

DATE:

November 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, November 16, 2016, through 0600 hours, November 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 0515 hours – 196 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: 0

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

911 COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE - McKean County, 11/16/16 – The McKean County 911 center experienced a communications equipment failure and was unable to dispatch or

transmit by radio for approximately seven hours. The failure was determined to be due to a faulty 24 volt power supply. The system has been made temporarily operational, but permanent repairs are not complete.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - York County, 11/16/16 - A tank truck carrying 2,400 pounds of propane ran off the road into the woods and caught fire on South Lake Road in Jackson Township. Between 20 and 30 residents from the 10 nearby homes were evacuated for approximately nine hours, but have since been allowed to return home. The Red Cross established a shelter for the residents and is providing canteen service for first responders. A controlled burn off of the propane remaining in the tank is being conducted. It is not known how much propane is left.

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:

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 were held on November 16th at the Church of the Covenant.

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, 0356 hours, 11/17/16

High pressure will be directly overhead today. After some morning clouds in the northeast and Allegheny mountains, sunshine will be plentiful for the entire state. Highs will be in the lower 50s in the northeast and in the lower 60s in the southwest. It will be about 5 to 10 degrees above normal today.

A clear sky tonight will allow temperatures to dip into the 30s in the eastern valleys. But, a slight southerly wind in the west should keep temperatures in the 40s overnight.

Friday will be a very warm day for November. Highs will be 15 to 20 degrees above normal. Highs will range from the lower 60s in the northeastern mountains to the lower 70s in the west.

A strong cold front is on the way for Saturday.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

