

DATE:

August 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, August 30, 2016, through 0600 hours, August 31, 2016.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System:

There are no current alerts.

CRCC STATUS:

Commonwealth Resource Coordination Center (CRCC) 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 0515 hours – 361 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

9-1-1 CENTER RADIO CONSOLE FAILURE – Jefferson County, 8/28/16 – A lightning strike at or near the Jefferson County 9-1-1 Center had affected radio dispatch consoles. Centre Communications was able to repair fire, police and EMS radios. The radios are

unable to communicate to the county jail. Additional repairs are ongoing to return service to 100%.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Fayette County, 8/28/16 – Heavy rains caused flooding conditions in several areas in Fayette County. Most of the flooding occurred in the area of Connellsville. Numerous water rescues were performed by Fayette and surrounding county emergency personnel. Two shelters were opened; however, evacuated residents did not use either shelter. The total number of individuals evacuated is unknown. Numerous residences and businesses sustained damage from the flooding. Pennsylvania American Water lost a water main in the area of the flooding. They have crews evaluating the damage and have placed two water buffaloes in the area to assist residents. The County EMA and PEMA representatives continued damage assessment. A resource request was submitted for DEP assistance with mosquito spraying and well testing, as well as DOH assistance with tetanus shots.

CLOSED:

ELECTRICAL FIRE – Allegheny County, 8/30/16 – An explosion and fireball occurred at a substation at Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory located on Pittsburgh-McKeesport Boulevard in West Mifflin Borough. There were no injuries or hazards. Emergency crews responded and put out the fire.

CHURCH FIRE – Philadelphia County, 8/29/16 – A four alarm fire occurred at the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia City. Lewis C Cassidy School is opened for first responders and the Salvation Army was on scene providing support. Philadelphia Fire Department operations continued through the night. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

8/30/16 – The County of Fayette issued a Declaration of Disaster for the county due to the impact from the severe weather.

8/29/16 – The Township Council Members of Fairfield Township issued a Declaration of Disaster for the Township due to impacts from flooding.

8/17/16 – The Borough Council Members of Donora Borough issued a Declaration of Disaster for the borough, due to severe weather.

8/10/2016 – The Borough Council Members of Albion Borough issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the borough, due to a drought/water emergency.

7/25/2016 – The Mayor of Dunmore Borough issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the borough, due to severe weather.

7/19/2016 – The U.S. Small Business Administration issued a SBA disaster declaration for Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland counties for damages during the flooding event on June 17, 2016. The effective date is 7/19/16 and termination date for applications is 9/19/16. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 4/19/17.

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.

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, 0553 hours, 08/31/16:

Expect scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to spread from northwest to southeast across the Commonwealth through tonight and into early Thursday. An extended period of fair and dry weather will follow and should last into early next week.

The last day of August will be warm and humid across much of the Keystone State with high temperatures ranging from the mid 70s over the northwest mountains and near Lake Erie to around 90 degrees in the lower Susquehanna, Lehigh and Delaware Valleys. Summer 2016 from June through August will go down as one of the hottest on record for many locations throughout Pennsylvania.

A transition to a refreshingly cooler and more comfortable airmass will kick off September, with a taste of early fall weather lasting through Labor Day weekend.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

