

DATE:

September 23, 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 22, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 23, 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 0535 hours – 653 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

FIREFIGHTER LINE OF DUTY DEATH – Westmoreland, 9/21/16 – The State Fire Commissioners Office (SFCO) reported a Line of Duty Death (LODD) of a 61 year old firefighter with North Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department on 9/21/16. The firefighter suffered an accidental fall while responding to an incident on 9/19/16 at 1049 hours. The

firefighter was a 43 year veteran of the fire service holding numerous positions within the Western PA and Pennsylvania State Firemen's Associations. A traditional firefighter service will be held on 9/23/16 at 1815 hours at the Parzynski Funeral Home, 626 Broad Ave. Fallen firefighter services will be held on 9/24/16 at 1000 hours.

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 but will not be using other outside resources unless new information is received.

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. 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.

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. The Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved Fayette County a disaster area effective 9/20/16. The SBA has established a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at the Fayette EMS base in Connellsville. The DLOC will be opened on 9/22/16 at 10 a.m.

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE – Montgomery County, 9/22/16 - Interstate 476 northbound was closed at Exit 13 in Lower Merion Township due to an accident involving six vehicles. One patient was entrapped and flown to a hospital. The interstate was closed for five hours.

SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT – Northampton County, 9/22/16 – An accident involving a school bus transporting Northampton Area School District students occurred at the intersection of Howertown Road and Kreidersville Road in Allen Township. The school bus company was First Student. There were 55 students on the bus. Two students reported back pain and were transported to Muhlenberg Hospital.

PROPANE TURCK FIRE – Montgomery County, 9/22/16 - A truck hauling propane tanks caught fire on Forty Foot Road in Towamencin Township. A local day care was evacuated due to small explosions. The fire was quickly extinguished and evacuees were allowed to return. DEP was contacted for oil and foam that leaked into a storm drain.

911 RADIO SYSTEM DOWN – Lycoming County, 9/22/16 - Lycoming County reported their microwave system was down. There was no radio communications for any response organizations. The backup 911 center was manned and the county partially activated their EOC. The problem was resolved in four hours.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

9/20/16 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declarations (#14857 and #14858) for Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Westmoreland and Washington counties for damages during the flash flooding event on 8/28/16. The effective date is 9/20/16 and termination date for applications is 11/21/16. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 6/20/17.

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, 0512 hours, 09/23/16

There will be a cold front dropping south through the state late today and overnight. It will bring cloud cover, but very little rain is expected. Only spotty showers are expected in the northern tier and small chance for a thunderstorm in the northeast later today.

Most of the commonwealth will be dry and unseasonably warm with highs ranging from the mid and upper 70s across the northern mountains to the upper 80s in the Delaware Valley and over far southern PA.

Skies could clear over the north tonight and may lead to some valley fog. Lows in the north will be in the upper 40s. However, it will remain mostly cloudy and mild across the south. Expect to see lows around 60 degrees from the turnpike southward.

Looking ahead to Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny for much of the commonwealth. Some clouds could linger across southern Pennsylvania in the morning. Temperatures will begin to feel more fall-like, as Canadian high pressure builds in behind the cold front. Highs will be pretty close to normal between the mid-60s in the north to the mid-70s in the south.

Sunday should be another dry and sunny day in the 60s and lower 70s.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

