



Angel L. Gillette, CEM
Hazard Mitigation/Disaster Recovery Manager
Deputy Public Information Officer

COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

Department of Administration Division of Emergency Management Services

100 GRACEDALE AVENUE
NAZARETH, PENNSYLVANIA 18064-8430
Telephone: (610) 746-3194
Fax: (610) 746-3199

For Immediate Release: 08/23/2011

**For Further Information:
Contact: Robert F. Mateff, Sr.
Telephone: 610-746-3194, ext. 2226**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS CLOSELY MONITOR AFTER AFFECTS FROM VIRGINIA QUAKE; RESIDENTS URGED TO USE CAUTION

(Nazareth, Pennsylvania) – At 1353 hours, Northampton County Division of Emergency Management Services began receiving 911 calls from callers reporting a possible earthquake. National news outlets indicate that an earthquake has occurred in the vicinity of Richmond, Virginia. There have been no reports of any injuries or structural damage in the county related to the earthquake.

The State Emergency Operations Center has activated to a level II in response to the event. Northampton County Emergency Management Services Director, Robert Mateff, noted that Emergency Management staff will continue to monitor the situation throughout the day as reports of the quake unfold. “We stand ready to assist those impacted by this event” said Mateff. It is important for people to remember that aftershocks are possible.

Because of the suddenness and unpredictability of earthquakes, families and businesses are urged to visit www.readypa.org for information on how to prepare for earthquakes. In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

###