

Virginia Unified Command

In Response to a Public Health Emergency

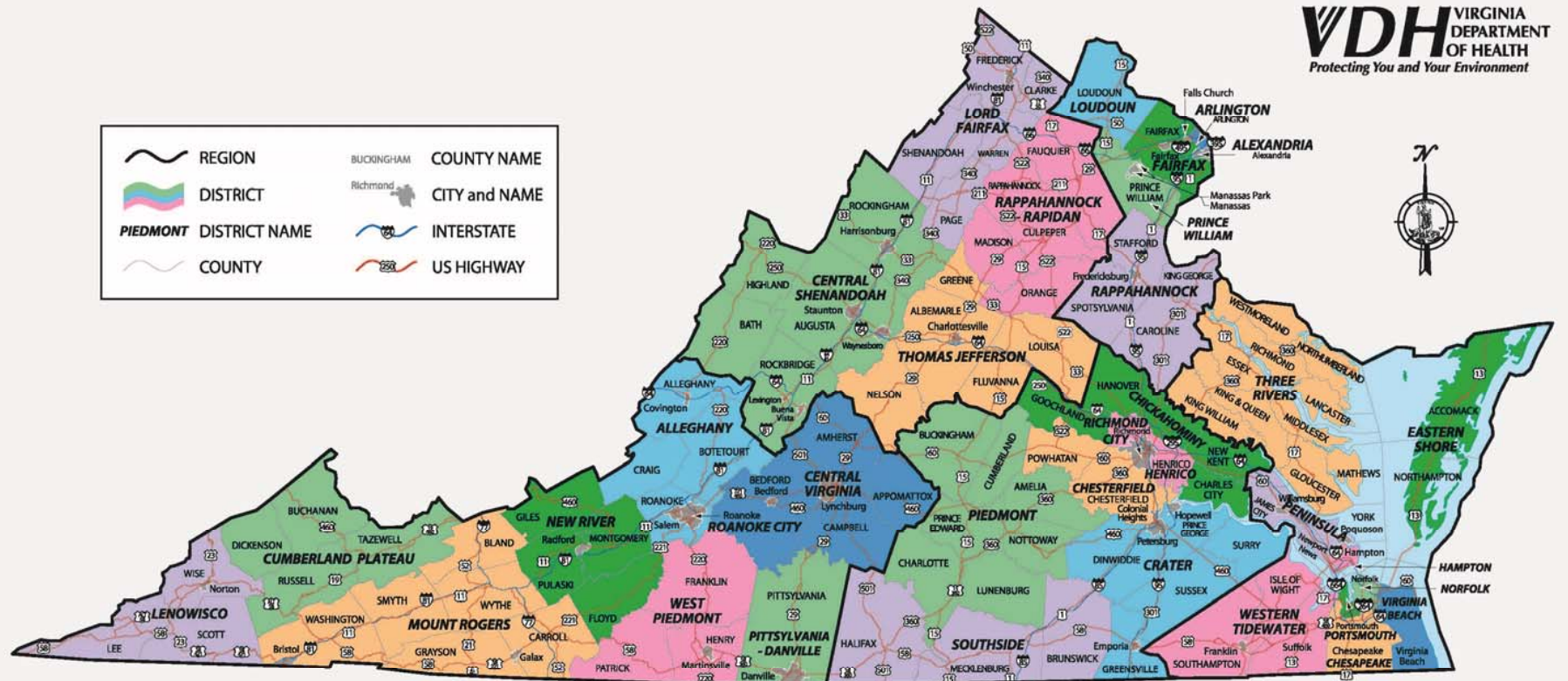
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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT of HEALTH

VDH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Protecting You and Your Environment

	REGION		BUCKINGHAM COUNTY NAME
	DISTRICT		Richmond CITY and NAME
	DISTRICT NAME		INTERSTATE
	COUNTY		US HIGHWAY



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - COMMUNICATIONS - CARTOGRAPHY SECTION - 8/17 - 3/18

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Commissioner's Code Authority

§§ 32.1-42 / 32.1-13 authority to promulgate orders to meet any emergency.

