

Congressman
J. Randy Forbes
Fourth District of Virginia



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Forbes to question state, federal officials on assistance after Isabel

Washington, DC – Congressman J. Randy Forbes announced today that he will question officials about state and federal responses to Hurricane Isabel within Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, this Friday in Chesapeake.

The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Government Reform will hold a field hearing to assess state and federal disaster response, and propose solutions to assure preparedness for future disasters.

DATE: Friday, October 10, 2003
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: City of Chesapeake Council Chamber, First Floor
306 Cedar Road

Forbes will join Committee Chairman Congressman Tom Davis (VA-11) in hearing testimony from the following individuals:

- Eric Tolbert, Director of the Response Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- The Honorable John Marshall, Secretary of Public Safety, Commonwealth of Virginia
- Kevin Massengill, Assistant County Administrator, Dinwiddie County

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- Richard O. Childress, Director of Emergency Management, Isle of Wight County
- Steve Herbert, City Manager/Director of Emergency Services, City of Suffolk
- Steve Best, Fire Chief/Director of Emergency Operations, City of Chesapeake

“In the weeks following Hurricane Isabel, a clear need to evaluate state and federal emergency disaster response surfaced,” Forbes said. “Friday’s hearing will focus on the planning, implementation, and evaluation of FEMA disaster response as applied in Virginia.”

The hearing is open to the public.

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