



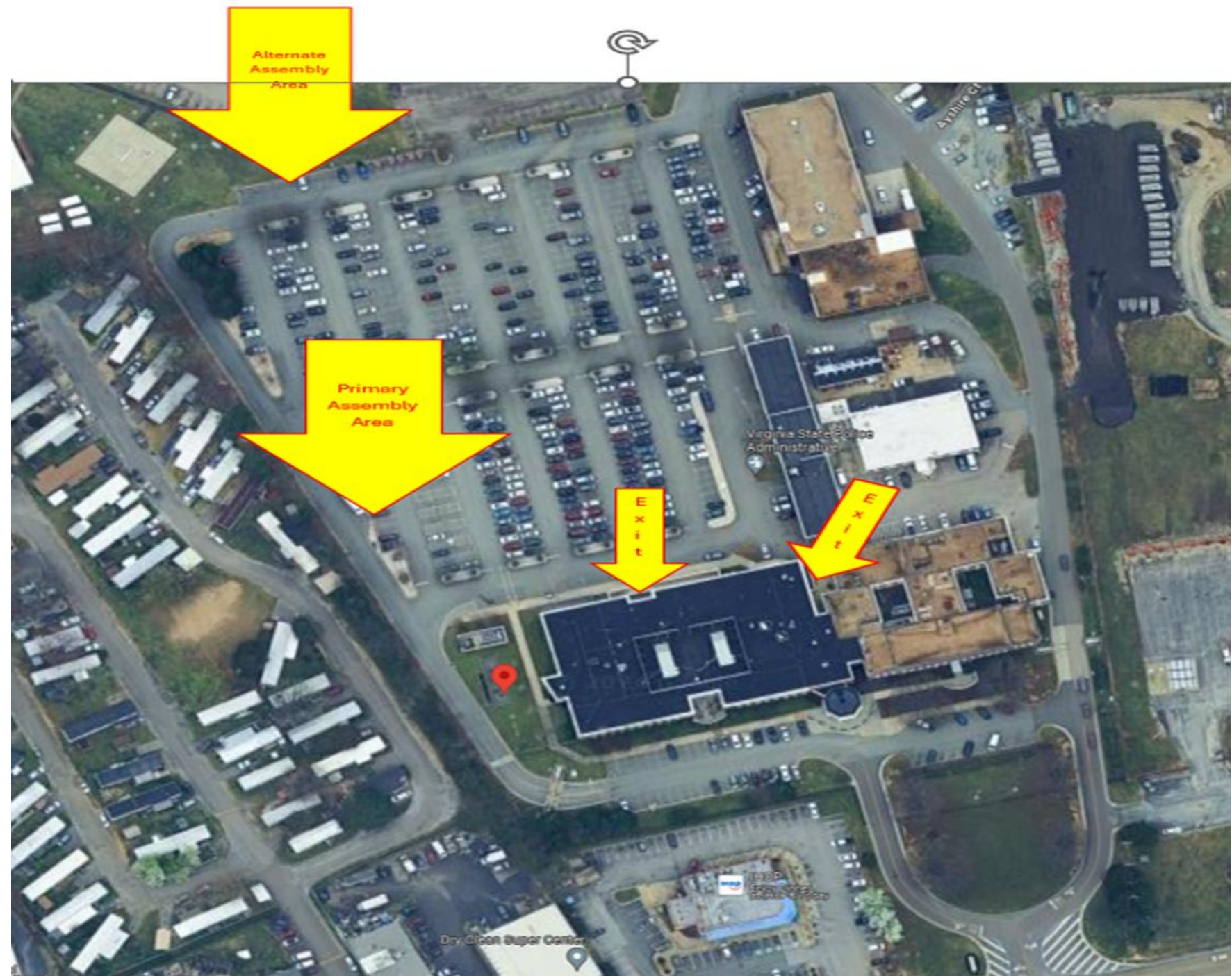
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Safety Briefing



VEOC Safety Brief

- Exits
- Assembly Area (Need roster for accountability)
- Sign-in roster
- 911 For emergencies
- EMT Certified
- AED (By SAU door)
- First-Aid Kit (In Kitchen by pantry door)
- Restrooms





