

DATE:

September 06, 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 05, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 06, 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 0530 hours – 1,099 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. Pennsylvania American Water lost a water main. Two water buffaloes have been placed in the area to assist residents. A resource request was

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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.

CLOSED:

RAILROAD INCIDENT – Dauphin County, 9/5/16 - A fatal accident involving a Norfolk Southern train and a passenger vehicle closed State Route 147 in Halifax Township. Norfolk Southern Railroad shut down train traffic for the area. A detour was established for State Route 147 until State Route 147 was able to be reopened.

SMOKE CONDITION – Montgomery County, 9/5/16 – The local fire department responded to Saint Mary Center for Rehabilitation in Lansdale Borough for a report of smoke in the boiler room. The facility's residents were sheltered in place. The smoke condition was handled and units cleared the scene.

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 was detoured off at the Belfast exit. Scene reconstruction units investigated.

JUNK YARD FIRE – Lackawanna County, 9/5/16 - A junk yard fire occurred at 417 North Keyser Avenue in the city of Scranton. Several vehicles and a small structure were on fire. The fire was extinguished.

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:	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, 0330 hours, 09/6/16

Post-tropical Storm Hermine continues to meander just off the southern New England coast, while a ridge of high pressure helps keep things dry over Pennsylvania. Valley fog in the northern valleys will burn away early today. It will remain mostly sunny and dry today with highs rising into the 80s statewide. A few readings will be near 90 degrees in the Susquehanna Valley. The humidity will increase tonight, especially for the western half of the Commonwealth.

Clouds will start to increase on Wednesday as the humidity continues to increase. A stray shower is possible across the north and west on Wednesday, with highs very similar to today, if not a degree or two warmer. A cold front moving into the Upper Great Lakes will take a few days to move into the state. Temperatures will remain well above normal through the end of the week.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

