

**DATE:**

September 22, 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 21, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 22, 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 0525 hours – 1,478 customers  
**Telephone Outage Reports:** None

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

**OPEN:**

**FIREFIGHTER LINE OF DUTY DEATH – Westmoreland, 9/21/16** – The State Fire Commissioners Office (SFCO) reported a Line of Duty Death (LODD) of a 61 year old firefighter with North Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department on 9/21/16. The SFCO is still acquiring details related to his death.

**SEVERE WEATHER – Western Pennsylvania, 9/17/16** – Tornado warnings were in effect on the evening of 9/17/2016 for Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Forest, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango, and Warren 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 power lines/trees to come down. All tornado warnings have since expired. The National Weather Service's initial evaluation is that an EF-0 tornado damaged some trees and a storage building in Warren County. Butler County has reported the damage was limited to a few trees knocked down. No injuries were reported by any of the counties.

**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.

**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. 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.

**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.

**CLOSED:**

**SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT – Butler County, 9/21/16** – A Butler Area School Bus was involved in an accident on Bonnybrook Road just off SR 422 in Summit Township. The bus driver and four students were injured. The extents of injuries are unknown.

**GAS LEAK – Washington County, 9/21/16** – An odor of natural gas was detected in the basement of Quality Family Care Facility, an adult day care, located on Highland Avenue in Canonsburg Borough. The building was evacuated. EMS evaluated two on scene, neither was transported.

**MISSING JUVENILE - Montgomery County, 9/20/16** – The East Norriton Police attempted to locate a missing 12 year old female who suffers from PTSD and is Bipolar in

the area of the 700 block of Sandra Lane. This incident is being handled as a law enforcement matter and has been closed by the county.

**DISASTER DECLARATIONS:**

9/20/16 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declarations (#14857 and #14858) for Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Westmoreland and Washington counties for damages during the flash flooding event on 8/28/16. The effective date is 9/20/16 and termination date for applications is 11/21/16. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 6/20/17.

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:**

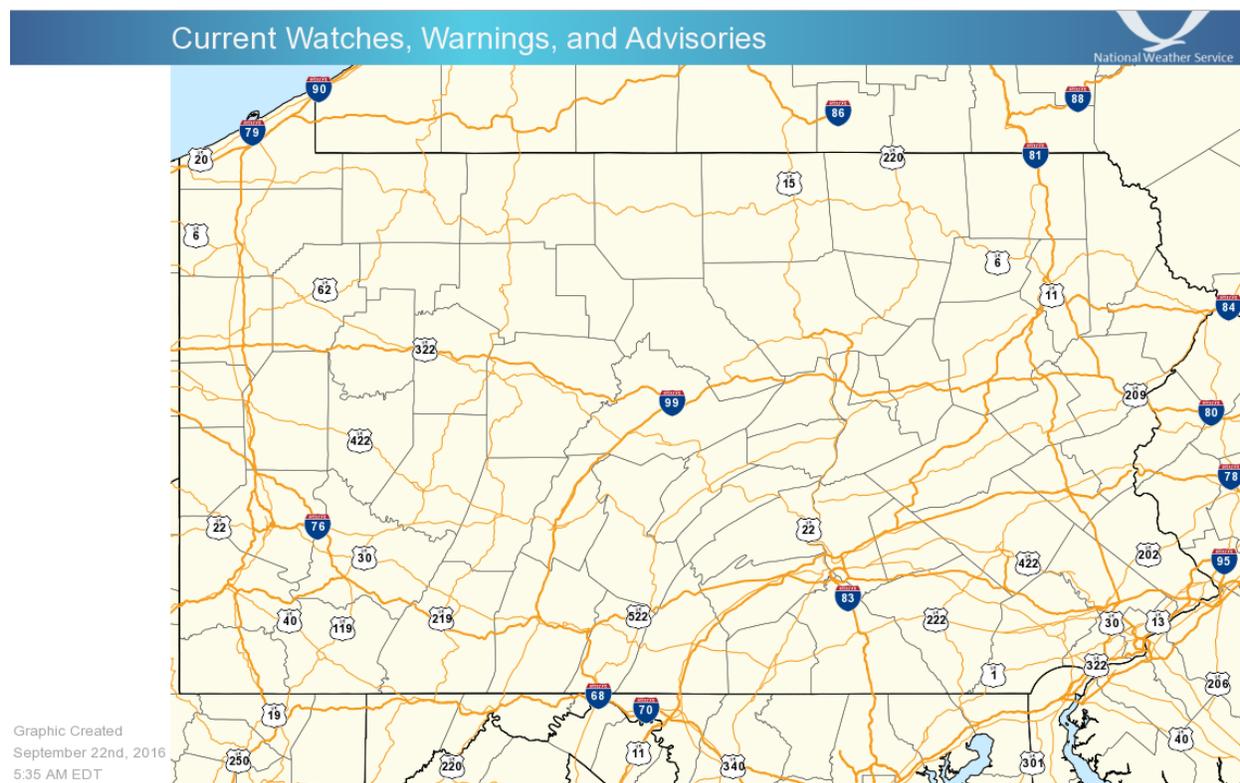
**National Weather Service, 0533 hours, 09/22/16**

High pressure will provide Pennsylvania with mostly sunny and warm weather today with highs mostly in the 80s. Lows tonight will be mainly in the 50s.

An approaching cold front could produce a stray late day shower or thunderstorm across northern Pennsylvania on Friday. However, most of the state will experience another mostly sunny and very warm day with highs in the 80s. Fair and cooler weather is on tap for the upcoming weekend, as Canadian high pressure builds in behind the cold front.

**WATCHES AND WARNINGS:**

None



**TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:**