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VEST Overview

Date: 2024



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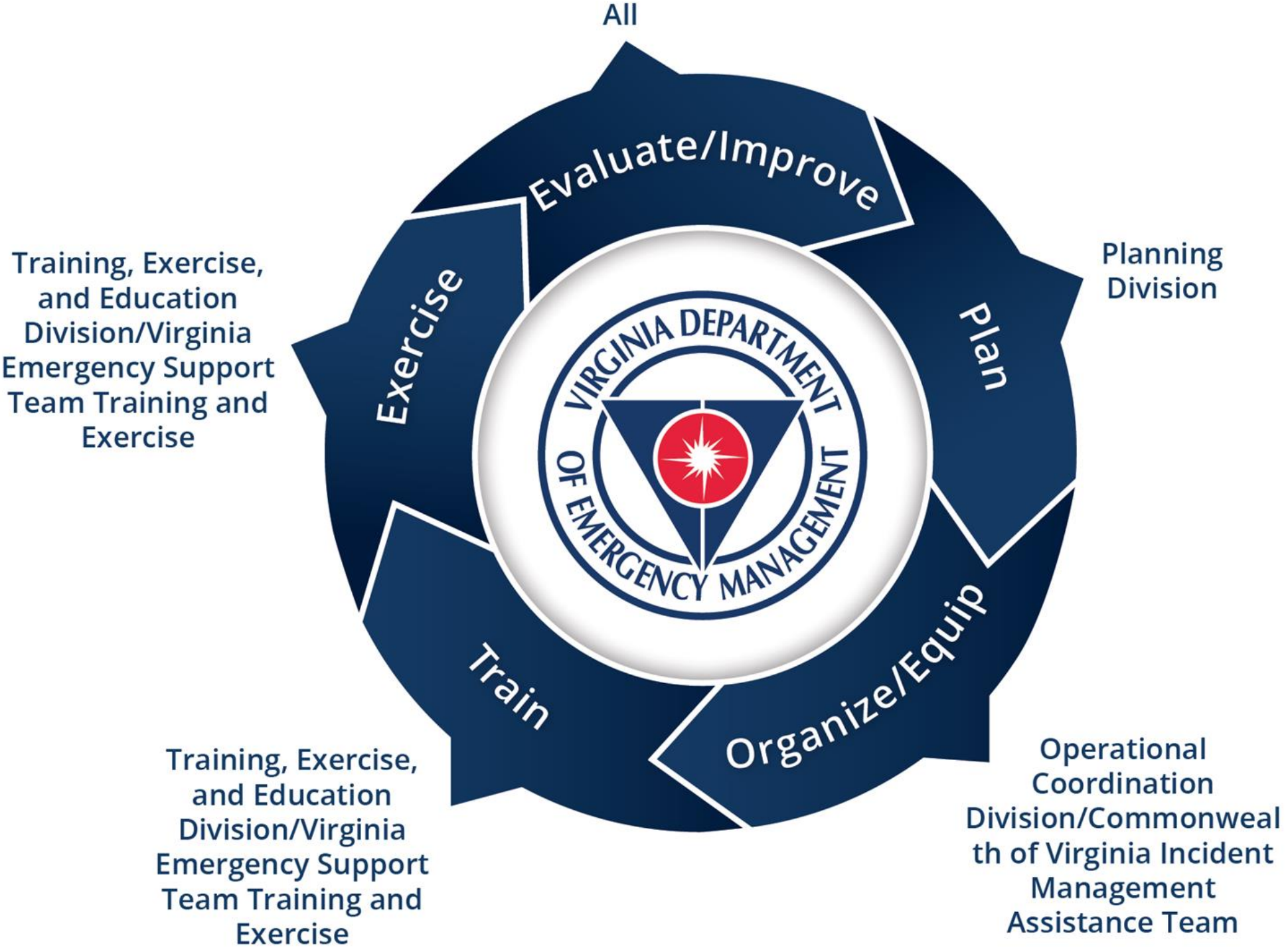
Commonwealth Coordination Bureau Responsibilities

VDEM Commonwealth Coordination Bureau

- Operational Coordination Division
 - VEST Relationship / Process Building
 - Overall Readiness of the VEOC and VEST (pre-planning, SOGs, training, exercise, etc.)
- Training Education Exercise Division
 - EM / ICS Training
 - VEST Agencies & Localities
 - Exercises
 - Local, Regional, State
- Planning Division
 - COVEOP and Annexes
- Incident Management Programs
 - Program Management
 - IMT Training and Credentialing
 - Staffing & Process Support to localities and the VEST



Commonwealth's Preparedness Cycle



Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP)

- Framework for how the Commonwealth supports local governments, individuals, and businesses
- Improves capability to respond to and recover from disasters
- Emergency Management = Whole of Government responsibility
- Promulgated by Governor every 4 years
- Identifies roles and responsibilities of all Executive Branch State Agencies
- Identifies command and control
- Emergency Support Function responsibilities
- <https://www.vaemergency.gov/agency/planning/>



Executive Order 41 (2019)

- Governor Northam signed September 3, 2019 (updated from McDonnell administration)
- Reinforces COVEOP
- Directs Emergency Preparedness for All Executive Branch State Agencies:
 - VEST Liaison Officer (VLO)
 - Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC)
 - Public Information Officer (PIO)

*EO41 (2019) – Emergency
Preparedness Responsibilities of State Agencies
and Public Institutions of Higher Education*



Agency Responsibilities



Have plans or procedures

- to implement assigned responsibilities in the COVEOP
- to implement assigned responsibilities in supplemental plans and annexes
- for response to and recovery from a natural or human-caused disaster

Provide

- assistance directly to political subdivisions during small, localized events
- personnel to the VEST to support ESF operations
- situational and incident-specific information to the VEST

Identify staff liaisons or points of contact to provide technical and subject matter expertise, information, and support

Encourage and permit employee participation in training and exercises related to their assigned emergency roles

Promote participation in the Adjunct Emergency Workforce Program





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Virginia Emergency Support Team

