

DATE:

October 19, 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 18, 2016, through 0600 hours, October 19, 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 – 567 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

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:

GAS ODOR / PROPANE - Northampton County, 10/18/16 – Units responded to a report of a patient in respiratory distress at a residence on the 500 block of Short Road in Plainfield Township. On arrival, they discovered three 100 pound propane tanks that were leaking. Ten homes in the area were briefly evacuated. The leak was sealed and the scene was turned over to Silfies Gas.

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. The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) Radar Team provided search coordinates based on the rapid descent and last radar returns of the aircraft. The aircraft was located with three confirmed fatalities onboard. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is conducting an investigation. All state and county units are clear.

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 provided ground security until the National Transportation Safety Board personnel arrived to investigate the crash.

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, 0605 hours, 10/19/16

A weak cold front will drift southeast across the region today accompanied by some morning showers. Partly to mostly cloudy skies and slightly cooler air, but still well above normal high temperatures, will follow the cold frontal passage today.

Highs this afternoon will range from the lower 70s across northwestern Pennsylvania to the low 80s across the southeastern Piedmont.

Skies will cloud up overnight tonight with showers spreading across the western mountains after midnight. Periods of rain, some heavy, will develop for Thursday and Friday as a series of low pressure areas ripple northeast along a slow moving trailing cold front.

Lows tonight will range from near 50 in the north to around 60 degrees in the southern valleys.

Gusty northwest winds over 30 mph at times along with colder conditions will move in for Saturday, and the first snowflakes of the season are possible Saturday and Saturday night over the northern and western mountains of the state with even a light accumulation of snow possible on some of the ridge tops across the Laurel Highlands and northwest mountains.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

