

DATE:

September 27, 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 26, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 27, 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 – 88 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

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 – Lehigh County, 9/27/16 – A tractor trailer accident closed Interstate 78 eastbound at Route 22 in Upper Macungie Township. The tractor trailer was hauling furniture; the load was breached leaving debris along the roadway. A saddle tank was also leaking; however, the fuel was contained to the roadway. The roadway was closed approximately six hours for accident cleanup.

ROAD CLOSURE – Lancaster County, 9/26/16 – A tractor trailer struck a construction crash truck closing State Route 283 eastbound at State Route 72 in Manheim Township. Both saddle tanks to the truck were punctured and unknown the amount of diesel fuel that spilled. The roadway was closed three hours for accident clean up.

SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT – Lackawanna County, 9/26/16 – A vehicle accident involving a Scranton School District bus occurred on North Main Avenue in the City of Scranton. There were 20 students on board with one minor injury. One student was transported by EMS for further evaluation.

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, 0540 hours, 09/27/16

Patchy fog and low clouds early this morning will give way to abundant sunshine by afternoon. High temperatures will range from the mid-60s in the higher elevations of the Alleghenies to the mid-70s across the south-central and southeastern ridge and valley region. Look for a mostly clear to partly cloudy night in most areas with lows in the low 40s across the Northwest Alleghenies to near 60 degrees in the Philadelphia metro area.

Heavy rainfall appears likely across portions of south-central Pennsylvania from Wednesday night through Thursday night. Several inches of rain are possible which could result in flooding. Unsettled conditions with periods of showers are expected from Friday into the weekend.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

