

DATE:

September 01, 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 31, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 01, 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: I-80 EB MM 285 in Tobyhanna Township, Monroe County
Power Outage Reports: As of 0550 hours – 1,023 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 flood damage to residences and businesses in several areas in Fayette County. Most of the flooding occurred in the area of Connellsville. Numerous water rescues were performed by county and mutual aid personnel. Two shelters were opened; neither was used by evacuees. The total number of individuals evacuated is unknown. Pennsylvania American Water lost a water main. Two water buffaloes have been placed in the area to assist residents. A resource request was submitted for DEP assistance with mosquito spraying and well testing, as well as DOH assistance with tetanus shots. Damage assessment is ongoing by the county EMA and PEMA Western Area. Fayette County Volunteers Active in Disaster (VOAD) has organized a Multi-Agency Resource Center for today and tomorrow from 1000-1800 hours at the Connellsville Middle School to provide resources to those affected by the storm.

ROAD CLOSURE – Monroe County, 9/1/16 - An accident involving three tractor trailers has closed Interstate 80 eastbound at mile marker 285 in Tobyhanna Township. One injury was transported to a local hospital. Pocono Mouny School District was notified due to traffic issues for morning bus runs. Traffic is currently getting by on the shoulder to alleviate until the lanes open and the debris is cleaned up.

CLOSED:

BOMB THREAT – Union County, 8/31/16 - A written bomb threat was issued to Thermal Product Solutions located in White Deer Township. The threat indicated the bomb was in the building and would explode when found. The building was evacuated. PSP Milton investigated and no device was found.

SCHOOL LOCKDOWN – York County, 8/31/16 - Eastern High School in Lower Windsor Township was on lockdown for a report of a student with a gun. The student was threatening harm, but no gun was found. Lower Windsor Township Police took the student into custody.

ROAD CLOSURE/FIRE FIGHTER INJURIES – Philadelphia County, 9/1/16 - A tractor trailer jack-knifed into a fire truck responding to a previous accident on Interstate 95 southbound at mile marker 20 in the City of Philadelphia. The roadway is closed with vehicles detouring off at the Vine Street Expressway Exit. Five Philadelphia firefighters from Ladder 16 were injured and transported to Hahnemann Hospital. The firefighters are in stable condition with no life threatening injuries.

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 Supervisors of Connellsville Township issued a Declaration of Disaster for the Township due to the impact of 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, 0539 hours, 09/01/16:

Clouds and a large area of showers over far southern Pennsylvania and the Lower Susquehanna Valley early this morning will drift to the southeast of the region by this afternoon. Lingering clouds and a few isolated showers will be found across the southeast half of the state for the late morning and afternoon hours as an upper level trough crosses the state.

Comfortable humidity returns to the area today as temperatures only reach the upper 60s to lower 70s across northern Pennsylvania and peak near 80 degrees south of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Dry weather, with comfortable humidity and temperatures a few to several degrees below normal will preside over all of central Pennsylvania on Friday.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