§§ 32.1-48.01- 48.04 Isolation/Quarantine authority.

§§ 32.1-42.1 / 54.1-3408 authorizes persons not ordinarily authorized to do so to administer and dispense medications.

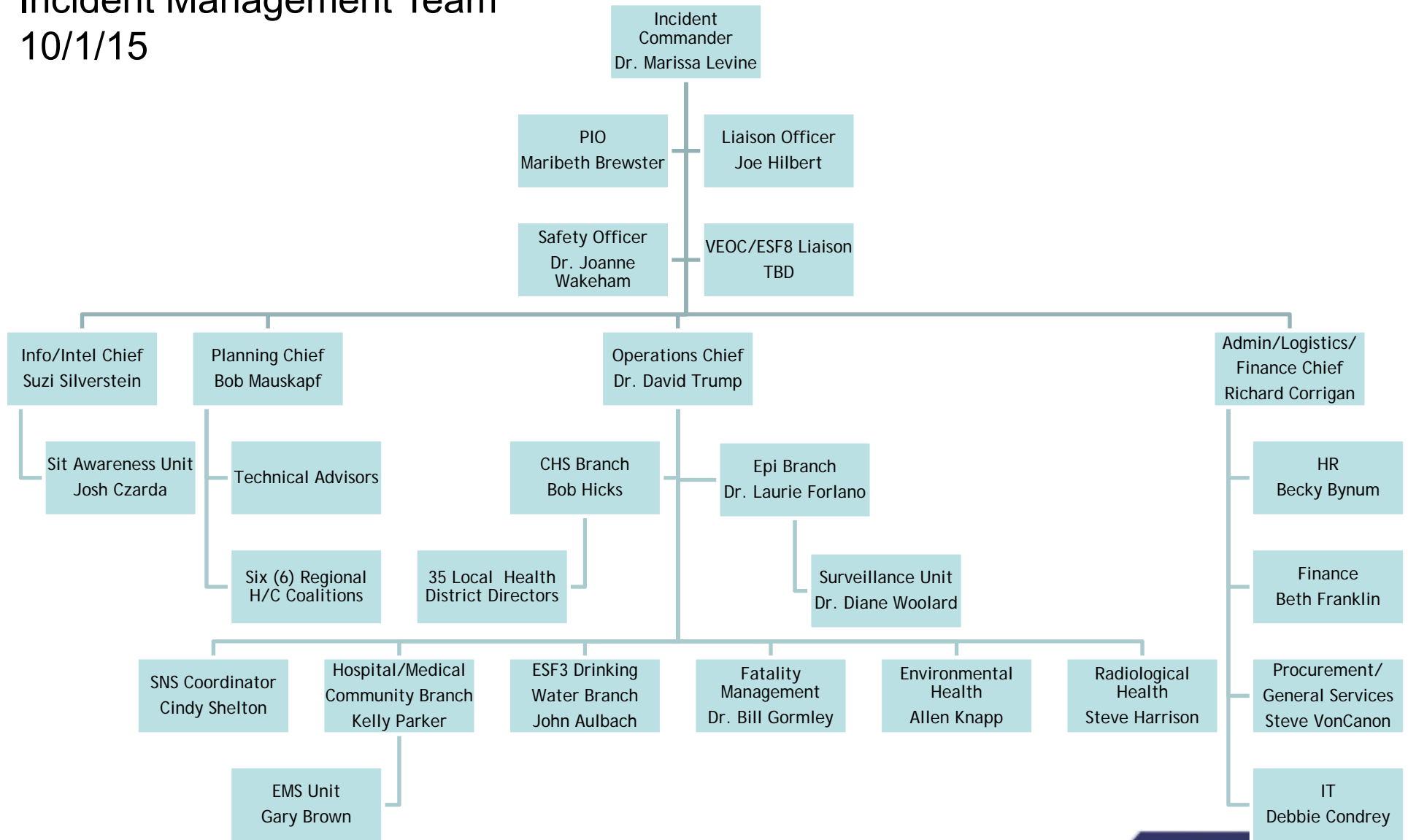
§§ 54.1-2506.1 / 54.1-2910.1 18VAC76-40-20 address the provision of emergency contact information by health care providers.

