

**DATE:**

September 14, 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 13, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 14, 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-78 eastbound (Lower Saucon Twp, Northampton County)

**Power Outage Reports:** As of 0500 hours – 41 customers

**Telephone Outage Reports:** None

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

**OPEN:**

**ROAD CLOSURE – Northampton County, 9/14/16** – A fatal vehicle accident closed Interstate 78 eastbound at exit 67 in Lower Saucon Township. There were a total of five patients and one fatality. The roadway is estimated to be closed for several more hours.

**MISSING PERSON SEARCH – Bucks County, 9/7/16** – A search for a missing 21 year old suicidal female from Bensalem Township is being conducted at Tyler State Park, 101 Swamp Road in Newtown Township. The female's vehicle was found at Tyler Park with a suicide note. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is leading the search. The searches were continued over the September 11<sup>th</sup> weekend with negative results. Smaller searches will continue this week.

**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 were made available at several locations on September 7 and 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. All bridge traffic will continue to be detoured until the bridge re-opens. Temporary repairs on the bridge began on Sunday, September 4. The inbound and outbound Liberty Tunnels are open. As of 9/10/16, the bridge is reported to remain closed until 9/19/16.

**CLOSED:**

**COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE – Cumberland County, 9/12/16** – A three alarm commercial structure fire occurred at the Lafferty Lumber Company in Lemoyne Borough. Another business (Vicious Cycles) located next to the lumber mill was also destroyed from the blaze. Fire crews from Cumberland, Dauphin and York counties responded to put out the fire.

**FIRE ALARM – Dauphin County, 9/13/16** – A fire alarm activated at the State Surplus Property Program Building in Harrisburg City. The building was evacuated. The cause of the fire alarm was a faulty smoke detector.

**ROAD CLOSURE – Lycoming County, 9/13/16** – A two vehicle car accident, with multiple injuries, closed State Route 220 in Woodward Township. The roadway was closed approximately three and a half hours for clean-up.

**BARRICADED SUSPECT – Montgomery County, 9/13/16** – A man barricaded himself in his home at 147 Bartlett Court in Franconia Township. The residents on Montgomery County Road were evacuated. After approximately eight hours the subject was taken into custody.

**TANKER TRUCK SPILL – Washington County, 9/13/16** – A tanker truck was leaking an acidic corrosive liquid near the Claysville Welcome Center off of Interstate 70 eastbound in Donegal Township. The welcome center was evacuated with one female transported to the hospital. The leak was contained with no product spilling into the storm drain. Sun Pro Cleaning offloaded the product and cleanup operations were completed.

**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:**

<b>Delaware:</b>	No significant events at this time.
<b>Maryland:</b>	No significant events at this time.
<b>New Jersey:</b>	No significant events at this time.
<b>New York:</b>	No significant events at this time.
<b>Ohio:</b>	No significant events at this time.
<b>West Virginia:</b>	No significant events at this time.

**24-hour Projected Weather Statewide:**

**National Weather Service, 0435 hours, 09/14/16**

A relatively weak cold front will drift southeast across the region today, reaching the southern border of Pennsylvania this evening. Showers along this boundary will be most numerous later this morning into the mid-afternoon hours across the northwest

mountains of the state, while plenty of sunshine occurs across the southern half of Pennsylvania into at least early this afternoon.

High temperatures this afternoon will range from the upper 60s and low 70s across northwestern Pennsylvania, to the upper 80s to near 90 degrees across the southeastern Piedmont.

The showers will decrease greatly in areal coverage, or dissipate entirely as they drift toward southern Pennsylvania later today and this evening. Skies will become mainly clear across the north with patchy valley fog late tonight, while it remains mostly cloudy for much of the night in the south. Lows tonight will dip into the mid and upper 40s across the north, and range through the 50s elsewhere.

Fair, dry weather with near normal temperatures, low humidity and rather light wind will be over the region for Thursday and Friday, thanks to a large area of high pressure sliding by to our north across upstate New York and New England.

Another cold front will push through Saturday night into Sunday, preceded and accompanied by a round of showers and isolated thunderstorms.

**WATCHES AND WARNINGS:**

None



**TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:**

