



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
Daily Summary Report

DATE:

April 20, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, April 19, 2016, through 0600 hours, April 20, 2016.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System:

There are no current alerts.

EOC STATUS:

State EOC Activation: None

County EOC Activations: None

CAPABILITIES STATUS:

PA All-Hazards Type-3 Incident Management Team – Mission Capable
PA-Task Force 1 (PA-TF1) – Urban Search & Rescue – Mission Capable
PA-Task Force 2 (PA-TF2) - Search & Rescue - Mission Capable

INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: None

Power Outage Reports: As of 0525 hours, 2,264 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: Indiana University of Pennsylvania at main campus, Punxsutawney and the North Pointe campuses.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

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BRUSH FIRE – Centre County, 4/19/16 - A large wildfire was reported in the area of 187 Spike Island Road in Rush Township. DCNR, local fire departments and air tanker 837 responded. No structures were threatened. At this time, all local fire units are clear. DCNR is on location watching hot spots.

BRUSH FIRE – Fayette County, 4/18/16 - A large wildfire was reported in the area of 1111 Wirsing School Road in Wharton Township. DCNR and several local fire departments were on location. The fire was reported to be 30 acres in size. No structures were reported to be threatened. Crews were assisted by air tanker 737 and 873 and helicopter HA 53. Two firefighters were transported to local hospitals for heat exhaustion. Local fire crews have left the scene. DCNR is still on location monitoring the area.

BRUSH FIRE – Westmoreland County, 4/17/16 – A brush fire occurred in the area of State Game Lands 42 south of Seward Borough and along State Route 711 in St. Clair Township. Forestry dispatched two air tankers and a helitanker for water drops. Units from Indiana and Cambria Counties responded to assist in the fire operations. DCNR estimated approximately 185 acres burned. No structures were reported threatened. Crews were assisted by air tankers 837 and 873 and helicopter HA 53. At this time, the fire is reported out and DCNR has crews on a fire watch for the next 48 hours.

PUBLIC SAFETY PHONE ISSUES – Indiana County, 4/15/16 – The Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) has been experiencing a phone outage since 4/14/16 that is impacting some facilities on the main campus, Punxsutawney and the North Pointe campuses. Impacted facilities include the Department of Public Safety; only the main line remains available for police. Fire and burglar alarms will activate but not ring into the alarm panels and no contact can be made with the police auxiliary extensions. Verizon has technicians working on repairing a cut telephone line.

CLOSED:

SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT - Montgomery County, 4/19/16 - A Cheltenham School District bus was involved in a vehicle accident at Cheltenham Hills Drive and W Church Road in the Elkins Park section of Cheltenham Township. Several ambulances responded to the scene and multiple children were transported to the hospital for evaluation.

CONTIGUOUS STATE EVENTS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO PENNSYLVANIA:

Delaware:	No significant events at this time.
Maryland:	No significant events at this time.
New Jersey:	No significant events at this time.
New York:	No significant events at this time.
Ohio:	No significant events at this time.
West Virginia:	No significant events at this time.

24-hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0415 hours, 04/20/16:

High pressure over New York State this morning will result in another mild and sunny day for Pennsylvania.

A few clouds were across southwestern Pennsylvania overnight. Otherwise, skies were clear across the state. Early morning temperatures were mainly in the 40s.

Plenty of sunshine across Pennsylvania today will result in another fine spring day. High temperatures will range from the mid to upper 50s across northeastern Pennsylvania, 60s

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across much of the central region, and into the mid 70s near Pittsburgh. Lows tonight will range from the upper 30s across the northeast, 40s across much of the central area, and the lower 50s across the southwest.

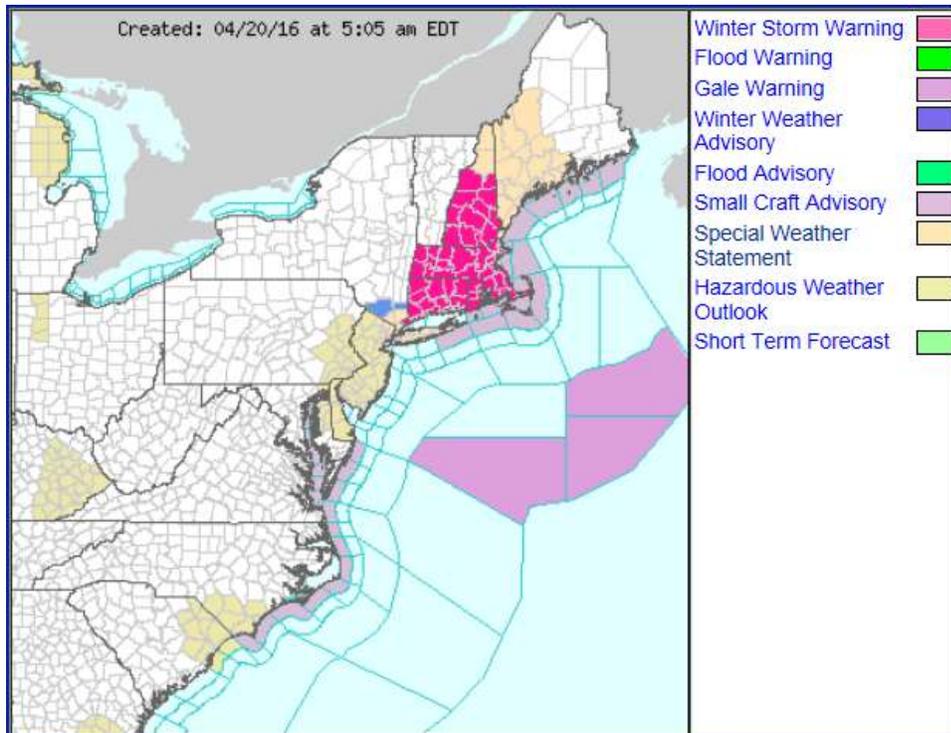
Clouds will be on the increase early Thursday morning. A few showers may reach western areas by noon time. Eastern areas of the Keystone State may remain dry prior to sunset.

A frontal system will move east from the plains and bring a chance of showers and possible thunderstorms to the state Thursday night into Friday.

A mild southerly airflow will precede the passage of a cold front Friday. Canadian high pressure will bring a return of cooler fair weather over Pennsylvania for the weekend.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

NOTE: The Tropical Weather Outlook is issued by the National Weather Service from June 01 through November 30 with special Outlooks issued at any time as conditions warrant.