

DATE:

October 22, 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 21, 2016, through 0600 hours, October 22, 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: Level II partial activation

County EOC Activations: Lycoming and Sullivan Counties.

CAPABILITIES STATUS:

PA All-Hazards Type-3 Incident Management Team – Deployed to Sullivan County due to flooding

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: Interstate 81 north - Susquehanna
Power Outage Reports: As of 0525 hours – 2,202 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

ROAD CLOSURE - Susquehanna County, 10/22/16 - The northbound lanes of Interstate 81 are closed between the PA 547 - Harford (#217) and the PA 106 - Lenox (#211) exits due to a fatal accident involving a tractor trailer and a car. The coroner has been requested to the scene. A detour has been established at exit 211 to PA 106. There is no trapped queue or backlog.

ADVERSE WEATHER - Statewide, 10/21/16 - Heavy rain over a short time resulted in flash flooding in numerous north central counties. Water rescues were performed with at least six boat teams from several counties. An unknown number of residents were evacuated from their homes. Over 50 residents from two personal care homes in Centre and Sullivan Counties were evacuated to area shelters. Several shelters have been established and the Red Cross is assisting evacuees. County CART Teams have opened several shelters to assist displaced residents with domestic animals. Sunoco is making repairs to several sections of pipeline that have been washed out in Lycoming County. Crews are working to contain and skim gasoline that has leaked. Centre and Bradford Counties' EOCs were activated but have since returned to normal operations. Lycoming County's EOC stood down for the evening and will reactivate at 0800. Sullivan County's EOC is activated. The Commonwealth Resource Coordination Center is at a Level II, partial activation. Two PA Fish & Boat Swift Water Rescue Teams were deployed. State Police have been requested to provide over flight assessments during daylight hours. The PA National Guard has deployed 50 personnel to assist with response and recovery operations in Lycoming County. A resource request from Sullivan County has been approved by the PA National Guard to deploy troops to access a three mile long by 1/2 mile wide area that is inaccessible by vehicles and make contact with those residents. Multiple rotary wing aircraft, including two from PA-HART, are on standby in the affected area. A Type III Incident Management Team deployed to Sullivan County to assist with planning operations.

CLOSED:

TRAIN ACCIDENT - Cumberland County, 10/21/16 - A tractor trailer was stuck by a Norfolk Southern train on the Lorigan Branch Line at the intersection of Sarah Road and West Yellow Breaches Avenue in Dickinson Township. Sarah Road and the rail line were closed for approximately six hours and 20 minutes. There were no HAZMAT issues or injuries.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

10/21/16 - Lycoming County has issued a Declaration of Disaster as a result of the storms that dropped up to eight inches of rain in the region beginning on 10/20/16.

10/21/16 - Sullivan County has issued a Declaration of Disaster as a result of the storms that dropped up to eight inches of rain in the region beginning on 10/20/16.

10/21/16 - Centre County issued a Declaration of Disaster as a result of the storms that dropped up to eight inches of rain in the region beginning on 10/20/16.

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, 0620 hours, 10/22/16

Cold northwesterly flow with gusty winds will persist across the Keystone state. Scattered showers remain possible with perhaps a few flakes in the northwest mountains this morning. Skies will slowly clear as the day continues though today will be very fall like, with chilly air as highs today will only be in the mid-50s throughout southeast Pennsylvania to the low 40s throughout the northwest.

As skies and weather clear this afternoon into tonight lows will range from the upper 30s to low 40s across the state.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

NONE



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

