

DATE:

December 11, 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 10, 2016, through 0600 hours, December 11, 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 0600 hours – 41 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

CREEK WALL COLLAPSE – Luzerne County, 12/9/16 – Approximately 50 feet of wall from the side of Solomon’s Creek collapsed in the area of 76 Brooke Street in Wilkes Barre

City. The incident is not life threatening. The EMA director will follow up with the incident on Monday.

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:

WATER RESCUE - Luzerne County, 12/9/16 – A search began at 2129 hours on 12/9/16 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 and the county has closed the incident.

COMMUNICATION CENTER POWER FAILURE – Lehigh County, 12/10/16 – The City of Allentown Communications Center took two major power hits that caused one major CAD server failure, and partial radio and UPS failure. The situation was resolved after approximately three hours.

ROAD CLOSURE - Luzerne County, 12/10/16 - Interstate 80 west was 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. The roadway was closed approximately six hours for accident cleanup.

ROAD CLOSURE - Luzerne County, 12/10/16 - Interstate 80 east in Black Creek Township was closed at Exit 242 due to an accident at mile marker 251 involving an overturned dump truck and icy weather conditions. The roadway was closed approximately four hours for accident cleanup and treatment of the roadway.

ROAD CLOSURE - York County, 12/10/16 - The west bound lanes of the PA Turnpike (I-76) were 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 the soil. The roadway was closed approximately eight hours for accident cleanup.

ROAD CLOSURE - Berks County, 12/10/16 - Snow squalls in the area caused slick conditions that closed Interstate 78 in both directions between Exits 35 to 40 in Greenwich Township. Three accidents with eight tractor trailers and four passenger vehicles occurred. One fatality and eight patients were transported to local hospitals. One westbound lane reopened after approximately four hours. The other westbound lane opened after approximately five hours. All eastbound lanes were closed around seven and a half hours for accident reconstruction and cleanup.

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, 0604 hours, 12/11/16

Several weak disturbances aloft will move east from the Ohio Valley and bring periods of light snow to the region today, then some light mixed precipitation tonight. A light glazing of hazardous black ice will develop on many untreated surfaces later tonight and early Monday. Highs this afternoon will range from mid-20s up north, to the lower and mid-30s in the Susquehanna Valley.

A cold front will push east through the state during the late morning and early afternoon hours Monday. High temperatures Monday will vary from the 30s across the northern and western mountains to the mid-40s across the Lower Susquehanna Valley.

A 36 to 48 hour period of more tranquil weather will follow for late Monday through much of the day Wednesday.

A true arctic air mass and frigid temperatures will push southeast over the area Thursday and Friday, accompanied by gusty winds of 30-40 mph, along with frequent snow showers and squalls.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None

