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## **W.Va. Flood media update for Sunday, July 3, 2016**

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

- The State Emergency Operations Center continues to track the potential severe weather threat forecast for this region, in close coordination with the local National Weather Service offices. The SEOC is hosting daily briefings for county and local emergency officials and other responders, and will schedule special weather briefings as warranted.
- A **flash flood watch** is in effect from the predawn hours of Monday, July 4 through late that night. The watch applies to 21 West Virginia counties including the federal disaster declaration counties of **Clay, Jackson, Nicholas, Roane and Webster**. A flash flood watch means that conditions may develop that lead to flash flooding. More info at <http://www.weather.gov/rlx>.
- As has been reported by Greenbrier County officials, a second body was recovered there this weekend. The body will also be taken to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for an autopsy.

This raises the confirmed death toll to **22**, with one considered still missing in Greenbrier County and presumed dead.

- Gen. Frank J. Grass, chief of the National Guard Bureau and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited with W.Va. Air and Army National Guard personnel deployed to the affected areas this weekend. The W.Va. National Guard has posted information and photos on its Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/WV.NationalGuard/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=1149544931734031](https://www.facebook.com/WV.NationalGuard/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1149544931734031)
- A **sixth** Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is now open, this one in **Roane County**. DRCs are one-stop shops that provide one-on-one, face-to-face help for eligible storm survivors.

The DRCs are operating daily from 7 am to 7 pm:

- Greenbrier: Town Hall, 201 Kanawha Ave, Rainelle
- Greenbrier: Southeastern Labor Council, AFL-CIO, 65 West Main St., White Sulphur Springs
- Kanawha: Crede Warehouse, 3300 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston
- Nicholas: Richwood City Hall, 6 White Ave., Richwood
- **Roane: Geary Elementary School; 9538 Clay Rd., Left Hand**
- Summers: Summers County Memorial Building gym, 451 1st Ave. , Hinton

Additional DRCs are planned for Clay and Webster counties.

- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) does not just assist small businesses. It offers low-interest disaster loans for:
  - Businesses of all sizes
  - Homeowners
  - Renters
  - Private non-profit organizations.

SBA disaster loans may cover repairs and rebuilding as well as the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged real estate and personal property. More information is available at <http://www.sba.gov/disaster>; (800) 659-2955; (800) 877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing; and [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov).

- Flood survivors may call **West Virginia 211**, a free information and referral service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. They can call 2-1-1 for help finding food, childcare, crisis counseling, and many other resources in their local communities.
- Everyone registering with the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for disaster assistance is reminded to provide good contact information. That will ensure that a FEMA contract inspector can arrange to view disaster damage.

Inspectors are thoroughly trained and use specialized software to verify disaster damage quickly. The inspection may only last 10 or 20 minutes. **The inspector does not make decisions on eligibility.**

FEMA offers these tips:

- Applicants unable to be present for the inspection can designate someone in the household over 18 years of age who was living in the household prior to the disaster. If an inspection cannot be made, FEMA may not be able to finish processing the application.
  - Survivors should not wait to start their cleaning up and making repairs to their home. They should save their receipts and document damage with photos.
  - Although there are other legitimate inspectors in the field, beware of people posing as FEMA inspectors or “FEMA approved” repair contractors. **FEMA makes no such endorsements.**
  - Legitimate FEMA inspectors will have the applicant’s nine-digit case number assigned at registration and always carry FEMA identification badges with a photograph. **Inspections are free**; inspectors are not authorized to ask for personal financial information other than to verify information provided at registration.
- FEMA has detailed information about several forms of federal assistance available:
    - [Individuals and Households Program \(IHP\)](#);
    - [Public Assistance \(PA\)](#);
    - [Disaster Unemployment Assistance \(DUA\)](#);
    - [Disaster Survivor Assistance](#).

Federal assistance information is also at:

<http://www.fema.gov/news-release/2016/06/25/federal-aid-programs-state-west-virginia>

- The Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) has developed county-specific informational fliers detailing assistance and resources in each of the 10 counties initially granted Federal Disaster Declarations: <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/secretary/Pages/Resources-for-Flood-Victims.aspx>
- 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 also hosts an archive of prior updates and other relevant documents.
- [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).

## 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	Total
Clay	1	\$8,058,500	\$463,000	\$8,521,500
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	\$244,250	\$135,000	\$379,250
Lewis	7	\$141,500	\$0	\$141,500
Upshur	8	\$119,000	\$0	\$119,000
Webster	8	\$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	\$1,328,700	\$1,322,500	\$2,651,200
Greenbrier	9	\$2,582,880	\$2,859,200	\$5,442,080
Nicholas	9	\$3,087,685	\$3,670,100	\$6,757,785
Summers	9	\$548,000	\$80,000	\$628,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$24,618,850</b>	<b>\$11,802,200</b>	<b>\$36,421,050</b>

DOH has posted the latest roster of road closures **as of 9:37 am on Sunday, July 3:**  
[www.go.wv.gov/wvdotnews](http://www.go.wv.gov/wvdotnews).

## FEMA Info

FEMA assistance figures as of close of business Saturday, July 2, 2016:

FEMA Registrations	5,232
Day's Registrations	228
Individuals and Households Program (IHP) Funding Approved	\$10,411,086.90
Housing Assistance (HA) Funding Approved	\$8,646,534.77
Other Needs Assistance (ONA) Approved	\$1,764,552.13
Inspections Issued	4,246
Inspections Returned	2,028
Inspections Outstanding	2,218
% Complete	47.76%
Inspectors in the field	67
Funerals Paid	0
Funeral Funding Approved	NA
Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) open	6

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)

## Fatalities

The W.Va. Department of Health and Human Resources has provided the following details as of July 1, 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						
#	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	Grounds 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 22 confirmed fatalities (see above) and 1 person missing and presumed dead.

Fatality totals by county:

Greenbrier: 15 (14 bodies recovered; 1 missing and presumed dead)

Kanawha: 6

Ohio: 1

Jackson: 1

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