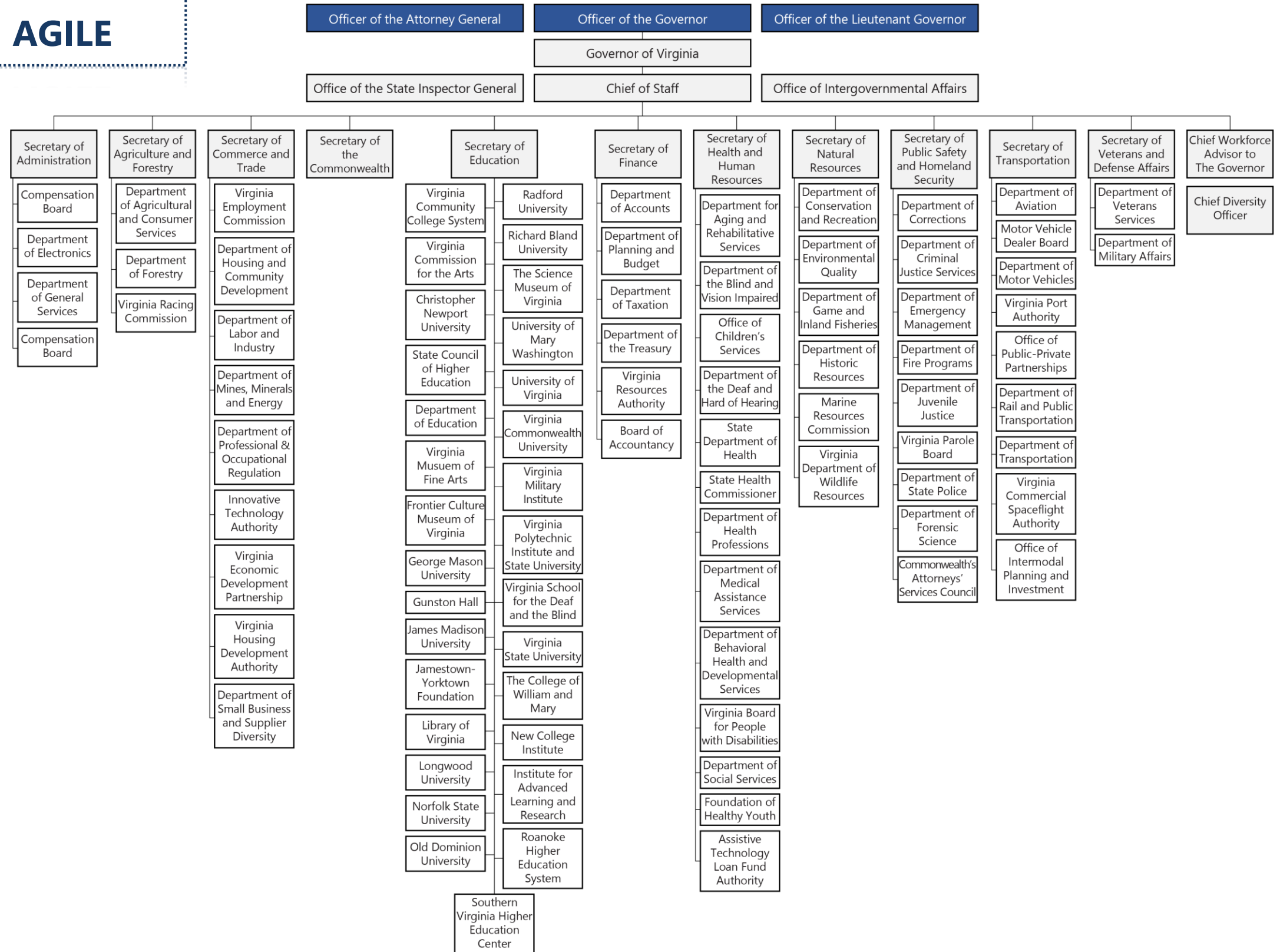
Virginia Emergency Support Team

The mission of the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST) is *to collaboratively respond to disasters and emergencies faced in the Commonwealth in an effort to best support all local, state, tribal, and territorial governments protect the lives and property of the citizens of Virginia.*

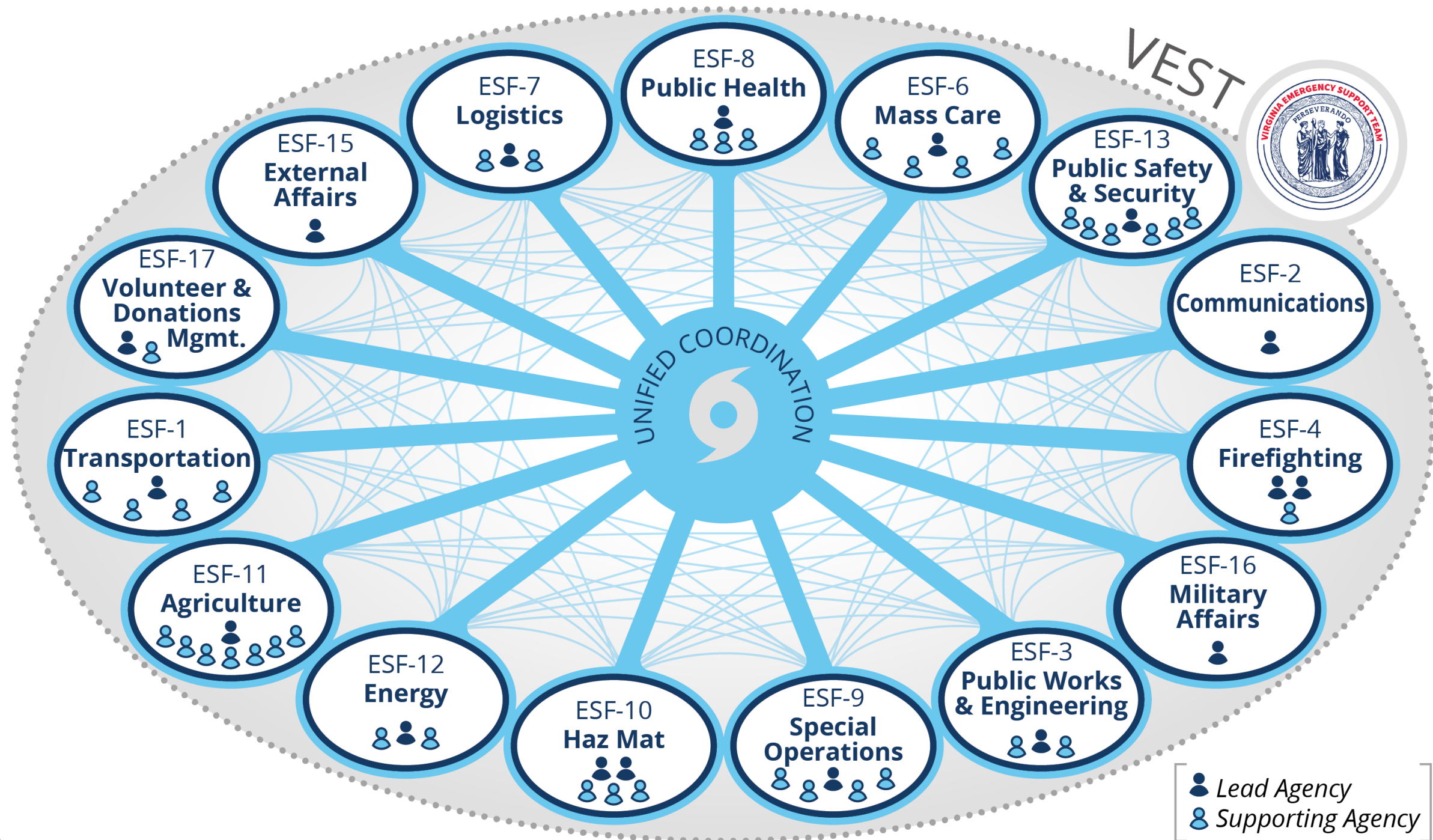
- 300+ Trained Members – 100+ State Agencies, Non-profit entities, and private sector partners
- Operationalize the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP)
- Coordinate and support overall activities related to disaster response and recovery in support of local governments.
- Core management & administrative functions
- Information sharing upward (State Leadership), laterally (State Agencies/Local Governments) & downward (individual citizen).
- Bi-monthly Training and Exercise
- VESTEX & VOPEX



