

**DATE:**

November 18, 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 17, 2016, through 0600 hours, November 18, 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:** Clarion County, I-80 West at mile marker 50

**Power Outage Reports:** As of 0600 hours – 1,037 customers

**Telephone Outage Reports:** 0

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

**OPEN:**

**ROAD CLOSURE – Clarion County, 11/18/16** - Interstate 80 westbound is closed at mile marker 50 in Knox Township, due to a jack-knifed tractor trailer in the middle of the interstate. There is no backlog, trapped queue or detour information available at this time.

**MOUNTAIN FIRE – Cumberland County, 11/17/16** - Multiple fire and PA DCNR units responded to a mountain fire in the area of Three Square Hollow Road/Cowpens Road in Upper Mifflin Township. Approximately 100 acres were involved. The fire has been contained but not fully extinguished. Crews have been released and DCNR will remain to fire watch for the overnight period. There have been no reports of injuries.

**MISSING PERSON – Montgomery County, 11/17/16** - A search is currently underway for a 68 year old male in Cheltenham Township. The missing person left his residence in the 1600 block of Asburn Road, at about 1250 Wednesday, November 16th. The missing person was en route to a barber shop located at Oak Lane and Lawrence Street in Philadelphia.

**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. Geophysical surveying will be conducted at the site starting Thursday (17 Nov 2016) and completed by Friday (18 Nov 2016).

**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. The Governor of Pennsylvania has requested a Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) for four counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide due to severe storms and flooding that occurred.

**CLOSED:**

**SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT – Allegheny County, 11/17/16** - A single vehicle accident involving a school bus was reported at 2770 Warrendale Bayne Road in Marshall Township. The bus backed into a creek and was hanging over a small ridge. The bus was enroute to Ambridge School District. Units arrived on scene reporting minor injuries and the tail end of the bus was hanging over the creek. Two students were transported to Sewickley Valley Hospital and one to Children's Hospital.

**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 was conducted. The fire burned for almost 24 hours till the propane burned off.

**NURSING HOME FIRE – Centre County, 11/17/16** - A fire occurred in the laundry room at the Hearthside Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 450 Waupelani Drive in State College Borough. The building was evacuated. This was a Department of Health facility with 157 beds. The fire was contained to the laundry room and all residents returned to the building.

**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. A faulty module on the power supply has been replaced, and the system is back to full operational status.

**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:**

<b>Delaware:</b>	No significant events at this time.
<b>Maryland:</b>	No significant events at this time.
<b>New Jersey:</b>	No significant events at this time.
<b>New York:</b>	No significant events at this time.
<b>Ohio:</b>	No significant events at this time.
<b>West Virginia:</b>	No significant events at this time.

**24-hour Projected Weather Statewide:**

**National Weather Service, 0611 hours, 11/18/16**

High pressure along the east coast will supply Pennsylvania with a sunny and very warm Friday. High temperatures will range from the low 70s over parts of western Pennsylvania, to the 60s in the East.

Fair and milder conditions are expected tonight with low temperatures ranging from the upper 30s in the cooler valleys of eastern Pennsylvania, to around 50 in the west.

A strong cold front will sweep eastward across the state on Saturday, accompanied by a round of showers in most places and followed by gusty winds and falling temperatures. A cold northwest flow will gather moisture from the Great Lakes, depositing it as snow showers across western Pennsylvania Saturday night through Sunday night. Several inches of accumulation are likely in the favored regions of northwest Pennsylvania by the end of the weekend.

**WATCHES AND WARNINGS:**

None



**TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:**

