
STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
Daily Summary Report

DATE:

May 31, 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 30, 2016, through 0600 hours, May 31, 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, 468 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: Sullivan & Bradford Counties, 2900+ customers.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

SCHOOL BOMB THREATS – Statewide, 5/23/16 - There was a large number of school bomb threats made across the Commonwealth on Monday 5/23/16. Allegheny County reported three separate threats. Other schools that received a threat, one each in Luzerne, Chester, Erie, and Adams Counties were reported. A NOC Media report stated that there were a large number of school bomb threats across the northeastern states. The NOC Media reported at least ten schools across New England also received automated phone threats on Monday morning. A second round of automated bomb threats targeted schools nationwide on Wednesday.

MISSING PERSON – Monroe County, 5/28/16 – A third day of searching was conducted for a 56 year old male who was reported missing by his family. The subject is a diabetic. His truck was located on Coolbaugh Road in Coolbaugh Township. Local police, fire, the PA Game Commission, Northeast Search & Rescue, and Pocono Search and Rescue continued searching until suspending operations at sunset on Sunday. Monday's search resumed with Northeast Search & Rescue with limited manpower. The start time for the search to resume Tuesday has not been determined.

PHONE OUTAGE – Sullivan County, 5/31/16 – Frontier is engaged in troubleshooting a lightning strike that caused a wide range impact to Bradford and Sullivan County customers. 911 service is limited to cell phones at this time for the affected customers. Sullivan county 911 admin lines are also down. Per Frontier, Towanda LCM is out of service affecting 2,900 or more customers, which is also affecting state agencies. The following agencies are affected: PSP, DOT, EPA and DCNR. A help ticket has been put in.

CLOSED:

AMMONIA LEAK – Lancaster County, 5/30/16 - There was an active ammonia leak at Tyson Foods (Plant #2), 403 South Custer Avenue, in New Holland Borough, Lancaster County. Plant personnel (two security personnel) were evacuated and local residents were advised to shelter in place. There were no other people in the building as the plant is shut down for the holiday weekend. Emergency personnel on scene reported a large leak with a plume moving in an eastward direction. County HazMat teams from Lancaster and Lebanon were dispatched to the scene. Social media is reported that the problem was resolved by turning off the main valve to the ammonia tanks. Local roadways were also shut down in the area until the incident was resolved. HazMat personnel took air readings to ensure the safety of responders and local residents.

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

24-hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0555 hours, 05/31/16:

Abundant sunshine, warm temperatures, and more comfortable humidity will occur today as a thin ridge of high pressure drifts across the state this morning.

A weak cold front heading toward the Lower Great Lakes region will slide southeast through the region this afternoon and early this evening accompanied by some clouds and perhaps just a few sprinkles across the central and northern mountains.

The high temperature today will vary from the mid-70s in Erie to the mid-80s in the southeastern Piedmont.

Clear to partly cloudy skies will follow for tonight with low temperatures in the lower to mid-50s across the northern mountains and upper 50s to around 60 degrees in southern Pennsylvania.

Plenty of sunshine and a light southeast wind will occur on Wednesday with afternoon high temperatures similar to, or just a few degrees cooler than today.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

