

DATE:

September 19, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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Director, PA Emergency Management Agency

TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, September 18, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 19, 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 – 3,512 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: 250 Frontier Communications customers unable to call 911 in Ross Township, Luzerne County.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 9/18/16 – The City of Titusville and Hydestown Borough in Crawford County reported eight flooded roadways, minor basement flooding, and debris on the roadway. A state bridge on West Central Avenue in Oil Creek Township

has some damage to its sides but it is safe to travel over. In Lycoming County the rain and strong winds left 2,900 residents without power and multiple trees/wires down. WNEP is reporting the Muncy School District in Lycoming County will be closed on Monday due to the storm. The Venango County municipalities of Cherrytree Township, Chapmanville, and Pleasantville Boroughs experienced localized roadway flooding and a small bridge on Stone Springhouse Road in Cherrytree Township was washed out. There are also trees down, but no power outages have been reported in Venango County. Northampton County is also reporting power outages to Met-Ed customers in various municipalities due to the storms.

SEVERE WEATHER – Western Pennsylvania, 9/17/16 – Tornado warnings were in effect on the evening of 9/17/2016 for Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Forest, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango, and Warren Counties. Law enforcement in Warren County reported a tornado touchdown in the Scandia Area. Butler County also reported a possible tornado touchdown sighting near Slippery Rock Township. The severe weather that came through the area also caused power lines/trees to come down. All tornado warnings have since expired. The National Weather Service's initial evaluation is that an EF-0 tornado damaged some trees and a storage building in Warren County. Butler County has reported the damage was limited to a few trees knocked down. No injuries were reported by any of the counties.

MISSING PERSON SEARCH – Bucks County, 9/7/16 – A search for a missing 21 year old suicidal female from Bensalem Township is being conducted at Tyler State Park, 101 Swamp Road in Newtown Township. The female's vehicle was found at Tyler Park with a suicide note. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is leading the search. Smaller searches will continue this week.

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 were made available at several locations on September 7 and 8, 2016. Monetary and material donations continue to be received by Connellsville Area Community Ministries 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. The inbound and outbound Liberty Tunnels are open. As of 9/16/16, the bridge is reported to remain closed beyond the 9/19/16 estimated date.

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE – Bucks County, 9/18/16 – I-476 (Pennsylvania Turnpike Northeast Extension) was closed at mile marker 44.7 northbound in Milford Township when a tractor

trailer overturned attempting to avoid a previous accident between two passenger vehicles. Three people were transported to local hospitals for treatment. Southbound lanes were closed for over two hours for accident clearing and barrier repair. The northbound lanes were reopened after approximately four 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:	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, 0523 hours, 09/19/16

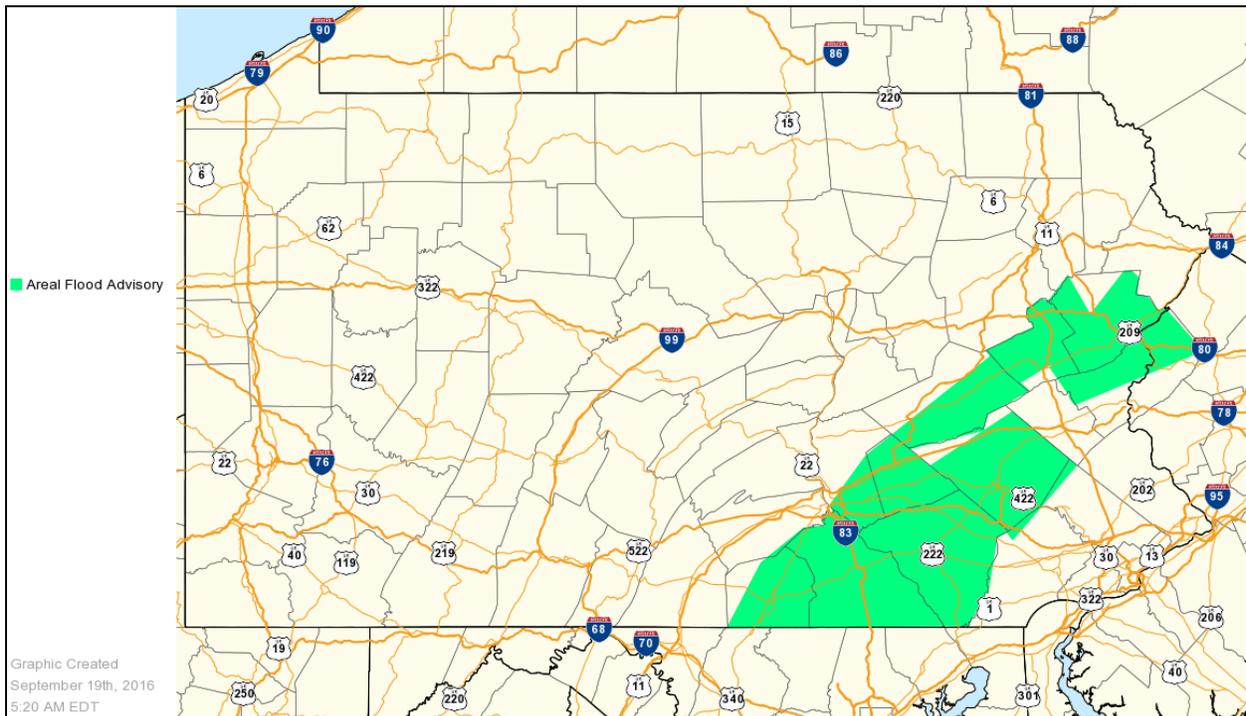
An extensive plume of deep tropical moisture with its origin over the Gulf of Mexico will be responsible for producing numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms with locally heavy rain ahead of a wave of low pressure and slow-moving cold front. High temperatures this afternoon will be mainly in the upper 70s.

The showers will gradually taper off from northwest to southeast across the region this afternoon and evening as the front pushes through. A large ridge of high pressure to our southwest will build into the region bringing a long stretch of relatively dry weather with above normal temperatures.

Skies will clear out tonight, as drier air works into the area. Lows will range from the 50s across the mountains, to the mid 60s across the southeast. Highs on Tuesday will be in the upper 70s to mid-80s.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

