

DATE:

September 18, 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 17, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 18, 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-476 northbound at mile marker 44.7 in Milford Twp., Bucks County

Power Outage Reports: As of 0520 hours – 716 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

SEVERE WEATHER – Western Pennsylvania, 9/17/16 – – There were tornado warnings in effect last night for Armstrong, Venango, Butler, Lawrence, Warren, Mercer, McKean, Forest and Clarion Counties. Law enforcement in Warren County reported a

tornado touchdown in the Scandia Area. Butler County also reported a possible tornado touchdown sighting near Slippery Rock Township. The severe weather that came through the area also caused some power lines and trees to come down. All tornado warnings have since expired.

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. 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 continue to be received by Connellsville Area Community Ministries 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 9/16/16, the bridge is reported to remain closed beyond the 9/19/16 estimated date.

CLOSED:

MISSING PERSON – Clinton County, 9/18/16 – A search was conducted for an 81 year old diabetic male that went missing in Sproul State Forest on the Chuck Keiper Trail in Noyes Township. The subject was located after an approximately three hour search.

POLICE INJURY – Philadelphia County, 9/16/16 - One officer with the Philadelphia Police and one with the University of Pennsylvania were shot along with at least four civilians in an ambush style shooting that occurred in the area of 52nd Street and Sansom Street in the City of Philadelphia. The suspect was fatally shot in a shootout with police. The two officers are in stable condition.

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:	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, 0549 hours, 09/18/16

Scattered showers were across the Commonwealth overnight, with low temperatures in the 60s.

Showers will continue across the region today, with the possibility of some thunderstorms developing as well. Rain will become more widespread later this afternoon and tonight, especially over the eastern half of the Commonwealth. Highs today will be generally in the 70s, but a few spots in the far southeast will reach to around 80.

Rain and a few thunderstorms will continue tonight, especially over the eastern half of Pennsylvania. Some areas could see more than an inch of rain. Lows will be in the 60s, but with some mid and upper 50 degree readings in the west.

A slow clearing and drying trend will overspread the Commonwealth from the north and west on Monday. Areas across the east will hold on to the chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs will be in the 70s.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

