

DATE:

November 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, November 12, 2016, through 0600 hours, November 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 – Mission Capable

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

INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: None
Power Outage Reports: As of 0515 hours – 246 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

VEHICLE ACCIDENT – Susquehanna County, 11/11/16 – Fire engulfed a tanker truck after a two vehicle accident on State Route 29 in Liberty Township. The accident damaged

Frontier telephone fiber optic cables. While repairs were being conducted, telephone service outages of up to 2,700 customers occurred in the 853, 879, and 967 phone exchanges. Hallstead, Great Bend and Susquehanna Fire Departments, as well as Great Bend Hallstead Ambulance were placed on standby in their stations. Verizon cell 911 services was also affected by the outages, but has been restored. A media blitz was conducted to inform residents to dial the seven digit number or go to their local fire stations to report emergencies. Susquehanna County Emergency Operations Center activated to Level 3, but is now back to normal operations. Frontier is continuing to make repairs so there may be some short sporadic interruptions in service.

POLICE OFFICER SHOOTING – Washington County, 11/10/16 – Two Canonsburg Police Officers were shot while responding to a domestic dispute call at 120 Woodcrest Road in Canonsburg Borough. One officer was transported to Canonsburg Hospital and the other was flown to Allegheny General Hospital. The surrounding area was evacuated while a search was conducted for the actor. All evacuees were directed to the Canonsburg Middle School where the Red Cross and Salvation Army set up operations for the evacuees and first responders. A media release was issued by the Washington County Coroner's office stating that the officer at the Canonsburg Hospital had succumbed to his injuries. The other officer was reported to be in stable condition. The shooter killed himself and his girlfriend. Funeral services for the officer will be held on November 16th at the Church of Covenant.

SINKHOLE – Lancaster County, 11/8/16 – A 20 foot sinkhole occurred at Pine Street and Park Avenue in Ephrata Borough. The sinkhole caused a water main and gas line break. The sinkhole has continued to expand forcing two nearby apartment buildings to be evacuated. Nineteen residents were initially displaced and were being assisted by the American Red Cross. Six residents from the apartments located on the 200 block of the W. Pine Street building have been allowed to return. The Park Avenue apartment must have its foundation inspected to determine if it is safe for residents to return home. The inspection will not be performed until after the utilities are stabilized sometime next week. The sinkhole is approximately 100' x 60' with a cavern at least 60' deep. A Declaration of Disaster has been issued by the borough effective 11/8/16.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 10/21/16 – Heavy rain over a short time resulted in flash flooding in numerous north central counties. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) provided emergency permits and water test kits in affected municipalities. Lycoming County 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 in the range between \$10 and \$14 million. PEMA supported a Multi-Agency Recovery Center in Centre County on November 3, 2016. Support included the following agencies: PA Department of Health, IRS, PEMA Hazard Mitigation, PA Department of Insurance, and DEP. As of 11/1/16, Sunoco Logistics continued work on the pipeline by beginning hydro testing on an area south of the damaged section. Water for the hydro testing is being brought in and removed by truck and is recycled in coordination with DEP regulations. Current water monitoring results confirmed safe drinking water supplies. Air quality tests detect no hazardous levels. As of 11/2/16, all county EOCs have stood down. On Tuesday, November 15, Small Business Administration PDAs will be conducted.

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE – Butler County, 11/13/16 – A two vehicle head on collision closed Interstate 76 (PA Turnpike) westbound at mile marker 26.5 in Cranberry Township. A Plan X was implemented taking traffic off at Exit #28 Cranberry Interchange to Exit #10 New Castle. The accident caused two fatalities. The roadway was closed approximately four hours for accident investigation and cleanup.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

11/8/16 – The council of the Borough of Ephrata, Lancaster County has issued a Declaration of Disaster that is effective immediately for damage caused by the street collapse at Pine and Park Streets.

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, 0344 hours, 11/13/16

High pressure will provide mainly clear skies overnight, with low temperatures in the 20s across most of Pennsylvania.

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Sunday will feature plentiful sunshine and milder temperatures, with highs ranging from the low 50s across the Allegheny Plateau to around 60 degrees in the Philadelphia area.

Looking ahead to Monday, clouds will begin to increase from the south as low pressure develops over eastern North Carolina. A few rain showers are possible late in the day across southeastern Pennsylvania, with high temperatures in the 50s statewide.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

A freeze warning is in effect until 0800 hours for Delaware and Philadelphia Counties.



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

