

**DATE:**

September 08, 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 07, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 08, 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 0550 hours – 353 customers  
**Telephone Outage Reports:** None

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

**OPEN:**

**MISSING PERSON SEARCH – Montgomery County, 9/7/16** – A search for a missing suicidal male is being conducted in the area of Melmar Road and Lorimer Park in Abington Township.

**MISSING PERSON SEARCH – Bucks County, 9/7/16** – A search for a missing person is being conducted at Tyler State Park, 101 Swamp Road in Newtown Township. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bucks County and other agencies are involved.

**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 Department of Human Services representatives attended. Personnel from (Region 13) PA Task Force 1 were sent 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. Free tetanus shots have been made available at several locations on September 7 & 8, 2016.

**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:**

**APPLIANCE FIRE IN SCHOOL – Elk County, 9/7/16** – A dishwasher fire in the kitchen of South St. Marys Street Elementary School caused the evacuation of all students. All students were allowed to return to school when the fire department cleared the scene.

**NURSING HOME POWER OUTAGE - Allegheny County, 9/7/16** - A garbage truck pulled down power lines at the North Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center, 194 Swinderman Road in Pine Township causing a power outage to the facility. The 55 bed nursing home operated on their backup generator until power was restored.

**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:**

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| <b>Delaware:</b>      | No significant events at this time. |
| <b>Maryland:</b>      | No significant events at this time. |
| <b>New Jersey:</b>    | No significant events at this time. |
| <b>New York:</b>      | No significant events at this time. |
| <b>Ohio:</b>          | No significant events at this time. |
| <b>West Virginia:</b> | No significant events at this time. |

**24-hour Projected Weather Statewide:**

**National Weather Service, 0531 hours, 09/8/16**

Morning temperatures are running in the 70s over most of the state. It is also very muggy. Some early fog and low clouds should start to burn away this morning. A weak front will move north to south across the state later today and tonight. This front will cut into the muggy air and produce numerous showers and thunderstorms in the northwestern half of the state beginning just after noon close to Erie. The afternoon and evening storms may produce heavy rain and some gusty winds or hail.

The storms will probably break up as they move through the central mountains and into the southeast later this evening. While the southeastern part of the state may stay dry for much of the day, there will be sunshine and high temperatures in the 90s, with the heat index approaching the 100 degree mark there with highs in the 80s elsewhere.

Isolated showers may linger overnight and Friday along the Maryland border as the front slows or stalls over the Mid-Atlantic. Most of the state will remain muggy but rain-free. Highs on Friday will be in the lower 80s in the northwest and in the lower 90s in the lower Delaware Valley.

A stronger cold front should pass through on Saturday and make Sunday much less humid and hold the temperatures very close to normal.

**WATCHES AND WARNINGS:**

None



**TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:**