§§ 32.1-46.01 / 32.1-47 / 32.1-48. Immunization authority

§ 32.1-283. Chief Medical Examiner authority to declare cause of death.

VDH All Hazard Incident Management Team

10/1/15



VDH Communication Systems

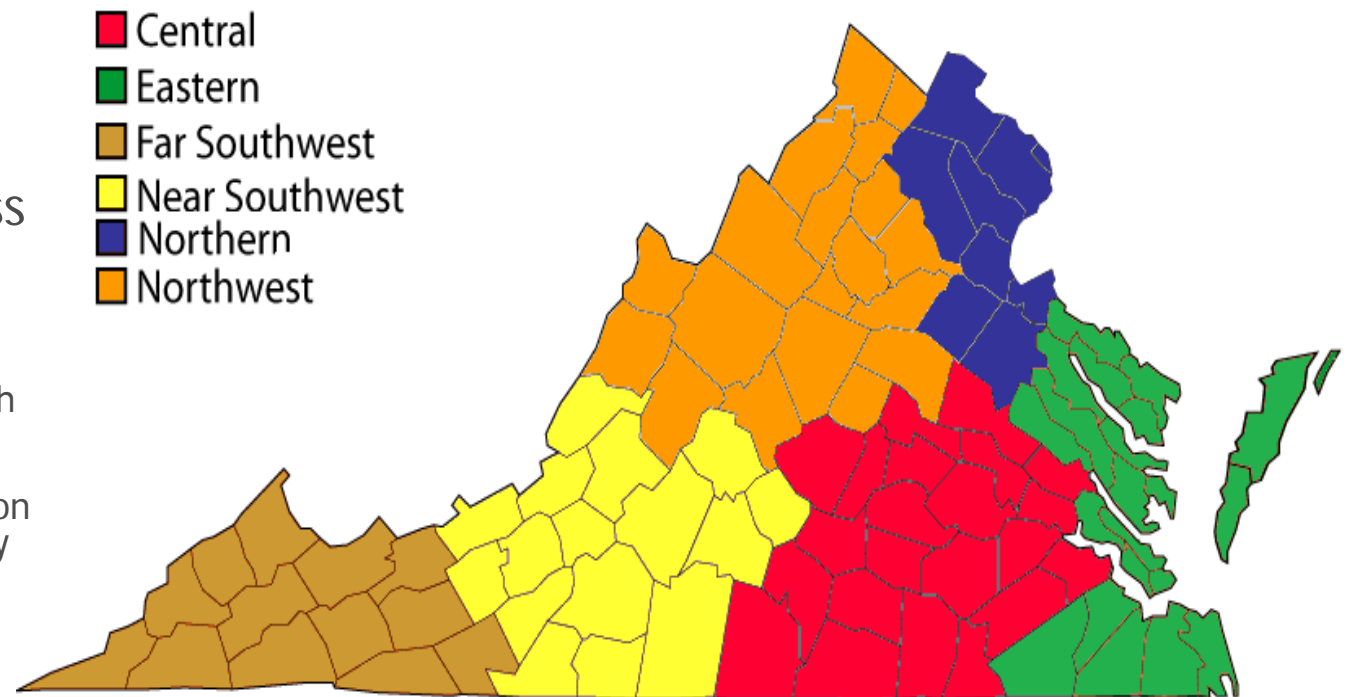
Health Alert Network (HAN)
Secure (Federal, Secret Level) Voice / Fax
Medical Countermeasure Distribution Management
Volunteer Management System
Video Teleconferencing
Satellite Phones and Data
HF, UHF and VHF Radio Systems
RIOS/ComLink Remote Radio Control System
VA. Hospital Alerting and Status System (VHASS)
WebEOC
24/7 Hotline
Priority to Landline and Wireless (GETS)
Search for the Perfect Communications System
(Reliable, Redundant, Reasonable, Scalable, Mobile)

Virginia HPP Overview

Virginia Hospital
and
Healthcare
Association
Regions
(VHHA)

