

DATE:

October 13, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, October 12, 2016, through 0600 hours, October 13, 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 – Deployed to Lumberton, NC

PA-Task Force 2 (PA-TF2) - Search & Rescue - Mission Capable

INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: None
Power Outage Reports: As of 0530 hours – 233 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

WILDERNESS SEARCH AND RESCUE – Centre County, 10/13/16 – A search is being conducted for three hikers missing in Rothrock State Forest in Harris Township. They have

not been heard from since Wednesday (10/12/16) afternoon. The wilderness SAR team CREST is on scene. Centre County EMA requested the assistance of the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center's Cell Forensic Team to aid in locating the missing hikers. Search teams with bloodhounds, along with Department of Conservation and Natural Resources personnel are on scene and a State Police helicopter is also assisting in the search.

MISSING PERSON - York County, 10/12/16 – A search is underway for a missing elderly male with Alzheimer's in Carroll Township. The search area includes approximately 30 acres of woods adjacent to the missing man's house. Local emergency units are assisting with the search. The York County Sherriff's Office K-9 team was brought in to aid in the search. Additional manpower and K-9 teams were also requested from Cumberland County Search and Rescue and Lancaster County's PA Wilderness SAR team.

EMAC MISSIONS – HURRICANE MATTHEW, 10/5/16 - The State Meteorologist is deployed to Florida to provide meteorological support for response and recovery operations. PA Hart helicopter and ground crew were demobilized from South Carolina and returned to Pennsylvania on 10/11/16. PA-Task Force 1 has transitioned from a Type 1 FEMA US&R Task Force to a Type 3 FEMA US&R Task Force; 35 members have demobilized and are back in the Commonwealth; PA-Task Force 1 (Type 3) relocated to Lumberton, North Carolina and is engaged in search and rescue operations. The State Meteorologist returned from Florida yesterday.

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. 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. The County Declaration expired at midnight 10/4/16 for the flooding event. The County EMA will continue to assist in the long-term recovery activities.

CLOSED:

WATER RESCUE – Northumberland County, 10/13/16 - A water rescue was conducted on the Susquehanna River due to a capsized boat at the PPL low head dam in Upper Augusta Township. One person made it to shore and was transported to a local hospital. The second occupant was unaccounted for in the river. State Police Aviation assisted in the search. A body was recovered in the vicinity of the dam and the county coroner was notified.

ROAD CLOSURE – Lancaster County, 10/12/16 - A vehicle accident closed U.S. Route 30 westbound in Columbia Borough. Two injuries were reported. A detour was established and was effective. The trapped queue was cleared and the roadway reopened after approximately five hours.

POWER OUTAGE – Somerset County, 10/12/16 – A power outage occurred impacting approximately 2000 Penelec Power customers in Meyersdale Borough. Two personal care homes were without power for over six hours.

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.

8/10/2016 – The Borough Council Members of Albion Borough issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the borough, due to a drought/water emergency. Declaration extended during September Borough meeting.

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:

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| 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, 0454 hours, 10/13/16

A cold front will cross the Commonwealth during the morning and early afternoon.

Light rain showers will occur just before and along the front over the west and north this morning. The showers will likely dry up as they move into the southeastern Piedmont where only sprinkles are expected. Gusty winds are possible, especially after the front moves past. High temperatures will range from the mid-50s in the northwest to the lower 70s around Philadelphia.

It will clear up for tonight and winds will slacken in the west. Frost is expected across much of the western half of the state. There might be enough wind to keep a frost from occurring over the east. Lows will be in the 30s in the mountains and rural locations, and lower to mid-40s elsewhere.

It will be sunny on Friday with light north winds. The highs will be in the 50s in the mountains and lower to mid-60s in the valleys.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

