OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:
July 2, 2023

TO:
The Honorable Josh Shapiro
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:
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Director, PA Emergency Management Agency

TIME PERIOD:
This report covers the period from 0600 hours, July 1, 2023, through 0600 hours, July 2, 2023.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System: The United States remains in a heightened threat environment. Lone offenders and small groups motivated by a range of ideological beliefs and personal grievances continue to pose a persistent and lethal threat to the Homeland. Both domestic violent extremists (DVEs) and those associated with foreign terrorist organizations continue to attempt to motivate supporters to conduct attacks in the Homeland, including through violent extremist messaging and online calls for violence. In the coming months, factors that could mobilize individuals to commit violence include their perceptions of the 2024 general election cycle and legislative or judicial decisions pertaining to sociopolitical issues. Likely targets of potential violence include US critical infrastructure, faith-based institutions, individuals, or events associated with the LGBTQIA+ community, schools, racial and ethnic minorities, and government facilities and personnel, including law enforcement.

Effective: 5/24/2023 1400 hours to 11/24/2023 1400 hours.

Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) Status: Normal Operations

County EOC Activations: None

Municipal EOC Activations: None

CAPABILITIES STATUS:

PA All-Hazards Type-3 Incident Management/ Team – Mission Capable
PA-Task Force 1 (PA-TF1) – Mission Capable
INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: None
Power Outage Reports: As of 0550 hours, 4,725 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

BARRICADED SUBJECT - Bucks County, 7/1/23 - Bucks County 911 received a call for a male shooting a shotgun in a yard on Teaberry Lane in Falls Township. When local law enforcement arrived, the subject pointed the shotgun at the officer. The officer fired at the subject but didn’t believe he hit him as the subject fled inside the residence. South Special Response Team (SRT) was dispatched as well as Emergency Medical Services. A reverse 911 was sent to residents of the Thornridge section to shelter-in-place. Police attempted to evacuate the 10 houses around the target house with most occupants refusing and choosing to shelter-in-place. In addition, Station 32 was secured for residents in the immediate area who wished to evacuate, however it was closed as no one showed up. PECO was contacted to shut off power to streetlights and remotely secure the power to the target house. Mutual aid was requested from South Central SRT negotiators. The subject was taken into custody and the shelter-in-place order was lifted.

MISSING EMERGENCY LOCATOR TRANSMITTER (ELT) - Lackawanna County, 7/1/23 - The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) contacted the Commonwealth Watch and Warning Center and advised they were activating the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) to search for an unregistered ELT in the Scranton City area.

LOSS OF POWER AT 911 CENTER - Bedford County, 7/1/23 – Bedford County 911 Center located in the 200 block of South Juliana Street in Bedford Borough reported a loss of power. Two generators at the building were running but power did not transfer to the 911 Center. They communicated with public safety units using portable radios. All fire, emergency medical services, and police stations, as well as the surrounding counties were notified of the issue. Commercial power was restored in about five hours to Bedford County’s 911 Center including the CAD system. However, there was an issue with their uninterruptible power supply (UPS) which may not be operable until 7/3/23 or 7/4/23 due to parts needed to make repairs. Bedford has reserved backup communications from Blair County. Fulton County 911 Center reported their computer-aided dispatch (CAD), and radio systems were inoperative due to the outage, and they were using their old console for dispatching. Fulton County’s CAD and radio systems were reported operable in about six hours.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ROLLOVER - Cambria County, 6/5/23 – Emergency units responded to the area of Admiral Peary Highway (US-22) and Blue Spruce Road in Jackson Township for a reported commercial vehicle rollover with HAZMAT. US-22 was closed in both directions in the area of the incident. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) responded to the scene. The county sent a CodeRed message to evacuate residents in a one-mile radius. Incident Command reported leaking chemicals with placards 3109 Organic Peroxide and 1903 Corrosive Class 3 Flammable. Substances produced a strong odor and onsite command zone moved back. The total number of types of chemicals is unknown due to leaking and not being able to get close enough to evaluate the truck. McCutchen was hired as the cleanup contractor and are working with local hazmat to evaluate the scene. Units contained the spill at the catch basin which is closer to County Line Road in between County Line and Blue Spruce Roads. Crews are still working to determine if a waterway is impacted.
and if materials traveled under US-22. Three homes were in the evacuation zone and a shelter was opened at Station 42 for those impacted. No one was reported to be using the shelter. As of the evening of 6/6/23, US-22 is open in both directions. A total of 11 different chemicals were onboard; nine totes of organic peroxide, two totes of ammonium compounds, and several five-gallon buckets of other chemicals have been removed. Clean-up and vehicle recovery are still underway. On 6/13/23, the county reported that most of the contaminated soil has been removed. Several trees and stumps that were affected by the incident need to be ground out and removed. McCutchen's flush of the culvert pipe produced good downstream results. Mitigation has moved into the final phase of cleanup. On 6/23/23, the county reported that the trees and stumps had been removed and landscaping work is in progress.

