
STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
Daily Summary Report

DATE:

May 12, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, May 11, 2016, through 0600 hours, May 12, 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 0550 hours, 9 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: Windstream customers of the 275 telephone exchange in New Bethlehem Borough, Clarion County. Issue resolved, but county is monitoring.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

9-1-1 TELEPHONE OUTAGE - Clarion County, 5/3/16 - Windstream customers of the 275 telephone exchange in New Bethlehem Borough, Clarion County and Mahoning Township in northern Armstrong County were unable to reach 9-1-1. One critical care facility was affected in Clarion County; Edgewood Heights Personal Care Home. There were no critical care facilities affected in Armstrong County. Clarion County sent an EAS advising residents to reach out to their local fire departments or use a cell phone for emergencies. Both Armstrong and Clarion counties report service restored, Armstrong County closed their incident. Clarion County is continuing to monitor.

GAS WELL EXPLOSION - Westmoreland County, 4/29/16 - A gas well explosion occurred on State Route 22 in the area of State Route 819 in Salem Township destroying one house and damaging three other homes. One person was transported for injuries caused by the explosion. The pipeline was one of four parallel lines running through the area. Evacuated personnel have returned to their homes. DEP is monitoring the air and plans to test surface water in the area. As of 5/10/16, State Route 819 remains closed between Beaver Run Road and Route 22. Work at the site has been progressing slowly due to the weather. A community meeting was held on May 11.

CLOSED:

POSSIBLE DROWNING - Fayette County, 5/11/16 - A search was conducted for a 60 year old male on the Monongahela River in Luzerne Township. The missing male was reportedly staying on his boat on the river. State Police, multiple fire departments, Fayette County Water Rescue Team, and EMS searched for four hours until the person was located deceased near Lock 4 in Charleroi.

ROAD CLOSURE - Berks County, 5/11/16 - A fatal vehicle accident occurred on US 422 westbound at Lancaster Avenue in the City of Reading. One fatality was reported. The roadway was closed approximately 3 hours for accident clean up and reconstruction. Traffic was detoured off the Interstate 176 exit in Cumru Township.

COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE - Northampton County, 5/12/16 - The Georgia Pacific facility (SARA Facility #9903), 605 Kuebler Road in Forks Township was evacuated due to a cutting machine fire in the cup cutter area of the plant. By the time emergency personnel had arrived on scene, the sprinkler system had activated and the fire was out. 82 employees were evacuated from the building. Two employees were evaluated for smoke inhalation, but refused transport.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

3/23/16 - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that federal disaster aid has been made available to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to supplement commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the severe winter storm which occurred January 22-23, 2016. The designation is FEMA-4267-DR.

The President's action makes federal funding available to Commonwealth and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe winter storm in Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Bucks, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Perry, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, Somerset, Westmoreland, and York counties.

CONTIGUOUS STATE EVENTS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO PENNSYLVANIA:

Delaware: No significant events at this time.

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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, 0602 hours, 05/12/16:

A frontal boundary approaching from the Midwest will spread scattered showers and possible thunderstorms into western Pennsylvania late today. Ahead of the front, skies will range from mainly cloudy over most of Pennsylvania, to mostly sunny across the northeast part of the state. Highs today will be in the 70s.

The cold front will edge closer tonight, spreading showers over the western half of the state. Lows will range from 55 to 60.

On Friday, the front will push through during the morning hours, accompanied by a round of showers and possible thunderstorms. By afternoon, brightening skies will move in from the west, as drier air arrives behind the front. Highs Friday will be mostly in the upper 60s to low 70s.

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.