Hospital
Preparedness
Program
(HPP)

The Virginia
Department of Health
partners with The
Virginia Hospital and
Healthcare Association
to engage community
partners



RHCC Functions/ Responsibilities

Facilitate uniform situational awareness

Provide central coordination of regional response activities

Coordinate regional sharing of healthcare resources

Disseminate information within the region at the request of VDH

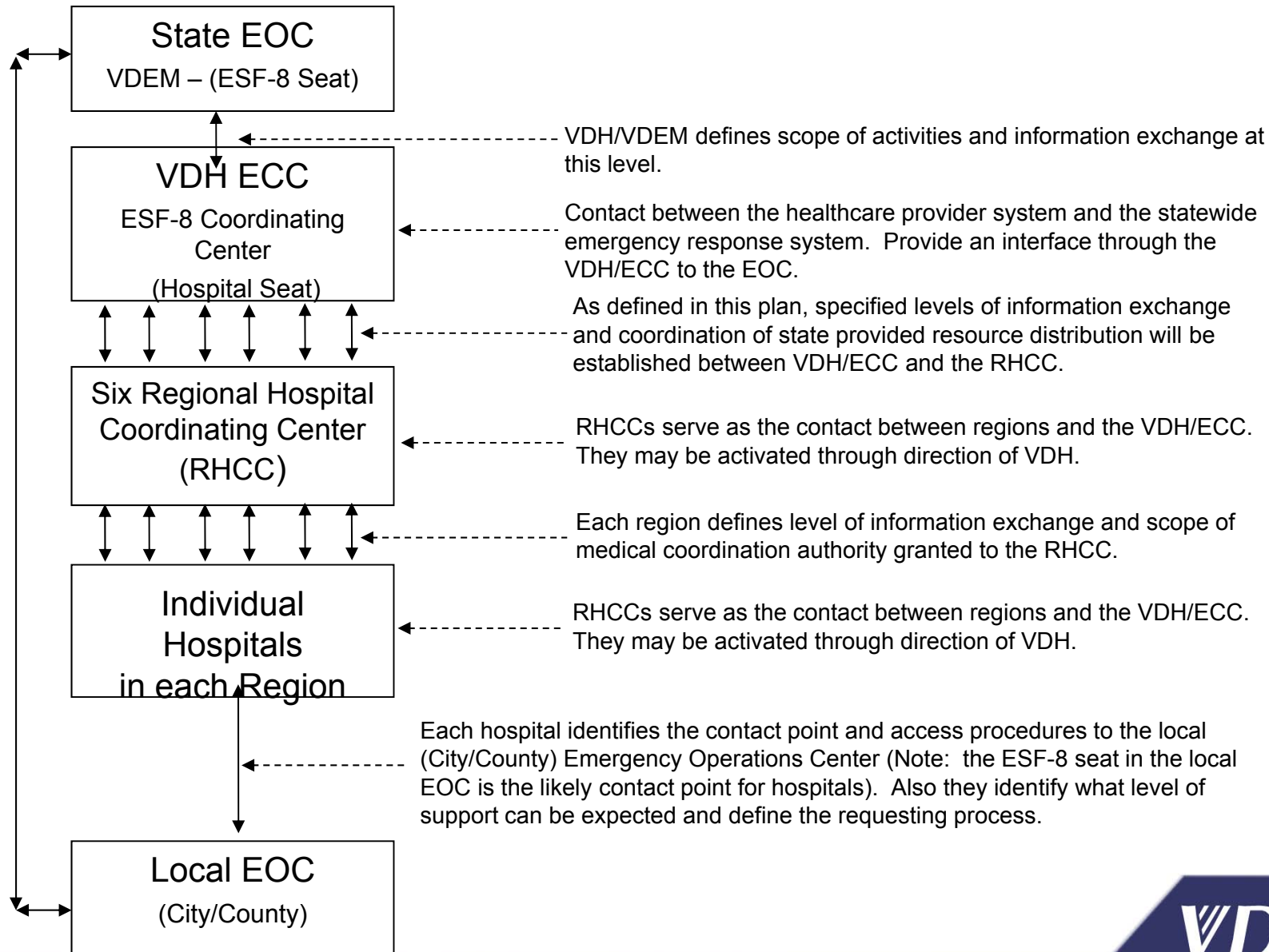
Coordinate diversion status/patient distribution within the region

Collect information from the region for VDH and as needed to coordinate regional activities

Provide situation reports to VDH

Request needed assets from other regions & the State.

