

DATE:

September 03, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, September 02, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 03, 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 – 206 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

ADVERSE WEATHER – Fayette County, 8/28/16 – Heavy rains caused flood damage to residences and businesses in several areas in Fayette County. Most of the flooding occurred in the area of Connellsville. Numerous water rescues were performed by county and mutual aid personnel. Two shelters were opened; neither was used by evacuees. The total number

of individuals evacuated is unknown. Pennsylvania American Water lost a water main. Two water buffaloes have been placed in the area to assist residents. A resource request was submitted for DEP assistance with mosquito spraying and well testing, as well as DOH assistance with tetanus shots. Damage assessment is ongoing by the county EMA and PEMA Western Area. The Fayette County Volunteers Active in Disaster (VOAD)'s Multi-Agency Resource Center event will continue today from 1000-1800 hours at the Connellsville Middle School to provide resources to those affected by the storm. PA Dept. of Human Services representatives will attend. Personnel from (Region 13) PA Task Force 1 have sent personnel to assist at the Connellsville Church of God with flood damage/collapsed foundation wall. A meeting with PennDOT and county/local officials was held on the status of road repairs in the affected areas.

BRIDGE FIRE – Allegheny County, 9/2/16 - The Liberty Bridge construction tarps on the bridge and the construction area under the bridge caught on fire in the City of Pittsburgh. Traffic over the bridge was stopped in both directions. The trapped queue was cleared and emergency detours enacted, due to visible structural damage to the bridge. The Coast Guard was advised to stop all river traffic from going under the bridge. The Liberty Bridge will be closed through the weekend pending a proper inspection can be completed. The estimated time of reopening is undetermined at this time but is projected to last for an extended period of time.

CLOSED:

9-1-1 CENTER RADIO CONSOLE FAILURE – Jefferson County, 8/28/16 – A lightning strike at or near the Jefferson County 9-1-1 Center had affected radio dispatch consoles. Centre Communications was able to repair fire, police and EMS radios. A few minor components regarding the recorder, GPS sync as well as the fire alarm system still need to be repaired, however all other systems are functioning as intended.

VEHICLE INTO A BUILDING – Adams County, 9/2/16 - A vehicle struck a building causing a partial building collapse and entrapment of the driver at Li's Buffet at 165 York Street in Gettysburg Borough. The driver was extracted and transported to Hershey Medical Center via Life Lion. US 30 remained closed in both directions for almost eight hours.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

8/30/16 – The County of Fayette issued a Declaration of Disaster for the county due to the impact from the severe weather.

8/29/16 – The Supervisors of Connellsville Township issued a Declaration of Disaster for the Township due to the impact of severe weather.

8/29/16 – The Township Council Members of Fairfield Township issued a Declaration of Disaster for the Township due to impacts from flooding.

8/28/16 – The Township Supervisors of Donegal Township issued a Declaration of Disaster for the Township due to impacts from heavy rains/flooding.

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 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:	Activated to Level III – Partial for Tropical Storm Hermine.
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, 0517 hours, 09/3/16:

A large area of high pressure, covering the Great Lakes and much of the northeastern U.S. will keep the main impacts of Tropical Storm Hermine away from Central Pennsylvania through the weekend.

As Hermine reaches a location off the Mid Atlantic Coast this weekend, it will probably stall out for at least few days. The northwest edge of the rain shield from Hermine may make it into southeastern Pennsylvania late in the weekend, or Monday.

Otherwise, fair and increasingly warm weather is expected for much of the upcoming work week. High temperatures will generally be in the mid to upper 70s.

It will be another comfortably cool night tonight into early Sunday, with lows ranging from the mid to upper 40s in the typical cold spots of northwestern PA, to the upper 50s in the southeast and southwest portion of the commonwealth.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

