

DATE:

December 10, 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 09, 2016, through 0600 hours, December 10, 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: Interstate 78 east – Berks
Interstate 80 west – Luzerne
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Interstate 76 (PA Turnpike) west – York

Power Outage Reports: As of 0520 hours – 447 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

ROAD CLOSURE - Luzerne County, 12/10/16 - Interstate 80 west is closed between the PA 93 (#256) exit in Columbia County and the Interstate 80 west on ramp in Luzerne County due to three jackknifed tractor trailers at mile marker 251 in Black Creek Township. Traffic is being diverted off of I-80 at Exit 256 onto SR 93.

ROAD CLOSURE - York County, 12/10/16 - The west bound lanes of the PA Turnpike (I-76) are closed between the Harrisburg East (247) and Harrisburg West Shore (242) interchanges due to an overturned tractor trailer in the area of mile marker 244.9 in Fairview Township. Approximately 200 gallons of fuel leaked from the saddle tanks into soil. A contractor has been contacted for cleanup.

ROAD CLOSURE - Berks County, 12/10/16 - Snow squalls in the area caused slick conditions which closed Interstate 78 in both directions between Exits 35 to 40 in Greenwich Township. Three accidents with eight tractor trailers and four passenger vehicles have occurred. One fatality and eight patients have been transported to local hospitals. One westbound lane reopened after approximately four hours. The other westbound lane opened after approximately five hours. All eastbound lanes remain closed due to accident reconstruction. Safety checks have been performed on all vehicles and traffic is being diverted off of the road.

WATER RESCUE - Luzerne County, 12/9/16 - A search began at 2129 last night for a subject who jumped from the Black Diamond railroad bridge into the Susquehanna River in Wilkes Barre. The jump was witnessed by someone from the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Multiple local water rescue units responded to the scene. The search was suspended at 2325 until this morning.

ADVERSE WEATHER - Statewide, 10/21/16 - Heavy rain over a short time resulted in flash flooding in numerous north central counties. Preliminary estimates from Centre, Lycoming and Sullivan counties indicate damage in the range between \$10 and \$14 million. On November 17, the Governor of Pennsylvania 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. A Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was received on December 2, 2016 for Bradford, Centre, Lycoming and Sullivan counties. In addition, all areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOC) in both Centre and Lycoming Counties have now closed.

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE - Erie, 12/8/16 - A multi-vehicle crash closed Interstate 90 in both directions at mile marker 13 in Girard Township for approximately 19 hours. There were approximately 60 to 70 vehicles involved with one vehicle on fire. A detour was put into effect and PennDOT issued a 45 mph speed restriction on I-90 from the Ohio state line to the New York state line. Ten patients were transported to local hospitals. There were 20 people staying at the Fairview Fire Department with the Salvation Army assisting at the shelter. The Red Cross also assisted with lodging needs. At the time of the incident, there were approximately five inches of snow accumulation.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

12/2/16 - A Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was received on December 2, 2016 for Bradford, Centre, Lycoming and Sullivan counties. In addition, all

areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The designation is FEMA-4292-DR.

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, 0553 hours, 12/10/16

Lake Effect Snow showers and flurries will persist through much of the day across the northern and eastern portions of the state prior to high pressure building tonight.

Additional light to moderate snow accumulations are likely over northwestern Pennsylvania which could bring storm total snowfall since Thursday to over 30 inches across some locations in northern and far western Warren County.

High pressure will bring a brief period of partial clearing and tranquil conditions as its center slides by just to our south.

High temperatures today will vary from the lower 20s across the northern and western mountains to the mid-30s in the southeast. Lows tonight will be in the teens across the northern and western mountains and within a few degrees of 20 elsewhere.

Later in the weekend, an area of low pressure will track east from the Ohio Valley and impact Pennsylvania with another round of light snow Sunday into Sunday night, then a mix of sleet and freezing rain late Sunday night and Monday morning.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

A Lake Effect Snow Warning is in effect until 1200, Saturday for Warren County.

A Lake Effect Snow Warning is in effect until 1900, Saturday for the Crawford County.

A Lake Effect Snow Warning is in effect until 2000, Saturday for Erie County.



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

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June 1, 2017. During the off-season, Special Tropical Weather Outlooks will be issued as conditions warrant.