Healthcare Coordinating Function



Dashboard

VHASS Virginia Healthcare Alerting & Status System Sam Stone Help

EVENT NOTIFICATION: Hurricane Joe Severe Weather 7/24/2014 12:30 PM

Dashboard

Event Notifications > Dashboard Help

Events & Notifications

Events:
Please Choose

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[Create Event Alert](#)

Recent Notifications

VHHA: Live Event, Level I, Facility Imp., Resource Req., Tropical Storm Jane.	
Stone, Sam	07-23-2014 09:40 AM
VHHA: Exercise, Level III, Other. Active Shooter	
Jones, Jonathan	08-04-2014 11:13 AM
Long Term Care TRAINING	

Contact Information

EN Regional Administrators

Eastern [EAST]

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Eastern RHCC

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Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital

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Alerts

VHASS Virginia Healthcare Alerting & Status System Sam Stone ▾ Help ▾

▲ EVENT NOTIFICATION: System Power Outage 10/13/2014 02:13 PM

Ebola Test Event Help

Event Notifications > Ebola Test Event

Information **Alert** Event Boards Situation Report

Alert History 11/05/14 9:40a [Event] Ebola Test Event ▾ Export ▾

11/05/2014 09:40 AM [Event] Ebola Test Event

Sent By:	Foster, Jennifer	People Who Received Alert:	38
Organization:	Eastern RHCC	CONFIRMED:	30
EO Access:	EN Regional Administrator	UNCONFIRMED:	8

SMS Text Message: Ebola Test Event escalated to Event Status with SitRep request.

Message Re-Sent: 11/06/2014 at 05:07 PM 10 recipients
11/07/2014 at 08:59 AM 8 recipients

[Re-Send Message to UNCONFIRMED Recipients](#)

EN State Administrators (4)

Name	Organization	Region	Phone	Confirmed	Confirmed Date/Time
Logan, Robert	Near Southwest RHCC - Roanoke	Eastern	(555) 454-5555	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11/06/2014 08:48 AM
Reece, Morris	Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association	Eastern	(555) 454-5555	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	--

ESF-8 Support Agencies

Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association
Department of Emergency Management
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Department of Environmental Quality
Department of General Services / State Lab
Department of Health Professionals
Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security
Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs
Virginia State Police / Virginia Fusion Center
Department of Social Services
Department of Forestry
Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
City, Town and County Governments

Hazard - Vulnerability Analysis

A systematic approach to recognizing hazards that may affect public health and health care.

Analyze risks associated with each hazard to prioritize planning, mitigation, response and recovery activities.

Serves as a needs assessment for the Emergency Management program.

Process involves community partners and is communicated to community emergency response agencies.

THIRA: Threat / Hazard ID and Risk Analysis

Similar Overarching Objectives for H1N1 and EVD

Timely and effective top-down guidance

Clear, measurable and achievable incident action plans / situation reports

Effective coordination with local, regional, state, and federal partners

State leadership situational awareness

Accurate, useful, prudent and timely information to the general public

Sustainment of VDH central office, regional and LHD incident management teams

Coordination with the healthcare community

Effective use of available communications systems

Fatality management planning (mass vs. individual-high threat)

Identifying potential areas for improvement and necessary corrective actions.

