

DATE:

September 10, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

Richard D. Flinn, Jr.
Director, PA Emergency Management Agency

TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, September 9, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 10, 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 – 516 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

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 is leading the search. The search was continued on 9/9/16 with negative results. The search will continue today, 9/10/16.

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 were made available at several locations on September 7 and 8, 2016. Monetary and material donations have been received for victims. A distribution center has been opened in the closed East Side Fire Station for distribution of the donated items. SBA along with PEMA and County EMA toured the affected areas on 9/8/16 to continue efforts for obtaining SBA approval.

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. 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 and outbound Liberty Tunnels are open.

CLOSED:

POLICE INCIDENT – York County, 9/9/16 - Two adults were shot in the parking lot of Small Athletic Field in the city of York during a football game. The victims were not students. They were both transported to area hospitals. The football game was initially stopped and later called. The stadium was briefly placed on lockdown while police searched and secured the area.

SMOKE CONDITION – Philadelphia County, 9/9/16 - A smoke condition was reported on a Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) subway train in the city of Philadelphia. A subway train arrived at the 11th Street Station when a door opened and began to smoke. Power to the train was cut. All passengers on the train were evacuated onto the platform and boarded another train. The number of evacuees is not known. SEPTA personnel determined the cause for the smoke condition was a bad door motor.

CHEMICAL RELEASE – Huntingdon County, 9/9/16 – The Department of Corrections reported receiving an envelope containing white powder at their facility SCI Smithfield in Smithfield Township. The material tested negative for Anthrax, but tested positive for protein. Facility staff that were in contact with the substance were decontaminated and sent home. Further testing by a Postal Inspector found the material to be a non-hazardous food product.

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, 0536 hours, 09/10/16

A warm front will lift north of Pennsylvania today, bringing partly sunny, hot and humid conditions to the Commonwealth. Scattered thunderstorms will develop during the afternoon, mainly across the northwest corner of the state. Highs today will range from the 80s over most of the state, to the low and mid-90s over the southeast counties.

A cold front will push southeast across the region tonight, accompanied by some strong thunderstorms this evening across western Pennsylvania and the chance of a late night shower or thunderstorm over the rest of the state. Lows will range from the upper 50s over western Pennsylvania, to the mid-70s across the Lower Delaware Valley.

Mostly sunny, cooler and less humid conditions are expected Sunday, as high pressure builds into the state. Highs Sunday will range from around 70 across the northwest mountains, to the mid-80s in Philadelphia.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