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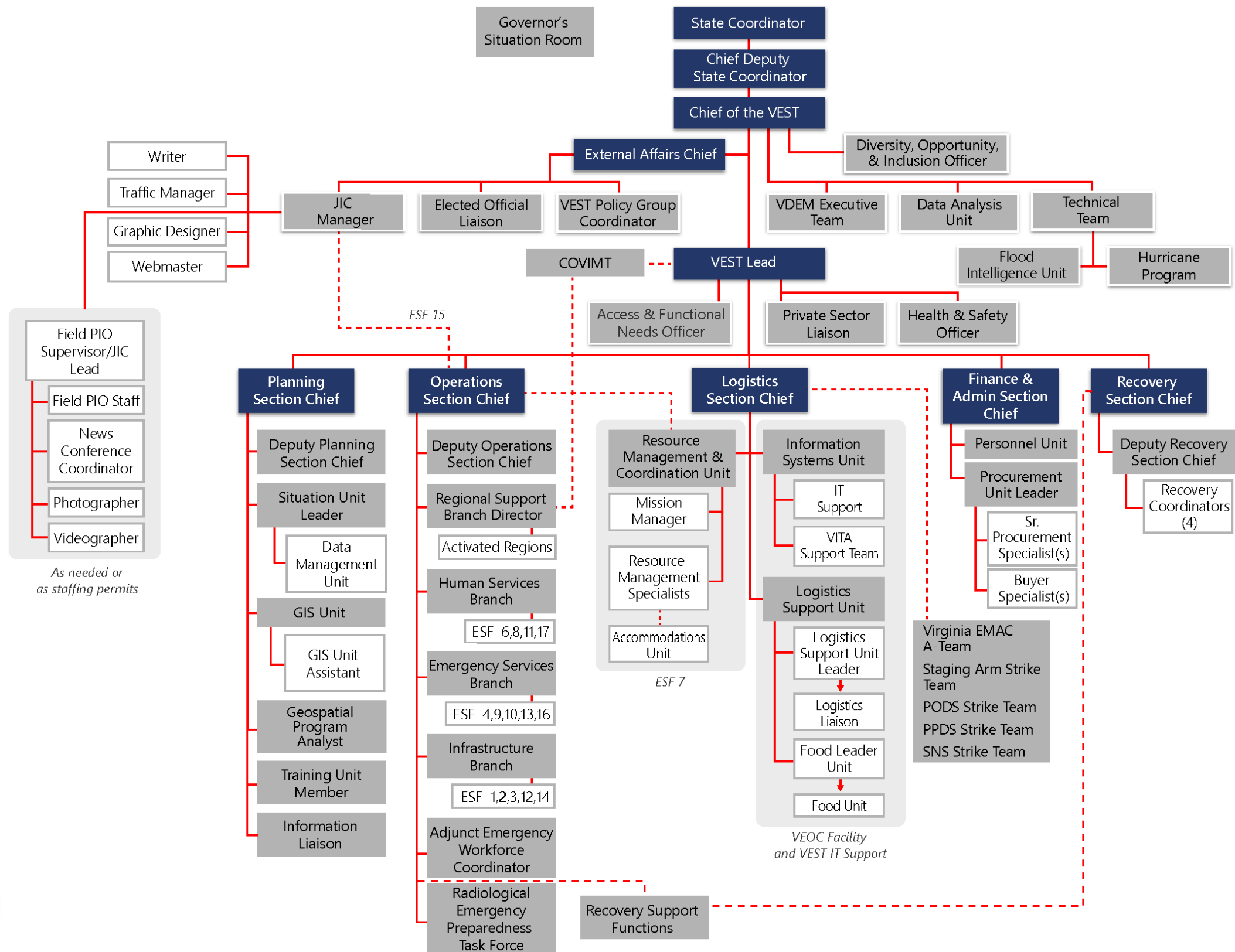