Extensive demonstration of state laboratory (LRN) importance

Continued monitoring of supply chains (vaccines/meds vs. PPE)

Different Focus --- Better Organization & Planning

H1N1	EVD
Focus: medical countermeasure, COOP, disease surveillance	Focus: healthcare community, EMS, active monitoring, medical waste
Target population: all, but focus on children and other high risk	Target population: returning travelers and their contacts
Sector-specific guidance and information to clinicians, hospitals, businesses, schools, and others	Communications directed to healthcare community and public
Parallel health and emergency management organization structure	Unified command
Separate health and emergency management plans	Unified plan, based on H1N1 experience and lessons learned

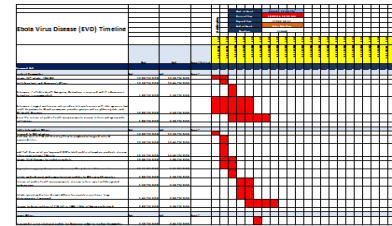
Three EVD Scenarios to Consider in Virginia

- I. Individual arrives at Dulles with symptoms consistent with EVD (or likely exposure) and travel history to affected areas
- II. Individual presents to Virginia hospital with symptoms consistent with EVD and a travel history to the affected areas
- III. Traveler under monitoring reports symptoms to LHD
- IV. Individual with EVD identified in another state but had contact with Virginians

Ebola PLAYBOOK

Pre-scripted Communications *DRAFTS*

- Emergency Declaration
- Incident Action Plan
- Event notification/ SitRep
- Media Releases / Messages
- Message Map
- Clinician Letters
- Conference call agenda
- Templates
- Key “canned” items
- CDC and other Technical Reports



Other Considerations

Audiences

FINAL Approval process(es)

VDH roles, responsibilities

Communicate effectively

Educate

Environmental impact

Allocation of resources

BACKGROUND

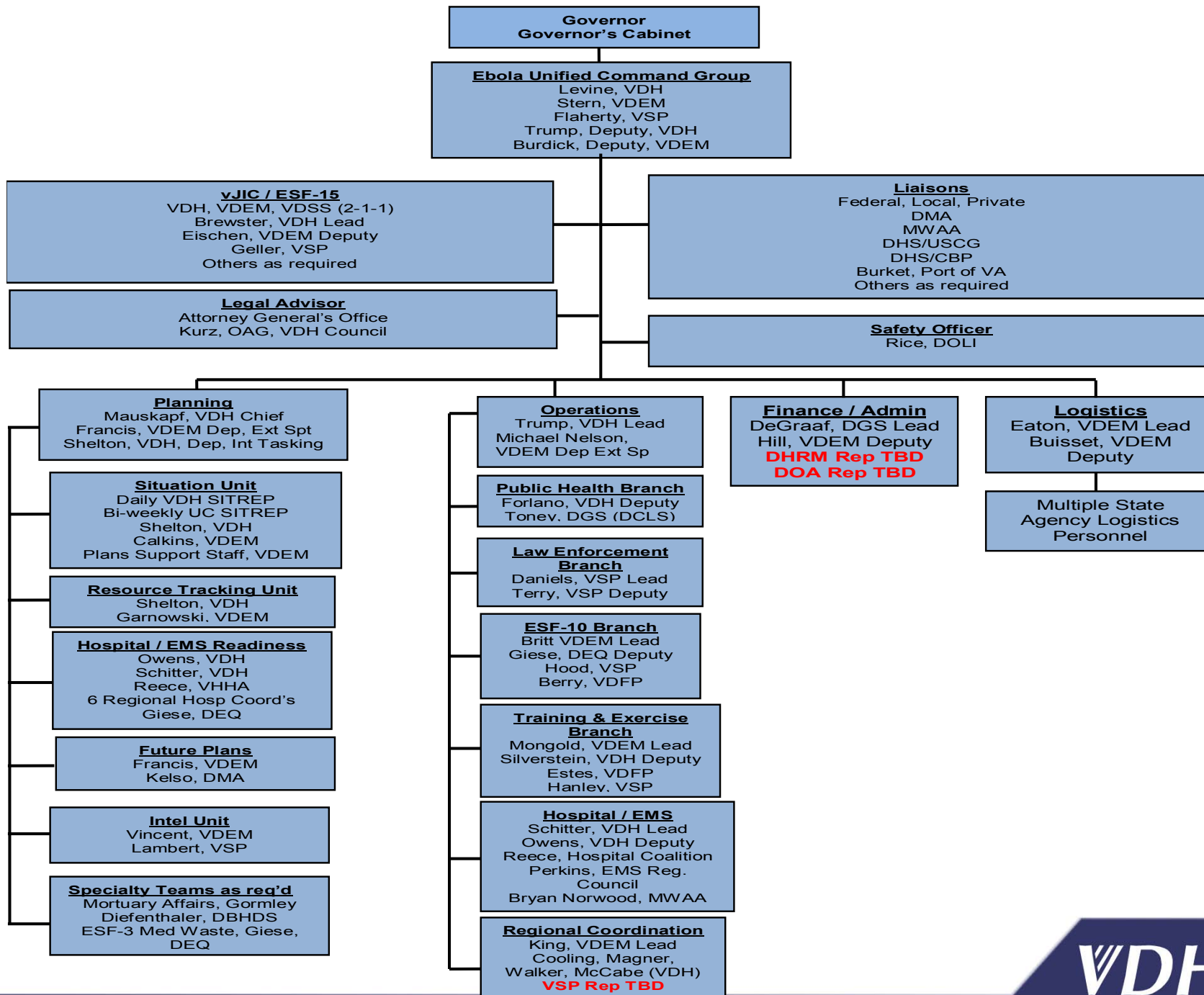
- Virginia EVD UC established in October 2014.
- Initial UC Exercise / In-progress Review (IPR) conducted for the period of October 2014 - December 2014
- Second (Statewide) Exercise / IPR conducted for the period through May 2015
- Third IPR conducted September 2015
- Response/gaps obtained from these reviews set the on-going direction for UC

