

DATE:

September 25, 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 24, 2016, through 0600 hours, September 25, 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 0540 hours – 240 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

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 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 which opened on 9/22/16 at 10 a.m.

CLOSED:

APARTMENT BUILDING FIRE – Somerset County, 9/24/16 – A fire occurred on the 3rd floor of the Coleman Towers on West Race Street in Somerset Borough. This five story apartment building houses elderly residents. The top three floors were evacuated. The evacuees were taken to another building across the street.

NURSING HOME FIRE - Lycoming County, 9/24/16 – An oven fire at the Williamsport Home on Ravine Road in the city of Williamsport caused a partial evacuation of residents. Two individuals were evaluated on scene for smoke inhalation.

HIGH-RISE EVACUATION – Allegheny County, 9/24/16 – Emergency crews responded to Towne North Towers on Corbett Court in Ross Township for an odor of natural gas inside the seven story high-rise. The building was evacuated. EMS evaluated several patients on scene and transported one to UPMC Passavant Hospital. It was determined the source of the smell was from mechanical equipment.

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, 0600 hours, 09/25/16

A clear and cool start to the day today as high pressure settles over the region. Isolated light frost is occurring in deeper valleys of the northern mountains, and patchy fog is impacting some mainly northern river valleys. Sunrise temperatures that will range from the mid to upper 30s in the north to around 50 degrees in the southern cities will rise to afternoon highs in the lower 60s in the Poconos to lower 70s across southwestern Pennsylvania under a mostly sunny sky.

High pressure ridge slides to the east tonight, with a milder southerly flow kicking in ahead of an approaching frontal system. Lows will dip back into the upper 30s over the Poconos but only into the lower to mid-50s across the southwest as clouds begin to increase late.

A cold front will push through the region late Monday and Monday night, bringing a high likelihood of showers and scattered thunderstorms across the west starting midday, while rain and a slight chance for thunderstorms mainly impacts the central mountains Monday

evening and the east Monday night. A breezy south wind will become southwest behind the front. Highs will generally be between 65 and 75, with lows in the upper 40s in the northwest to around 60 southeast.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



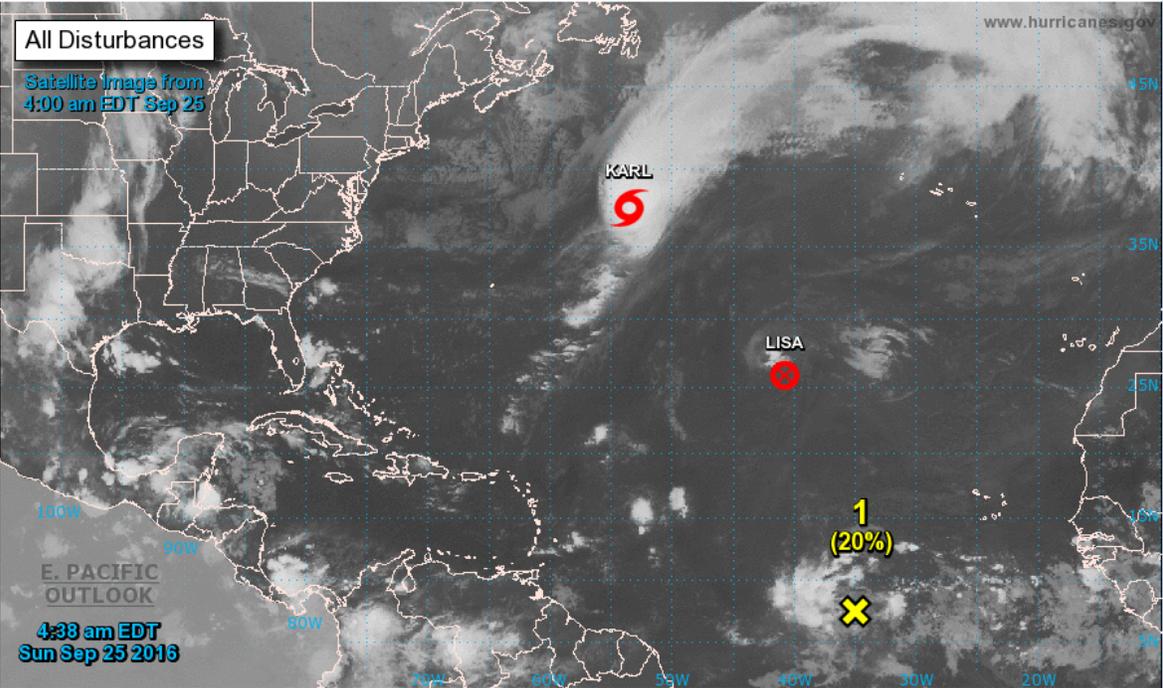
TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Disturbances: ALL [1]



Two-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Two-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane

Post-Tropical Cyclone Remnants