NRC# 1369077 - FUEL SPILL - Washington County, 6/4/23 – A contractor from Norfolk Southern spilled 500 gallons of diesel fuel onto the ground while refueling a locomotive at the Shire Oaks Rail Yard in Union Township. The fuel was contained to the area of the fuel truck and source was stopped. A small amount of fuel might have reached a catch basin 30 yards away. Absorbent booms and pads have been placed around the basin and area of release. The discharge area from the pond was scheduled to be boomed off Sunday morning. A cleanup contractor was hired. The basin and pond will be monitored until cleanup is complete. DEP will have appropriate program follow up unless onsite conditions change. On 6/4/24 the cleanup contractor vacuumed up 250 gallons of fuel, affected soil was excavated, and some fuel was found in the drainage pipes. Operations are ongoing.

COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE - Berks County, 3/24/23 - A four-alarm fire with explosion occurred at the R.M. Palmer Candy Company in West Reading Borough. A level 2 Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) was declared, and Emergency Medical Services and MCI trailers were requested from Lebanon County. Due to significant structural damage and partial collapse, a grid search of the incident area was initiated. A resource request was made for a modified Type 4 Urban Search and Rescue team to include collapse engineers, canine search teams (live and cadaver), technical search, rescue specialists, and logistic and planning personnel. A three-mile temporary flight restriction was issued around the incident but was lifted at 2235 hours last evening. Norfolk Southern rail traffic was paused in the area due to debris on the railroad tracks. As of 0606 hours this morning, rail traffic has resumed with a five-mph restriction due to instability of buildings in the area. A shelter in place order was issued for residents along Franklin Street. The PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT) was requested to assist with traffic control at the exits of US-422 to Penn Avenue and at the intersection of Penn and 4th Avenues. The county Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was at an enhanced level. They stood down at 0130 hours this morning. On 3/25/23, five apartments at Penn Avenue and 2nd Street were deemed uninhabitable. The American Red Cross is assisting the residents and reported there is no need for a shelter. Search efforts have been completed. PATF-1 has demobilized and departed for home base. Both eastbound and westbound lanes of Penn Avenue and the off ramps from US-422 eastbound and westbound reopened. On 3/28/23, the National Transportation Safety Board opened an investigation into the explosion and fire. On 6/28/23, the Small Business Administration issued a notice of an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration.