Virginia EVD Unified Command Goals

- Organize statewide preparedness and response efforts
- Educate public and first responders
- Identify known gaps in preparation for response
- Coordinate response with local, state, federal, and private partners

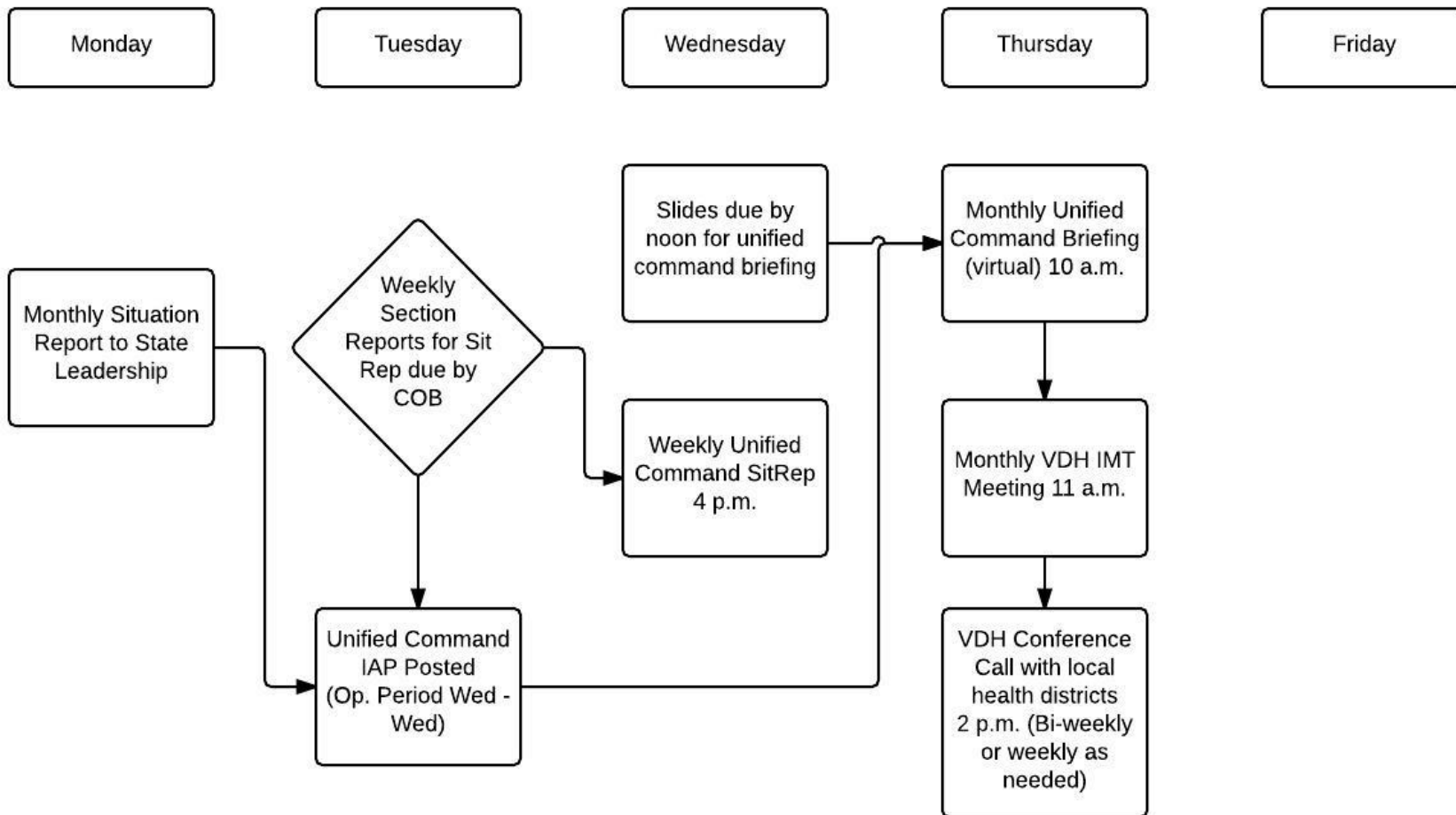
EVD Unified Command Objectives

- Coordinate Situational Awareness
- Coordinate interagency actions (VDH / VDEM)
- Coordinate Risk Communications / VA.211 (VDH ORCE / VDEM / JIC)
- Coordinate efforts with neighboring jurisdictions (All)
- Local preparedness assessments (VDH OEP / VDH CHS)
 - Local roles and missions (VDEM)
- Pet quarantine / management
- Expand /define Unified Command (VDEM / VDH)
- Post-arrival tracking (VDH OEpi & Local Health Districts)
- Laboratory testing and transportation of samples (DCLS, DGS)
- Personal protective equipment status / availability (VDH OEP / VHHA)
 - Supply chain status tracking (VDEM)
 - Function-specific guidance (VDH OEpi)
- Emergency medical services' transportation of patients (VDH OEMS)
- Medical waste disposition (DEQ)
 - Hazmat response in non-healthcare settings (DEQ)
- Fatality management (VDH OCME)
- Behavioral health (DBHDS)
- Healthcare coalition preparedness and response (VDH OEP / VHHA)
- Training and Exercises (VDEM)
- Access to Gov-authorized funding (VDEM / Executive Action)



Battle Rhythm

Operational Tempo for Ebola Unified Command



Gaps

Gap	Assignee
Complete hospital assessments	Hospital/EMS Branch
Complete hospital training provided by CDC and HHS	Hospital/EMS Branch in coordination with Training/Education Branch as necessary
Finish PUI management guidance through testing/building/maintaining and expand this guidance to HHS Region III and state CONOPS	Epi and Hospital/EMS Branches
Find a location to dispose Category A medical waste	ESF-10 Branch

Gaps Cont'd

Gap	Assignee
Obtain lessons learned from the Monitoring Program and institutionalize them	Epi Branch
The monitoring of those quarantined to be finalized with VADOC and response to Alexandria EM made regarding their request	Logistics Section
Housing for those quarantined needs to be identified	Regional Coordination Branch (VDEM/VDH and local counterparts)

Gaps Cont'd.

Gap	Assignee
Continued discussion on quarantine is needed at all levels of government to include the issue of voluntary vs. involuntary, who enforces the order and how, due process, funding for those under quarantine, etc.	Regional Coordination Branch (VDEM/VDH and local counterparts)
Need to institutionalize a mechanism to streamline and improve information sharing between Secretariats and with the Governor's office as well as with partners not part of the UC structure (e.g., hospitals).	Planning Section

Questions?

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