

**DATE:**

October 01, 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 30, 2016, through 0600 hours, October 01, 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 0545 hours – 1,454 customers  
**Telephone Outage Reports:** None

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

**OPEN:**

**WATER MAIN BREAK / GAS LEAK – Northampton County, 9/30/16** – A water main break and gas leak occurred due to a large sinkhole on the 700 block of North New Street in Bethlehem City. PPL shut off power to more than 4,000 homes in the area for several hours. Residents on both sides of the block of North New Street between Garrison Street

and North Street were evacuated. The evacuation affected an estimated 100 residents and 100 employees of local businesses. Most residents have been allowed to reoccupy their homes. The American Red Cross is providing shelter to about two dozen residents. At least three homes have been condemned and more are being evaluated. Engineers are also evaluating the area for additional hollow spots under the ground. The 700 block of North New Street remains without water and gas service.

**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. The Greater Connellsville Flood Recovery Center will open on 10/3/16 at 202 North Pittsburgh Street in Connellsville City.

**CLOSED:**

**MISSING PERSON - Bradford County, 9/30/16** - A search was conducted by the PA State Police for an 80 year old man who was reported missing from his residence on the 2000 block of Laurel Hill Road in Smithfield Township. He was located after approximately five hours in New York.

**SCHOOL BOMB THREAT - Washington County, 9/30/16** - A bomb threat was received at the Fort Cherry High School located at 110 Fort Cherry Road in Mount Pleasant Township. The Fort Cherry School Police pulled the fire alarm inside the school to prompt a precautionary evacuation. A Washington County Sheriff K-9 unit assisted with searching the building. The investigation found a threat written on a desk. All faculty and students were allowed to return to the building after approximately an hour and a half.

**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 for Disaster Home Loans and Disaster Business Loans has passed. 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, 0451 hours, 10/01/16**

A persistent, moist easterly flow off the Atlantic Ocean will combine with a slow moving upper low approaching from the Ohio Valley to continue to produce cloudy and cool conditions with periods of rain, drizzle and fog this morning. A few bands of heavier showers, and even a couple of brief thunderstorms will impact the central mountains of the state during the early to midafternoon hours, before drifting east to the Susquehanna Valley late this afternoon and early this evening.

Temperatures will start out the day in the lower 50s across the mountains of northern and western Pennsylvania, and mainly in the mid-50s elsewhere. Highs this afternoon will reach the lower to mid-70s in the southwest corner of the state, but only make it to the upper 50s to mid-60s elsewhere.

Mostly cloudy to cloudy skies will persist tonight with scattered showers, mainly early on. Low temperatures early Sunday will once again dip into the lower 50s over the higher terrain of the north and west and in the mid to upper 50s elsewhere.

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Looking ahead to Sunday, partial clearing is expected, especially across southern Pennsylvania. A chance of showers will persist, primarily across the north, and a brief afternoon thunderstorm is also possible. Highs will range from the mid-60s in the northwest mountains to the upper 70s in far southeastern Pennsylvania.

### WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



### TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