TRAIN DERAILMENT - Columbiana County, Ohio, 2/3/23 - On 2/3/23 at 2130 hours, mutual aid crews from Beaver County responded to a train derailment near Taggart Street, East Palestine, Ohio. Approximately 53 railcars derailed and some of them caught fire. There were five cars of vinyl chloride within the wreckage. Around 2330 hours a call was received from an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 3 representative, and they advised there was no current impact to PA. EPA Region 5 and Ohio EPA set up air monitoring equipment and they also used handheld monitors, and nothing was detected. Members of the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Southwest Regional Office were also onsite
monitoring through daylight and maintained a presence until there was no threat to PA. An IMAAC model showed a potential impact to residences in PA if harmful chemicals were released from any of the derailed cars. Beaver County EMA Coordinator reported that they followed Columbiana County, Ohio’s lead and a message was sent out to 16 registered users in the one-mile zone to shelter in place. Ohio later changed their message to an evacuation, but Beaver County remained as a shelter in place due to no residences being impacted. Shell Monaca was provided green foam to help extinguish the fires. Clean-up contractors from SPSI and Hepaco responded to the scene. Norfolk Southern reported a rail car was venting so it was decided that there would be no offensive fire attack. The shelter in place order remained in effect for Beaver County. Beaver County sent tankers from nine departments and an engine to assist in drafting from a lake in town once the railroad deemed it was safe. As of 2/5/23, Columbiana County, Ohio EMA recommended a one-mile evacuation around the incident due to one of the vinyl chloride rail cars showing a temperature increase. This included the 10 homes that were sheltering in place within Beaver County. Local police advised the residents of those homes and an additional 12 homes of the evacuation recommendation. On 2/6/23, all 22 homes in the PA evacuation zone were evacuated. Beaver County Animal Response Team (CART) requested assistance for trailers from Washington and Westmoreland Counties to assist with evacuation of farm animals from Kindred Spirits Rescue Farm. The recommended evacuation zone remained at one mile. PA-51 was closed to PA-168. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) ordered a partial activation of the Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) at 1100 hours and Beaver County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) partially activated. A planned controlled detonation was performed to empty five rail cars into a trench to burn off the vinyl chloride. A local hospital reported three patients from the Chippewa area and one from East Palestine complaining of burning eyes and chest pains. Norfolk Southern established a Family Assistance Center for affected residents in New Waterford, Ohio; Beaver Valley Intermediate School remained open. On 2/7/23, the plume from the controlled detonation on 2/6/23 dissipated with no significant air detection identified by EPA Region 3 or PA DEP. Norfolk Southern conducted wrecking operations of damaged cars at the sight. A single hopper train was intentionally breached so that it could burn freely to help clear debris from the railway. All previously damaged train cars were removed from the track and replacement track installation occurred. Normal readings were reported by the Ohio Civil Support Team after monitoring the inside of three residences. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources reported approximately 1,800 fish killed within the streams and creeks that were affected. Two firefighters from Darlington Township, Beaver County had trouble breathing after washing their apparatus and one sought medical attention. Air monitoring continued and there were no contaminate concerns. The PEMA CRCC demobilized on 2/8/23 at 1600 hours. All roads that were closed in PA, including PA-51, were reopened. On 2/9/23, Darlington Township EMA completed door to door notifications advising residents that were evacuated of the availability of well testing and bottled water. Additionally, there are only 20 total homes in the evacuated area, not 22 which was previously reported. 19 of the notifications have been completed and they continued attempting to contact the remaining resident. The Beaver County EOC deactivated at 1200 hours on 2/10/23. A public inquiry line remains operational. On 2/14/23, the EPA identified three other chemicals that were part of the train. They continue to monitor the air and waterways for contamination. On 2/23/23, PEMA, in conjunction with the Department of Health (DOH) and Environmental Protection, launched a website to provide information to Commonwealth residents about the derailment. On 2/28/23, the Pennsylvania Department of Health opened a Health Resource Center in Darlington Township, Beaver County, for residents of Beaver and Lawrence counties who have health concerns following the Norfolk Southern train derailment. On 3/1/23, door-to-door surveys were conducted for 22 households within the 1-mile evacuation zone. Additional discussion led to a decision to do CDC outreach (door knocking) within the 2-mile radius in Pennsylvania, which will begin on 3/2/23. Approximately 450 healthcare providers participated in three webinars conducted on 2/28/23 and 3/1/23 for
