

DATE:

September 24, 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 23, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 24, 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 0515 hours – 315 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 firefighter suffered an accidental fall while responding to an incident on 9/19/16 at 1049 hours. The

firefighter was a 43 year veteran of the fire service holding numerous positions within the Western PA and Pennsylvania State Firemen's Associations. A traditional firefighter service will be held on 9/23/16 at 1815 hours at the Parzynski Funeral Home, 626 Broad Ave. Fallen firefighter services will be held on 9/24/16 at 1000 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. Smaller searches will continue but will not be using other outside resources unless new information is received.

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 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. The Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved Fayette County a disaster area effective 9/20/16. The SBA has established a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at the Fayette EMS base in Connellsville which opened on 9/22/16 at 10 a.m.

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE - Franklin County, 9/23/16 - Interstate 81 south was closed for approximately three and a half hours at exit 16 in Guilford Township due to an overturned tractor-trailer.

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:

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, 0446 hours, 09/24/16

A cold front has pushed through most of the Commonwealth overnight. Much drier air has arrived in the northeast and central mountains. Clouds cover the state early this morning and are moving steadily to the south. The clouds will break up and move away for the northern tier shortly, but the southern half of the state may stay cloudy through the entire morning. Sunshine will eventually win out for the south as well.

Temperatures will feel fall-like as Canadian high pressure builds in. Afternoon highs will range from the mid 60s across far northern Pennsylvania to the mid 70s across the south.

A mainly clear and cool Saturday night is in store. A little frost is possible across the northern mountains, and fog is possible in the river valleys. Lows will be in the mid to upper 30s in the north but close to 50 degrees in the far southern towns and cities. Sunday will be another mostly sunny day with highs ranging from near 60 in the Poconos to the lower 70s across southwestern Pennsylvania.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

