

DATE:

December 12, 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 11, 2016, through 0600 hours, December 12, 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: Cumberland - I-76 (PA Turnpike) closed in both directions between Carlisle and Breezewood Interchanges

Power Outage Reports: As of 0535 hours – 947 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

ROAD CLOSURE – Cumberland County, 12/12/16 - Interstate 76 (PA Turnpike) is closed in both directions between the Carlisle and Breezewood Interchanges in West Pennsboro Township due to a tractor trailer accident. Two tractor trailers are in the center lane. One tractor trailer is overturned and both of them are on fire. One tractor trailer is hauling fire and the other is hauling mufflers. There is also a mini-van involved. All occupants are out of their vehicles with four patients transported to local hospitals. Plan X has been implemented and both detours are in place. PennDOT Districts #8 and #2 are going to activate message signs with the detours. The trapped queue has been relieved by opening one lane eastbound and allowing them to pass the scene.

STRUCTURE FIRE – Allegheny County, 12/11/16 - A fire occurred in an utility room at the Bettis Atomic Plant, 814 Pittsburgh McKeesport Boulevard in West Mifflin Borough. The sprinkler system doused the fire prior to the arrival of first responders. This is a research and development facility that works exclusively on the design and development of nuclear power for the U.S. Navy. The responders were surveyed prior to departure. No contamination has been found at this point. All fire units have departed the scene and the facility staff is in control.

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:

CHURCH FIRE – Mercer County, 12/11/16 - A fire occurred in a garbage toter at the Farrell Wheatland United Methodist Church located at 75 Mercer Avenue in Wheatland Borough. The fire was put out by police upon arrival with a fire extinguisher. The fire was contained to the exterior of the building.

TERRAIN RESCUE – Northampton County, 12/11/16 - A male who attempted suicide was extracted out of heavy brush and steep terrain near the rear of his property at the 2000 Block of Delabole Road in Plainfield Township. The male had cut himself and was under evaluation by EMS. The patient was transported to St Luke's Anderson Hospital.

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, 0555 hours, 12/12/16

Periods of light mixed precipitation will continue to fall across the northern half of Pennsylvania before ending late this morning. Mainly light rain or areas of drizzle will occur throughout the mid-morning hours across the southern half of the state.

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A cold front will push east across the region during the late morning and early afternoon hours, followed by just some scattered light snow showers across the northwest mountains and Laurel Highlands.

An area of high pressure will drift up the Ohio River Valley this afternoon and evening, before becoming centered over Pennsylvania around daybreak Tuesday. This weather feature will bring partial clearing and light winds.

A weak upper level disturbance will follow closely on its heels for Tuesday afternoon and evening, bringing a few to several hour period of light snow to mainly the northwest half of the state.

Fair and dry weather will follow for Wednesday. An arctic front will plow slowly east across the region Wednesday night and early Thursday, followed by bitterly cold air along with numerous snow showers and scattered squalls.

Thursday will feature very cold air with highs only in the 10-15F range across the Northwest Mountains and Laurel Highlands, with frequent snow showers and occasional, heavy squalls. Temperatures Thursday across the Lower Susquehanna Valley should top out in the lower to mid-20s, which is about 25 degrees below normal. Wind gusts could top 40 mph at times Thursday.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None

