

DATE:

December 02, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, December 1, 2016, through 0600 hours, December 02, 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: Lancaster, East Lampeter Township US 30 EB & WB
Power Outage Reports: As of 0530 hours – 127 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: Westmoreland County –ANI/ALI Outage Countywide

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

ROAD CLOSURE – Lancaster County, 12/2/16 - US 30 is closed in both directions at the intersections of Ronks Road in East Lampeter Township to Mcilvaine Road in Paradise

Township. A box truck took out two utility poles and PP&L is on site conducting repairs. Traffic is being detoured to local roads.

ANI/ALI OUTAGE – Westmoreland County, 12/1/16 – Automated Number Identification(ANI) and Automatic Location Identification(ALI) are not being received at the Public Safety Answering Point(PSAP) in Westmoreland County. Century Link and Verizon are both working on the outage.

LOST HUNTER – Huntingdon County, 12/1/16 – A 59 year old male hunter was reported lost in the vicinity of 17763 Dun Rovin Road on 12/1/2016 in Todd Township, this borders the Trough Creek State Park. Eight fire companies and a dog team (Heaven Sent) from Blair County are actively searching for the hunter.

MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS – Cumberland County, 12/1/16 - The Borough of Carlisle contacted the DEP Safe Drinking Water Program (SDW) to inform them they are issuing a mandatory water use restrictions due to a problem in the system that flooded their finished water pump station. They are unable to pump any water from the filter plant into distribution at this time. The borough is utilizing their interconnects, but will be unable to meet demand using them. They are working with neighboring water systems to see if they can provide more water. DEP SDW Program is working with Carlisle and dispatching staff to the plant. PA WARN is providing a 6" portable pump to the Carlisle Authority.

FIREFIGHTER FATALITY – Fayette County, 11/27/16 - A 16 year old junior firefighter was accidently shot and killed at the Republic Fire Station in Redstone Township. The firefighter was participating in a work detail at the fire station. Several EMS companies and police departments responded to the scene. The Pennsylvania State Police are conducting an investigation. The fire station is out of service for an extended period of time. Mutual aid companies will cover the station's area of responsibility.

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. 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. On November 21, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved disaster assistance for Centre and Lycoming counties, as well as the contiguous counties of Blair, Bradford, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Sullivan, Tioga, and Union.

CLOSED:

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 are complete and have been presented to the borough. A Right of Entry was granted and the Borough now has the property owner's permission to access right of way to perform work. A structural engineer performed an inspection on the apartment building on 11/29/16 and determined that it is safe to reoccupy. Residents have been advised by borough staff that they may return on today, 12/1/16 at noon. Construction crews will be relocating the job site security fence to allow residents free access to the rear of the building. Normal sanitary sewer service has been restored to the apartment building. Paving is scheduled to begin on 12/07/2016.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

11/21/16 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declarations (#14987 and #14988) for Centre and Lycoming counties for damages during the severe flooding event on 10/21/16. In addition, contiguous counties of Blair, Bradford, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Sullivan, Tioga, and Union counties are also eligible. The effective date is 11/18/16 and termination date for applications is 01/17/17. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 8/18/17.

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.

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.

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, 0522 hours, 12/02/16

A seasonably cold and mainly dry weather pattern will prevail across much of the Keystone State into the weekend. Any precipitation will be confined to the north and west where scattered lake effect rain and snow showers will fall. Only minor 1-3 inch accumulations are expected by Saturday night in the favored Snowbelt region.

Temperatures will range from the mid 30s to mid 40s during the afternoon today and again on Saturday. Lows will dip to the mid 20s to mid 30s at night. A brisk west wind will make it feel a bit colder.

Plenty of clouds will cover the Alleghenies. Intervals of clouds and sun will occur over the southeastern portion of the Commonwealth.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

The last scheduled Tropical Weather Outlook of the 2016 Atlantic hurricane season was issued on 11/30/2016. Routine issuance of the Tropical Weather Outlook will resume on June 1, 2017. During the off-season, Special Tropical Weather Outlooks will be issued as conditions warrant.