

DATE:

September 05, 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 04, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 05, 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: SR-33 NB in Bushkill Township, Northampton County
Power Outage Reports: As of 0530 hours – 151 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: 268 Frontier Communications customers without service in Dallas Borough, Luzerne County

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. 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) held two Multi-Agency Resource Center events 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. Remaining doses of tetanus vaccine will be delivered on Tuesday.

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 initially stopped river traffic underneath the bridge, but it has since resumed. All bridge traffic will continue to be detoured until the bridge re-opens. Temporary repairs on the bridge began on Sunday, September 4. It is estimated the temporary repairs will be completed by Monday, September 12. The inbound Liberty Tunnel will be opened to traffic the morning of September 6, the outbound Liberty Tunnel and McCardle Roadway will remain open during repairs.

ROAD CLOSURE – Northampton County, 9/5/16 - A multiple vehicle accident involving a tractor trailer and two motorcycles closed State Route 33 northbound at mile marker 14.3 near the Belfast exit in Bushkill Township. The tractor trailer ran over two motorcycles causing two fatalities. State Route 33 northbound traffic is being detoured off at the Belfast exit. Scene reconstruction units have been called in.

CLOSED:

VEHICLE VS. PEDESTRIAN – Greene County, 9/5/16 - Interstate 79 southbound at mile marker 14, in Franklin Township was closed due to a fatal accident where a vehicle hit a female pedestrian. Traffic was detoured off at the Ruff Creek Exit #19 onto State Route 19 to Waynesburg to Route 21 east and back to I-79 southbound at Exit #14. The interstate was opened for traffic after three 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:	Activated to Level III – Enhanced for Tropical Storm Hermine.
Maryland:	Activated to Level III – Partial for Tropical Storm Hermine.
New Jersey:	Activated to Level III - Partial for Tropical Storm Hermine.
New York:	Activated to Level III – Partial for Tropical Storm Hermine.
Ohio:	No significant events at this time.
West Virginia:	No significant events at this time.

24-hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0427 hours, 09/5/16:

The remnants of Tropical Storm Hermine will remain almost stationary off the mid-Atlantic Coast through mid-week. Meanwhile, high pressure will keep Pennsylvania dry and increasingly warm for the next several days.

Labor Day will feature plentiful sunshine across all but far eastern Pennsylvania, with highs ranging from the upper 70s across northeastern Pennsylvania to the low to mid-80s elsewhere.

The overnight will be fair with lows varying from the mid-50s over the northern mountains to near 70 around Philadelphia. Tuesday promises more warm dry conditions with highs in the low to mid-80s.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

