floods **remains at 23** (twenty-three). That total includes the 20 confirmed fatalities detailed above and 3 people missing and presumed dead.

Fatality totals by county:

Greenbrier: 15 (12 confirmed, 3 missing and presumed dead)

Kanawha: 6

Ohio: 1

Jackson: 1

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