

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
Daily Summary Report

DATE:

May 13, 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 12, 2016, through 0600 hours, May 13, 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 0530 hours, 309 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.

UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL FIRE - Montgomery County, 5/13/16 - An underground electrical fire has forced the evacuation of multiple buildings on the 200 block of West Main Street Norristown Borough. There are multiple apartments that have elevated Carbon Monoxide readings. A resulting power outage is affecting a portion of the borough. A firefighter from the Barren Hill Fire Co suffered a syncopal episode while on the scene. The firefighter was transported to Einstein Montgomery Medical Center. SEPTA has been contacted to provide a bus for the evacuated residents until they can return to their apartments.

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE - Perry County, 5/12/16 - An overturned tractor trailer hauling milk closed US 322 eastbound approximately two miles east of the Newport Exit in Howe Township for seven hours. PennDOT Perry County Maintenance reported milk got into the drainage system. DEP was on scene. The remaining milk was off-loaded prior to removing the truck. LifeLion was on scene for the driver. A detour was established.

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.
Maryland:	No significant events at this time.
New Jersey:	No significant events at this time.
New York:	No significant events at this time.

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Ohio: No significant events at this time.
West Virginia: No significant events at this time.

24-hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0540 hours, 05/13/16:

An occluded front will push east across the state today accompanied by occasional briefly heavy showers. Scattered thunderstorms will develop across the eastern half of Pennsylvania early this afternoon along and just ahead of this front.

It will become partly cloudy and dry for later this afternoon into Saturday morning. A gusty west wind in the wake of the cold front will be followed by light wind by late this evening.

The high temperature today will vary from the low to mid 60s across the northern and western mountains to the low 70s throughout the Lower Susquehanna River Valley. Low temperatures early Saturday will be in the mid to upper 40s over the mountains and lower 50s in the Susquehanna River Valley.

A much stronger cold front and potent upper level disturbance is forecast to push east through the state during the late morning and afternoon hours on Saturday accompanied by a round or two of gusty showers and thunderstorms.

A significant cooling trend will follow for late Saturday night into early next week pushing temperatures down to well below normal. Next week should start off dry but with a risk of frost and freezing temperatures especially across northern Pennsylvania.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



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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.