

DATE:

November 19, 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 18, 2016, through 0600 hours, November 19, 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 0520 hours – 285 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: 366 in Blue Ridgetrail area of Luzerne County

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

MISSING PERSON - Washington County, 11/19/16 - A search and rescue operation is underway in Amwell Township for a 70 year old female who is blind. She went searching in

a wooded area for her dog and was missing since last evening. She has been located by a Life Flight helicopter. Ground units arrived at her location and found her to be unresponsive. The county coroner is en route to the scene.

MISSING ENDANGERED PERSONS ALERT - Indiana County, 11/18/19 - The Indiana Borough Police Department is searching for two missing children who were last seen at their home on Elm Street in Indiana Borough between 2330 on 11/17/16 and 0300 on 11/18/16. They may be in the company of a woman and possibly headed to Abbottstown in Adams County, PA. Police have reason to believe they may be in danger of special risk of harm or injury. PennDOT has activated their Variable Message Boards in the area and a Missing Endangered Persons Alert (MEPA) has been issued.

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. Construction work on the site is still in progress. Geophysical surveying results should be analyzed/completed by 11/21/16.

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. 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:

MISSING PERSON - Montgomery County, 11/17/16 - A search was conducted for a 68 year old male in Cheltenham Township. He left his residence on the 1600 block of Asburn Road at about 1250, 11/16/16. He was en route to a barber shop located at Oak Lane and Lawrence Street in Philadelphia and went missing. PennDOT activated their Variable Message Boards in the area and a Missing Endangered Persons Alert (MEPA) was issued. The gentleman was found and safely returned to his home yesterday morning.

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, 0559 hours, 11/19/16

A strong cold front will sweep eastward across the Commonwealth today accompanied by a round of rain showers and followed by gusty winds and falling temperatures. Temperatures will drop after a morning high of 50 degrees across western Pennsylvania, while eastern Pennsylvania should rise into the 60s before the front passes.

It will be blustery and much colder tonight into Sunday. The first lake-effect snow event of the season will bring accumulating snow to primarily northern and western Pennsylvania,

with 6 to 12 inches of accumulation expected in the favored regions immediately downwind of Lake Erie. Low temperatures tonight will range from the mid-20s over the Laurel Highlands, to the mid-30s across the southeast Piedmont. Highs Sunday will range from the low 30s across the high terrain of the Alleghenies, to the mid-40s across the southeast counties. However, a gusty wind will make it feel considerably colder.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

A Lake Effect Snow Watch is in effect until 11/21/16, 0700 in Warren County.
A Lake Effect Snow Watch is in effect until 11/21/16, 1000 in Crawford and Erie Counties.

