Resiliency in the Commonwealth
History

- **2014** - Governor Terry McAuliffe issued Executive Order 19 convening the Virginia Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission.
- **2014** – Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran named Chief Resilience Officer
- **2015** - Virginia Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission issued report and final recommendations
- **2016** - Commonwealth secured $120.5 million grants through HUD’s National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC).
- **2017** – VDEM Recovery and Resilience Division established
VDEM Recovery and Resilience Division

• 2017 Accomplishments
  • Initiated the development of the Statewide Recovery Annex to the COVEOP
  • Resilient Virginia Conference
  • Established a risk reduction working group with other state agencies
  • Supporting the restructuring of Regional Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs)
  • Flood Mitigation and Resilience Coordinator position hired
VDEM Recovery and Resilience Division

• 2018 Goals
  • Develop a division strategic plan
  • Identify potential funding sources and opportunities to leverage public funds to maximize community resilience
  • Develop a “whole community” approach to facilitate messaging, outreach and education to reduce vulnerability.
Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund

• 2016 General Assembly Session - SB282 established the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund
  • Purpose: Creating a low-interest loan program to help residents and businesses that are subject to recurrent flooding.
  • Virginia Resources Authority –
    • Manage the fund
  • VDEM –
    • Develop guidelines for usage of the funds (under development)
VDEM and the US Army Corps of Engineers Studies

- North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study (NACCS)
- Coastal Storm Risk Management Framework: Risk Management Measures
- Norfolk Flood Risk Management Study
- Multi-Jurisdictional Resiliency Strategy
- Commonwealth assistance:
  - Assist with Cost Sharing Challenge
  - Provide Guidance and vision on State-level priorities to address recurrent flooding
FEMA and VDEM

• Developing resilience indicators
• Risk and disaster resilience assessments
• Long-term vulnerability reduction
• Methods for long-term economic recovery
• Pushing Community Rating System education and facilitation
Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency

• 2016 General Assembly passed legislation establishing the center to:
  • Serve, advise, and support the Commonwealth by conducting interdisciplinary studies and investigations
  • Provide training, technical and nontechnical services, and outreach in the area of recurrent flooding and resilience
• VDEM Recovery and Resilience Division working closely with Center on resilience strategic planning
Questions?
Thank You

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