DATE: March 12, 2020

TO: The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM: Randy Padfield
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TIME PERIOD:
This report covers the period 0600 hours, March 11, 2020 through 0600 hours, March 12, 2020.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System: Iran likely views terrorism as an option to deter or retaliate against its perceived adversaries. At this time, we have no information indicating a specific, credible threat to the Homeland; however, we remain concerned about Iran’s potential to carry out cyber-attacks. Additionally, Iran and its partners, such as Hezbollah, have demonstrated their capability to conduct various operations in the United States.

Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) Status: Supporting the “Heroin and Opioid Disaster Emergency Declaration”

Activated in support of the COVID-19 Outbreak from 0800 to 2000 hours daily

Department of Health Operations Center (DOC): Activated in support of the COVID-19 Outbreak – Conducting public health and medical coordination

County EOC Activations: York - Level III monitoring for COVID-19
Delaware - Level III monitoring for COVID-19
Lebanon - Level III monitoring for COVID-19
Montgomery - Level II monitoring for COVID-19
Franklin - Level III monitoring for COVID-19
Philadelphia – Limited monitoring for COVID-19

Municipal 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

INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: None
Power Outage Reports: As of 0530 hours, 208 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

BIXBY RUN ROAD BRIDGE CLOSURE – Somerset County, 3/11/20 - Residents of Bixby Run Road in Garrett Borough have contacted the county in relation to the closure of the privately owned Bixby Run Road Bridge due to erosion. There are six homes on Bixby Run Road that have no road access due to the bridge outage. Garrett Borough has water and sewer pipes below the bridge that services the residences. The pipes are exposed but insulated. One family has an eleven month old who has to be transported across a waterway by foot several times a day. Residents are aware that no emergency vehicles will be able to access their residences while the bridge is out.

FIREFIGHTER LINE OF DUTY DEATH - Cumberland County, 03/09/20 – Fire units responded to a residential structure fire on the 1500 block of Boiling Springs Road in Monroe Township. One male resident was transported to a local hospital for injuries and one female resident died. A male firefighter from the Mt. Holly Springs Fire Department became trapped, declared a MAYDAY, and was extricated from the building. The firefighter died on scene. A second firefighter was transported to an area hospital for an ankle injury. The funeral service for the deceased firefighter will be held at the Carlisle Evangelical Free Church on 290 Petersburg Road. Visitation will be available from 9 to 11 a.m. and the funeral with full honors will begin immediately after.

CLOSED:

MISSING PERSON SEARCH – Mercer County, 3/11/20 - Fire, Police and K9 units conducted a search for a missing 21 year old female involved in a motor vehicle accident in Hermitage City. The vehicle was located in a nearby field with the door open and vehicle still running. The individual was located safe after a 45 minute search.

SCHOOL BUS SHOOTING – Lawrence County, 3/10/20 – Shots were fired at a school bus on Old Pittsburgh Road in Shenango Township. Residents in the local area were instructed to shelter in place. The order was later lifted. There were no injuries reported. A suspect was arrested in a field wearing a ghillie suit and carrying a rifle. A second suspect was also taken into custody. Local police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms are investigating the incident.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

03/06/20 - The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, signed a statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on 03/06/20 in response to the Covid-19 virus. This will provide increased support for the state’s response. As of the date of signing, there were two presumed positive cases of the Covid-19 virus in Pennsylvania.
01/22/20 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declaration, NJ #16249 for the drought that occurred from August 15 through October 16, 2019. Working Capital Disaster Loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and private nonprofit organizations located in Delaware and Philadelphia Counties, Pennsylvania. These counties are eligible because they are contiguous to one or more primary counties in New Jersey. The Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date is 09/10/2020.

12/11/19 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declarations #16220 and #16221 for the severe storms and high winds that occurred during the incident period 10/31/19 through 11/01/19. The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster. The primary county is Erie, in addition, the declaration covers the contiguous counties of Crawford and Warren. There is a Physical Loan Damage Application Deadline Date of 02/10/2020 and an Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date of 09/11/2020.

09/03/19 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declarations #16097 and #16098 for the flash flooding that occurred during the incident period 07/11/19 through 07/12/19. The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster. The primary county is Berks, in addition, the declaration covers the contiguous counties of Chester, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Schuylkill. There is a Physical Loan Damage Application Deadline Date of 11/04/2019 and an Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date of 06/03/2020.

08/20/19 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declarations #16091 and #16092 for the flash flooding that occurred during the incident period 07/19/19 through 07/20/19. The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster. The primary county is Clarion. In addition, the declaration covers the contiguous counties of Armstrong, Butler, Forest, Jefferson, and Venango. There is a Physical Loan Damage Application Deadline Date of 10/21/2019 and an Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date of 05/20/2020.

08/07/19 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declarations #16072 and #16073 for the flash flooding that occurred during the incident period 07/21/19 through 07/22/19. The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster. The primary county is Allegheny. In addition, the declaration covers the contiguous counties of Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Washington, and Westmoreland. There is a Physical Loan Damage Application Deadline Date of 10/07/2019 and an Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date of 05/20/2020.

07/24/19 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declaration #16047 and #16048 for the flash flooding that occurred during the incident period 06/20/19 through 06/21/19. The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster. The primary county is Berks County. In addition, the declaration covers the contiguous counties of Chester, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery and Schuylkill. There is a Physical Loan Damage Application Deadline Date of 09/20/2019 and an Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date of 04/22/2020.

01/18/19 – The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania signed a statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on 01/18/19 due to a severe winter event that is expected to impact the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, causing dangerous winter weather conditions including snow, ice accumulation, and flooding.
11/27/18 – A Major Disaster Declaration was declared on 11/27/18 for severe storms and flooding that occurred 8/10/18 – 8/15/18. Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was approved for Bradford, Columbia, Lackawanna, Lycoming, Montour, Northampton, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wyoming Counties. In addition, all areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The designation is FEMA–4408-DR.

1/10/18 – The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania signed a statewide disaster declaration on 1/10/2018 for the on-going heroin/opioid epidemic. It will enhance state response and increase access to treatment. The declaration is the first-of-its-kind for a public health emergency in Pennsylvania. It will utilize a command center at the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to track progress and enhance coordination of the health and public safety agencies. The declaration specifies 13 key initiatives that are the culmination of a collaboration between all state agencies, with focus on the departments of Health, Drug and Alcohol Programs, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Pennsylvania State Police. On 3/6/18, the governor amended this declaration to include the winter storm that began on 3/6/18.

12/2/16 – A Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was declared 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.

Contiguous State Events of Potential Interest to Pennsylvania:

**Delaware:** Enhanced Monitoring in support of COVID-19 response
**Maryland:** Partial Activation in support of COVID-19 response
**New Jersey:** Activated to Level IV in support of COVID-19 response
**New York:** Activated to Level IV in support of COVID-19 response
**Ohio:** Partial Activation in support of COVID-19 response
**West Virginia:** Enhanced Monitoring in support of COVID-19 response

24-Hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0454 hours, 03/12/2020

Thursday will be a mostly cloudy day, with the chance of a few showers or patchy drizzle. High temperatures will range from the upper 40s in the Poconos to the low 60s in far southwestern Pennsylvania.

A cold front will push more numerous rain showers across the Commonwealth Thursday night. Lows will only drop into the mid-40s across the north and into the low 50s across the south. Low temperatures will be 20 to 25 degrees above normal. Behind this front, it will become breezy with clearing skies for Friday.

Watches and Warnings:

None