Complexity requires a coordinated, resilient approach












EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION	LEAD STATE AGENCY	SUPPORTING AGENCIES	
ESF 1 - TRANSPORTATION	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chesapeake Bay Bridge – Tunnel District (CBBT) - Department of Aviation (DOAV) - Department of General Services (DGS) - Department of Military Affairs (DMA) - Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME) - Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) - Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) - Virginia State Police (VSP) - Virginia Port Authority (VPA) - Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)
ESF 2 - COMMUNICATIONS	Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) - Department of Military Affairs (DMA) - Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) - Virginia Department of Health (VDH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) - Virginia State Police (VSP) - Other State Agencies with Communications Assets
ESF 3 - PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING	Virginia Department of Health (VDH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of General Services (DGS) - Professional Engineers Emergency Response Team (PERT) - Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME) - Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) - Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) - Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) - Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) - Virginia Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (VAWARN) - Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) - Department of Historic Resources (DHR)
ESF 4 - FIREFIGHTING	Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) - Department of Military Affairs (DMA) - Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) - Department of Corrections (DOC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) - Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC) - Virginia State Police (VSP) - Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME)
ESF 6 - MASS CARE, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES	Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) - Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) - Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) - Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) - Department of General Services (DGS) - Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) - Department of Military Affairs (DMA) - Office of the Attorney General (OAG) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Virginia Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (VCIJCF) - Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) - Virginia State Police (VSP) - Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VAVOAD) - Virginia Department of Health (VDH) - Virginia Public Institutions of Higher Education - Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) - Virginia Department of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH)
ESF 7 - LOGISTICS & RESOURCE SUPPORT	Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Corrections (DOC) - Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) - Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) - Department of General Services (DGS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VDEM Disaster Service Contractors - Private Sector Partnerships - All other state agencies not listed when applicable
ESF 8 - PUBLIC HEALTH	Virginia Department of Health (VDH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) - Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) - Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) - Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) - Department of General Services (DGS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Military Affairs (DMA) - Department of Social Services (VDSS) - Virginia State Police (VSP) - Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VAVOAD) - Department of Health Professions (DHP)
ESF 9 - SEARCH & RESCUE	Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) - Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) - Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) - Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) - Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Virginia State Police (VSP) - Department of Military Affairs (DMA) - Civil Air Patrol (CAP) - Virginia Search and Rescue Council Organizations
ESF 10 - OIL & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Virginia Department of Health (VDH) - Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME)
ESF 11 - AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES	Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) - Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) - Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) - Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) - Department of General Services (DGS) - Virginia Department of Health (VDH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Historic Resources (DHR) - Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) - Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) - Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) - Library of Virginia (LVA) - Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)
ESF 12 - ENERGY	Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) - State Corporation Commission (SCC) - Virginia Electric Cooperatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dominion Virginia Power - Appalachian Power Company (APCO)
ESF 13 - PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY	Virginia State Police (VSP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) - Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) - Department of Corrections (DOC) - Department of Forestry (VDOF) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) - Department of Military Affairs (DMA) - Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) - Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
ESF 15 - EXTERNAL AFFAIRS	Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia 	
ESF 16 - MILITARY AFFAIRS	Department of Military Affairs (DMA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint Force Headquarters – Virginia - Joint Force Headquarters – Joint Operations Center (JFHQ-JOC) - Virginia Army National Guard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Virginia Air National Guard - Virginia Defense Force - 34th Civil Support Team (CST) CBRNE Response Force Package
ESF 17 - VOLUNTEER & DONATIONS MANAGEMENT	Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VAVOAD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adventist Community Services (ACS)

