

DATE:

October 17, 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 16, 2016, through 0600 hours, October 17, 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 0550 hours – 223
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

MISSING AIRCRAFT – McKean, Potter, Cameron Counties, 10/16/16 – A single engine aircraft, with three persons on board, went missing somewhere in the northcentral

area of the state. Last known coordinates are somewhere in Keating Township, Potter County. Local fire departments from Potter and McKean, EMA from Cameron and McKean, and PSP Coudersport set up a Command Post in this area. The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) issued a mission for Civil Air Patrol to provide radar support, as well as flights over the area. The AFRCC Radar Team provided additional search coordinates based on the rapid descent and last radar returns of the aircraft. All ground search personnel pulled back from the search effort due to weather conditions of fog and showers. In addition, the CAP plane circled the area and returned to base. Both air and ground forces intend to renew their search efforts at daylight.

AIRCRAFT INCIDENT – Carbon County, 10/15/16 – A single engine aircraft crashed into a wooded area off of Pawnee Trail in Kidder Township. Two persons onboard suffered non-life threatening injuries. The Civil Air Patrol is providing ground security until the National Transportation Safety Board personnel arrive to investigate the crash.

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:

ROAD CLOSURE – Philadelphia County, 10/17/16 – A tractor trailer accident closed Interstate 76 eastbound at mile marker 346.5 in Philadelphia City. The tractor trailer spilled approximately forty quarts of oil on the roadway. The road was closed approximately five and a half hours for cleanup operations.

WATER RESCUE – Allegheny County, 10/16/16 – A male fleeing from local police after involvement in a hit and run of a pedestrian jumped into the river in Tarentum Borough. A search was conducted and the body was recovered by the dive team.

TRANSFORMER FIRE – Jefferson County, 10/16/16 – A transformer fire occurred at the Penelec Substation on Madison Avenue in Brookville Borough. The fire caused widespread power outages affecting 1300 customers in Brookville Borough, Knox Township, Pine Creek Township, and Rose Township. The Jefferson County 911 Call Center and the Jefferson County Prison were also without power and operating on generators. Penelec was able to restore power after an extended period of time.

EMAC MISSIONS – HURRICANE MATTHEW, 10/5/16 - PA Hart helicopter and ground crew were demobilized from South Carolina and returned to Pennsylvania on 10/11/16. The State Meteorologist returned from Florida Tuesday, 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) returned home Sunday, 10/17/16.

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:

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, 0611 hours, 10/17/16

A weak frontal boundary will stay north of the region today. A few, mainly light showers will fall across the central and western mountains of the state this morning, and a brief thunderstorm is even possible this afternoon, primarily across the northern mountains of the state.

Much warmer air will overspread the region today through Wednesday, followed by a period of showery and cooler temperatures to close out the work week, as a sharp upper trough and potent surface cold front crosses the commonwealth.

High temperatures this afternoon will range from around 70 degrees across the northern mountains to near 80 across the southeastern Piedmont. A partly to mostly cloudy and very mild night is in store for us, with lows early Tuesday in the mid-50s to lower 60s.

Even warmer temperatures are expected for Tuesday with a gusty southwest wind up to around 25 mph at times. High temperatures at many locations will approach record warmth Tuesday afternoon.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