major medical providers in the Southwestern Region. Sample testing and review on Norfolk Southern soil sampling continues by Commonwealth agencies. The EPA Region 3 Director accompanied by staff, Pennsylvania Senator Casey, and Representative Deluzio toured the site on 3/2/23. On Monday, 3/6/23, Pennsylvanian Governor Shapiro announced that Norfolk Southern has agreed to pay Pennsylvania millions of dollars for the impacts of the train derailment. Norfolk Southern agreed to reimburse local fire departments to replace contaminated or damaged equipment used during the response to the derailment, to provide funds for a Community Relief Fund to be run by officials in Beaver and Lawrence counties, and to reimburse state agencies (DEP, DOH, and PEMA) for associated costs. Norfolk Southern will collect soil samples by March 9th with representatives from the EPA will be present. Removal of the train tracks closest of Pennsylvania began over the weekend and was completed 3/5/23. Excavation of the contaminated soil began, and odors are expected to be released into the air. Air monitoring will be increased during the process which is expected to take at least three to four days depending on the depth of the contaminants in the soil. The EPA requested Norfolk Southern to provide additional financial assistance to residents within one mile of the derailment site if they are impacted by the odors released during the excavation of the soil which the company has agreed too. Pennsylvania state agencies will support another East Palestine Community Resource Fair this Thursday at the East Palestine High School. Beaver County will coordinate a separate Community Resource Fair for Pennsylvania residents for next week which the state agencies will support. U.S. Senator Bob Casey completed a quick tour and talk at the Health Resource Center Monday morning. A Norfolk Southern contracted company has sampled 16 private wells in Pennsylvania. DEP has sampled 27 private wells in the area as of Monday with more sampling excepted 3/7/23. On 3/8/23 DHS coordinated a call with Beaver and Lawrence counties about the possibility of applying for a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Emergency Response Grant (SERG) to provide funding for additional behavioral health services that may be required following this incident. DOH and PEMA also participated in the call. Excavation work at the site was temporarily stopped due to elevated readings and release of odor. The pit has currently been covered as Unified Command decides how to move forward. Beaver County will coordinate a separate Community Resource Fair, supported by appropriate state agencies, for Pennsylvania residents on March 16, 2023, from 1800-2000 hours at the Darlington Township Fire Department. The excavation of the soil at the south tracks of the derailment site is mostly complete. As of 3/13/23, Norfolk Southern is waiting on soil samples to come back from the elevated spots that were detected. Due to contaminants being detected during the initial excavation at two to four inches, additional sampling was done at 12 to 15 inches to make sure all contaminated soil is removed. Soil excavation for the north track is still in the planning process. As of 3/16/23, the excavation of the soil at the south tracks of the derailment site is complete. If the results from the soil samples are within acceptable limits, it will take about a week to reinstall the tracks on the south side. The Health Resource Center (HRC) completed its final daily operational period at 1400, 3/16/23. The HRC will operate on Thursdays beginning 3/23/23. Excavation of the north track and removal of contaminated soil and water continues. OSHA has joined the on-site operations to provide support to the safety officer and ensure that the community and personnel are safe during operations. EPA Region 5 conducted an information session focused on air quality and air monitoring on 4/27/23. EPA Region 5 conducted an information session focused on surface water on Thursday, May 11, at the Way Station and First United Presbyterian Church in East Palestine. As of 6/27/23, excavation underneath Pleasant Drive is complete, and the roadway will be opened for traffic on 6/28/23. Contamination underneath the north and south tracks was removed, and both tracks are fully operational. Activities are ongoing.

CLOSED:
SEARCH AND RESCUE - York County, 7/1/23 - A group of three to four teenagers called York County 911 to state they were lost in the woods in the area of Lock 12 Recreation Area, Holtwood and River Roads in Lower Chanceford Township. While they were on the phone with 911 their phone died. Fire, EMS, Lancaster County Boat 581, and Search and Rescue 93 were dispatched to assist in the search. The 911 Supervisor was able to reach the missing teens via phone. All the missing teens were en route to a parent's home on Vicki Drive in Spring Garden Township. Local police went to the residence to verify the teenagers were safe.

VEHICLE CRASH - Westmoreland County, 7/1/23 – A vehicle crash with multiple injuries occurred at the intersection of PA-119 and Willow Crossing Road in Hempfield Township. A Level 1 Mass Casualty Incident was declared for seven victims, including two pediatric patients. All seven were transported by ground to the hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

MISSING PERSONS - Washington County, 7/1/23 – A search was conducted for two juveniles, ages 10 and 12, that ran away from a psychiatric hospital located in the 300 block of Linden Creek Road in North Strabane Township. Both juveniles were located safe and returned to the hospital.

MISSING JUVENILE - Union County, 7/1/23 – A search was conducted for an 8-year-old male who left his residence located on Walnut Street in Mifflinburg Borough at about 0530 hours on 7/1/23. The juvenile was located safe.

ROAD CLOSURE - Perry County, 7/1/23 - US-11 was closed in both directions between PA-850 in Marysville Borough and PA-274 in Penn Township due to a single vehicle rollover with entrapment. The engine from the vehicle as well as oil and a 100-foot debris field were blocking the northbound lane. No soil, storm drains, or waterways were affected. One individual was extricated with no injuries and was taken into police custody. PennDOT was requested for high dry, debris clean up, and traffic control support. The vehicles in the trapped queue were turned around in under a half hour. An effective detour was established. The northbound lane opened in 40 minutes and the southbound lane opened in about two and a half hours.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

6/28/23 - U.S. Small Business Administration issued a notice of an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration, #17973 for the R.M. Palmer Company Factory Explosion that occurred on 3/24/23. The primary county affected is Berks, and the contiguous counties affected are Chester, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Schuylkill. The loan application deadline date is 3/28/24.

6/16/23 – West Caln Township, Chester County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather and storm damage throughout the township on 6/16/23.

6/12/23 - Governor Josh Shapiro issued a proclamation of disaster emergency for Philadelphia County in response to the I-95 fire and collapse on 6/11/23. The governor’s proclamation makes $7 million of state funds immediately available for the reconstruction of the roadway and authorizes the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Transportation, and the Pennsylvania State Police to use all available resources and personnel, as necessary. This proclamation will remain in place for 21 days, unless extended by the Legislature.
3/4/23 – Fayette County issued a disaster declaration due to adverse weather and storm damage throughout the area on 3/3-4/23.

3/4/23 – The City of Connellsville, Fayette County issued a disaster declaration due to adverse weather and storm damage throughout the area on 3/3-4/23.

3/4/23 – Menallen Township, Fayette County issued a disaster declaration due to adverse weather and storm damage throughout the area on 3/3-4/23.

12/15/22 – Carbon County issued a Disaster Declaration due to adverse weather that passed through the area on 12/14-15/22.

11/29/22 – Newell Borough in Fayette County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather that passed through the area on 11/27/22.

11/28/22 - Declarations of Disaster Emergency were issued for Dunlevy, Coal Center, Roscoe, Elco, Stockdale, and Allenport boroughs in Washington County due to adverse weather that passed through the area on 11/27/22.

9/12/22 – The Borough of Cranesville in Erie County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to the borough’s refuse collector suddenly going out of business on 8/15/22 causing a public health emergency.

9/10/22 - Yoe Borough in York County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to damages from flash flooding from a significant rainstorm on 8/5/22.

9/2/22 - West Taylor Township in Cambria County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to damage caused by a severe storm on 8/21/22.

8/23/22 – East Taylor Township in Cambria County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to damage caused by a severe storm on 8/21/22.

8/23/22 – Middle Taylor Township in Cambria County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to damage caused by a severe storm on 8/21/22.

8/19/22 – The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declaration #17579 and 17580 / PA-00120 for flash flooding that occurred on 8/5/22. The primary county affected is Westmoreland, and the contiguous counties affected are Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Cambria, Fayette, Indiana, Somerset, and Washington. The application period for economic injury loan applications expired on 5/19/23.

6/28/22 – North Strabane Township in Washington County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a landslide that occurred on 4/17/22 within the Majestic Hills neighborhood.

5/11/22 – Bridgewater Borough in Beaver County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a landslide that occurred on 5/7/22 in the area of 1000 Sharon Road.

4/14/22 – Lower Makefield Township in Bucks County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a Ransomware cyber-attack affecting township government systems.

3/3/22 - West Mahoning Township in Indiana County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a structure fire involving the municipal building. The Declaration was extended on 3/17/22 and again on 5/18/22.
2/21/22 – Elected officials from Jenner Township in Somerset County signed a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the response to the fuel oil spill on Quemahoning Creek.

1/30/22 - Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey signed a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the City of Pittsburgh in response to the Fern Hollow Bridge collapse.

1/29/22 - Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf signed a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for Allegheny County in response to the collapse of Fern Hollow Bridge in Pittsburgh.

9/10/21 - The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requested a major disaster declaration from the President through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide additional support for state, county and municipal governments, and individuals affected by the remnants of Hurricane IDA between 8/31/21 and 9/5/21. The declaration includes Individual Assistance to individuals and households in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, and York Counties, and assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in all areas of the Commonwealth. Public Assistance is under review. The President approved the declaration on 9/10/21 under Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4618-DR. 9/24/21 – Amendment No. 1 designates Bedford and Northampton Counties for Individual Assistance. 10/8/21 – Amendment No. 2 designates Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance). 10/14/21 – Amendment No. 3 designates Bedford, Philadelphia, and York Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance). Plus, Fulton, Huntingdon, Luzerne, and Schuylkill Counties for Public Assistance. 10/20/21 – Amendment No. 4 designates Delaware County for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance), and Dauphin County for Public Assistance.

8/31/21 - The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, signed a statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on 8/31/21 in response to severe weather event Hurricane Ida that impacted the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania causing widespread threats of serious flash and riverine flooding and other adverse impacts throughout the Commonwealth.

10/5/20 – The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requested that President Trump declare a major disaster for nine Pennsylvania counties in the wake of devastating flooding caused by Tropical Storm Isaias in August 2020. The request included Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia counties.

8/11/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Philadelphia County for events and damages related to Tropical Storm Isaias.

8/4/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Montgomery County for events and damages related to Tropical Storm Isaias.

3/30/20 - Governor Tom Wolf requested a major disaster declaration from the President through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide additional support for state, county and municipal governments and certain nonprofits, as well as individuals who are struggling during the COVID-19 outbreak. The request for a major disaster declaration will provide the same emergency protective measures available under the nationwide emergency proclamation; the following Individual Assistance programs: Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Community Disaster Loans, and the Disaster Supplemental
Nutrition Program; and Statewide Hazard Mitigation. The President approved the declaration on 3/30/20 under Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4506-DR.

3/19/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Elk, Mercer, Monroe, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, and Susquehanna Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/18/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Adams, Allegheny, Butler, Clearfield, Forest, Greene, Pike, and Schuylkill Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/17/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Cambria, Cameron, Clarion, Clinton, Crawford, Cumberland, Fulton, Juniata, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Northumberland, Potter, Warren, and Washington Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/16/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Bedford, Beaver, Blair, Cameron, Carbon, Columbia, Erie, Franklin, Huntington, Indiana, Jefferson, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Lycoming, McKean, Perry, Tioga, Wayne, Wyoming, and York Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/15/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Luzerne County in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/14/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Centre and Westmoreland Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/13/20 – An Emergency Declaration for Public Assistance Emergency Protective Measures was issued on March 13, 2020, for all Pennsylvania counties to cover eligible costs that are directly associated with the Emergency Protective Measures being taken to respond to and protect the residents of Pennsylvania from the COVID-19 virus. The designation is EM-3441.

3/13/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Bradford, Bucks, Dauphin, Fayette, Northampton, and Union Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/12/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Allegheny, Berks, Mifflin, and Montour Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/08/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Montgomery County in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

03/07/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Delaware County in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

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:

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24-Hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0540 hours, 7/2/23

A slow-moving low-pressure system approaching from the lower Great Lakes will bring humid and showery weather to Pennsylvania today and Monday. A few strong thunderstorms are possible this afternoon, especially over the southeast part of the Commonwealth. It will be mostly cloudy today with highs ranging from the mid-70s over the northwest corner of the Commonwealth, to the mid-80s in the southeast.

Showers will become less numerous tonight with lows ranging from the mid-60s to low 70s. Another round of showers or thunderstorms is then likely Monday afternoon. Highs will range from the mid-70s over northwest Pennsylvania to near 90 in Philadelphia.

Brighter and drier conditions appear likely for the 4th of July, but an afternoon shower or thunderstorm can’t be ruled out.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None
TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:
Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next 48 hours.