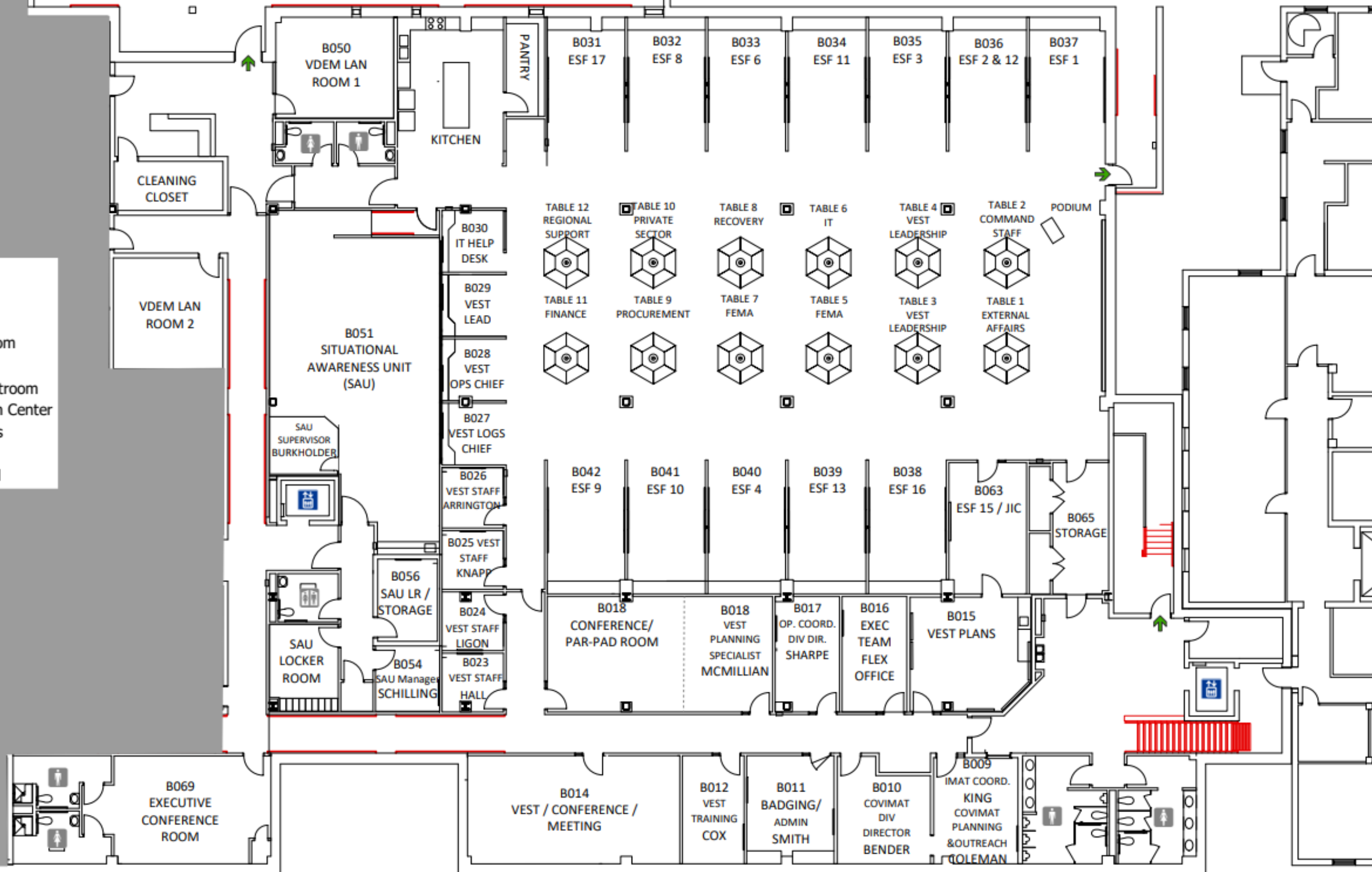
Typical VEST Structure (as of 8/2024)



Parking Lot Access (stairs or ramp)

Legend

-  Exit
-  Elevator
-  Men's Restroom
-  Restroom
-  Woman's Restroom
-  Virginia Fusion Center
-  Stairs / Ramps
-  Structure
-  Moveable Wall



THANK YOU!



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