

DATE:

October 29, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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Director, PA Emergency Management Agency

TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, October 28, 2016, through 0600 hours, October 29, 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: Lycoming County EOC was operational from 0830 to 1630 hours on October 28, 2016.

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 – 461 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 10/21/16 – Heavy rain over a short time resulted in flash flooding in numerous north central counties. Sunoco is continuing to make repairs to several sections of pipeline that have been washed out in Lycoming County. The County EOCs will be staffed during normal business hours while damage assessments are being conducted. PEMA staff will be conducting damage assessments in the affected areas starting 10/24/16. PA Department of Health accepted Mission #102282 to administer tetanus shots to property owners and recovery personnel in the flood affected areas of Sullivan County. Shots will be administered on October 28 and 29 at the Hillsgrove Fire Station. DEP is providing emergency permits in those areas until Friday and has also provided water test kits. Lycoming County has reached out to all of their municipalities to collect Disaster Declarations, DAP-19 forms and Equipment Usage Lists. Preliminary estimates from Centre, Lycoming and Sullivan counties indicate damage was more extensive than originally thought, with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) estimating damage in Lycoming and Sullivan counties between \$10 million and \$14 million.

CLOSED:

TRAIN ACCIDENT – Delaware County, 10/28/16 – A CSX Railroad train accident occurred at Kerlin Street near Green and Felton in Chester Township. Delaware County EMA reported the trains collided head on with 4 injuries, being the train crews. Two were transported to local hospitals. One locomotive and 8 cars were derailed. The main rail line was not affected. There was a diesel fuel leak from a tank car, which was contained with the remaining fuel being removed from the tank car. No waterways impacted. Soil remediation could extend into several days. The railway was reopened in a little over twelve hours.

ROAD CLOSURE – Bucks County, 10/28/16 – Interstate 276 (PA Turnpike) was closed at mile marker 357, due to live high tension wires that came down onto the roadway in Bristol Township. The westbound lanes were originally the only lanes impacted. But due to low hanging wires on the eastbound lanes, I-276 East was also closed. Plan X was implemented for both directions. Construction barriers were removed to release the trapped queue. I-276 was closed for almost eleven hours waiting on the transportation, removal and installation of the new poles.

AIRCRAFT INCIDENT – Mercer County, 10/28/16 - An ultra-light with two persons on board went down near 3685 Hubbard Middlesex Road in Shenango Township. One person was transported to Saint Elizabeth Health Center. FAA and NTSB were notified.

POWER OUTAGE – Northampton County, 10/28/16 - Police and fire units responded to a report of a transformer sparking at 721 South 25th Street in Palmer Township. Another transformer in the same area was also sparking. Both caused outages affecting 429 customers including multiple businesses, one being the Palmer Park Mall. Power was restored in a little over four hours.

SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT – Carbon County, 10/28/16 - A school bus was involved in a motor vehicle accident on SR-903 in Jim Thorpe Borough. One school student was transported by EMS to a local hospital.

STUDENT STRUCK – Luzerne County, 10/28/16 - A school bus owned by Ciavarella Bus Lines transporting students for Hazelton Area School District struck a pedestrian at the intersection North Laurel and West 11th Street in Hazelton City. The accident occurred when the child was crossing the street to board the bus and was struck by the bus mirror. The juvenile was transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital in Hazelton with minor injuries.

ROAD CLOSURE – Venango County, 10/28/16 – Interstate 80 westbound was closed between Exits 29 and 35 in Clintonville Borough due to a fatal traffic accident. A detour was

established between the two exits utilizing local roads. There was an approximately half mile backlog. The interstate remained closed for a little over five hours to complete the clean-up and investigation.

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. Eight municipalities have issued a Declaration of Disaster (Montoursville Borough, Plunketts Creek, Eldred, Cascade, Gamble, Hepburn, McIntyre and Fairfield Townships).

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.

10/20/16 – The Supervisors of Dunbar Township of Fayette County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the township, due to the results 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, 0449 hours, 10/29/16

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A partly to mostly sunny and warmer than normal day is in store for much of the Commonwealth today.

A high pressure area to our south will turn the winds to come from the southwest, and bring in milder air. Highs today will range from near 60 degrees in the northeast to the mid-70s along the Maryland border. Some patchy light rain will fall over the far northwest late this afternoon and evening as a cold front dips down from the north.

Only a little light rain will fall in the northwest overnight, but it will gradually drop to the south and east as the cold front slides across the state during the day on Sunday. Lows Sunday morning in the 50s will be very mild for late October. Temperatures will rise little if any in the north, while highs on Sunday will again be above 70 degrees in the south.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WATHER OUTLOOK:

