

DATE:

August 22, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, August 21, 2016, through 0600 hours, August 22, 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-TF1 has two members deployed with the Red IST to Louisiana)

PA-Task Force 2 (PA-TF2) - Search & Rescue - Mission Capable

INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: US 422 in Sinking Spring Borough, Berks County

Power Outage Reports: As of 0535 hours – 369 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

SEVERE WEATHER – Pennsylvania Statewide, 8/16-17/16 – A series of storms brought thunderstorms, rains, localized flooding, and high winds that knocked down trees and power lines across the state. Over 23,000 customers lost power. Washington and

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Westmoreland Counties experienced heavy rains and high winds that caused localized flooding and additional power outages. Several residential basements were flooded. US 19 was closed for three hours due to flooding. An EF0 tornado was confirmed in Donora Borough, Washington County by the National Weather Service in Pittsburgh. The tornado continued briefly across the Monongahela River into Westmoreland County before dissipating. Damage was found along a one-mile track through Donora Borough. The borough has issued a Declaration of Disaster.

MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS – Cameron County, 8/2/16 – Driftwood Borough instituted voluntary water restrictions back in July due to lack of rain and low flow conditions at their Nanny Run Reservoir. As of August 2, the borough is under mandatory water restrictions. The borough has applied to DEP for an emergency permit to use a well at the filter treatment plant to sustain the water system as needed. It is unknown how long it will take to process the permit or if DEP will give approval to use this well. The borough is working on getting a well pump with non-drinkable water for fire suppression if needed. The weekend rains have filled the reservoir and tank to maximum capacity. The Borough is continuing the water restrictions until long term forecasts look more favorable.

STRUCTURE FIRE – Berks County, 8/22/16 – A two alarm structure fire at 3996 Penn Avenue has closed both directions of Route 422 in Sinking Spring Borough between Columbia and Woodrow Avenues. Two people jumped out of the window of the burning building. One fatality has been reported.

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE – Lackawanna County, 8/21/16 – A three vehicle accident with entrapment and ejection closed Interstate 81 northbound at mile marker 197.5 in Scott Township. The roadway was closed between exits #197 to #199 for over four hours. WNEP News reported two injuries and two people left the scene. The roadway was opened after the investigation and cleanup was completed.

ROAD CLOSURE – Chester County, 8/21/16 – A multi-vehicle accident has closed US-202 in both directions between the Chesterbrook Boulevard and Valley Forge Road exits in Tredyffrin Township. One fatality was reported. The roadway was closed for accident investigation and cleanup for over four hours.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

8/17/16 – The Borough Council Members of Donora Borough issued a Declaration of Disaster for the borough, due to severe weather.

8/10/2016 – The Borough Council Members of Albion Borough issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the borough, due to a drought/water emergency.

7/25/2016 – The Mayor of Dunmore Borough issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the borough, due to severe weather.

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 is 9/19/16. 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

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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, 0531 hours, 08/22/16:

A few morning clouds will give way to sunshine today as high pressure builds into the region. High temperatures will be a few degrees below normal, ranging from around 70 degrees in the northwest mountains and the Laurel Highlands to the low 80s in Philadelphia and the surrounding Delaware Valley.

It will be clear and cool overnight tonight with low temperatures dipping into the 40s across the northern tier counties and the low to mid-50s elsewhere. Expect plentiful sunshine to return during the daytime Tuesday with high temperatures ranging from the mid-70s in the Poconos to the low 80s across the southeastern Piedmont.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

