

DATE:

September 9, 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 8, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 9, 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 0540 hours – 1,591 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

MISSING PERSON SEARCH – Bucks County, 9/7/16 – A search for a missing person is being conducted at Tyler State Park, 101 Swamp Road in Newtown Township. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bucks County and other agencies are

involved. The search was suspended on 9/8/16 with negative results. The search will continue today.

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 Department of Human Services representatives attended. Personnel from (Region 13) PA Task Force 1 were sent 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. Free tetanus shots have been made available at several locations on September 7 & 8, 2016. Monetary and material donations have been received for victims. A distribution center has been opened in the closed East Side Fire Station for distribution of the donated items. SBA along with PEMA and County EMA toured the affected areas on 9/8/16 to continue efforts for obtaining SBA approval.

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, but it has since resumed. All bridge traffic will continue to be detoured until the bridge re-opens. Temporary repairs on the bridge began on Sunday, September 4. It is estimated the temporary repairs will be completed by Monday, September 12. The inbound Liberty Tunnel will be opened to traffic the morning of September 6, the outbound Liberty Tunnel and McCardle Roadway will remain open during repairs.

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE – Luzerne County, 9/8/14 – An overturned tractor trailer closed Interstate 80 eastbound at mile marker 260 in Butler Township. Approximately 100 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from the saddle tanks of the truck onto the road. Detours were set up to reroute traffic around the accident. The tractor trailer was carrying brake products.

MISSING PERSON SEARCH – Montgomery County, 9/7/16 – A search for a missing suicidal male was conducted in the area of Melmar Road and Lorimer Park in Abington Township. The search was continued during daylight hours on 9/8/16 and the individual was located and transported to Abington Memorial Hospital for treatment.

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.

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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, 0619 hours, 09/9/16

A stalled frontal boundary over Pennsylvania will bring mostly cloudy and humid weather today, along with the chance of showers or thunderstorms. The best chance of rain will be across the central counties and the least chance will be over the extreme northwest and southeast corners of the commonwealth. High temperatures today will range from around 80 over the northwest mountains, to the mid 90s in Philadelphia.

A few showers will remain possible tonight, as a very humid air mass remains over the state. Lows will range from the upper 60s to low 70s.

Partly sunny, hot and humid conditions are expected Saturday with highs ranging from the mid 80s over the north, to the mid 90s across the Lower Delaware Valley. A cold front approaching from the Great Lakes will bring an increasing chance of thunderstorms toward evening, mainly over the northwest part of the state.

Mostly sunny, cooler and less humid conditions are expected Sunday behind the cold front.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

