

**DATE:**

September 04, 2016

**TO:**

The Honorable Tom Wolf  
Governor  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**FROM:**

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**TIME PERIOD:**

This report covers the period 0600 hours, September 03, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 04, 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 0505 hours – 581 customers  
**Telephone Outage Reports:** None

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

**OPEN:**

**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. 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. The Fayette County Volunteers Active in Disaster (VOAD) held two Multi-Agency Resource Center events to provide resources to those affected by the storm. PA Dept. of Human Services representatives will attend. Personnel from (Region 13) PA Task Force 1 have sent personnel to assist at the Connellsville Church of God with flood damage/collapsed foundation wall. A meeting with PennDOT and county/local officials was held on the status of road repairs in the affected areas. Remaining doses of tetanus vaccine will be delivered on Tuesday.

**BRIDGE FIRE – Allegheny County, 9/2/16** - The Liberty Bridge construction tarps on the bridge and the construction area under the bridge caught on fire in the City of Pittsburgh. Traffic over the bridge was stopped in both directions. The trapped queue was cleared and emergency detours enacted, due to visible structural damage to the bridge. The Coast Guard initially stopped river traffic underneath the bridge, which has since resumed. The Liberty Bridge will be closed through the weekend pending a proper inspection can be completed. The estimated time of reopening is undetermined at this time but is projected to last for an extended period of time.

**CLOSED:**

**BOMB THREAT – Jefferson County, 9/3/16** – A bomb threat was called into Giant Eagle Grocery store/pharmacy on White Street in Brookville Borough. The store was evacuated and searched with a bomb dog. Nothing was found and the store was reopened.

**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.

8/28/16 – The Township Supervisors of Donegal Township issued a Declaration of Disaster for the Township due to impacts from heavy rains/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:** Enhanced Level IV (Monitoring) for Tropical Storm Hermine.  
**Maryland:** Activated to Level III – Partial for Tropical Storm Hermine.  
**New Jersey:** Activated to Level II for Tropical Storm Hermine.  
**New York:** Will activate at 12 Noon today for Tropical Storm Hermine.  
**Ohio:** No significant events at this time.  
**West Virginia:** No significant events at this time.

**24-hour Projected Weather Statewide:**

**National Weather Service, 0441 hours, 09/4/16:**

While Tropical Storm Hermine wobbles offshore, high pressure will bring dry and increasingly warm conditions for the remainder of the Labor Day holiday weekend and new work week.

Highs today will range from the low 70s across northeastern Pennsylvania to near 80 degrees across far western Pennsylvania. Overnight lows will average in the 50s. Highs Labor Day will rise to a few degrees either side of 80.

**WATCHES AND WARNINGS:**

None



**TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:**

