



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

January 14, 2017

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, January 13, 2017, through 0600 hours, January 14, 2017.

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 0600 hours, 146 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: 263 - Sullivan

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

TRAIN CAR DERAILMENT – Beaver County, 1/13/17 - Norfolk Southern Rail reported a four car train derailment at the Conway Yard (Mile Post EC-23) in Conway Borough. One ton of soybean was spilled onto the ballasts. There were no injuries, water sources affected, or major train traffic disruptions. Contractors were en route to reposition the cars and work on clean up.

FLOODING – Erie County, 1/12/17 - Corry School District conducted an early dismissal of all grades due to flooding. Several roads in the district were impassible. The district brought in resources from other schools within the district to assist in sheltering students, if needed. All students were transported to their homes or transported to another school to be picked up by their parents.

CREEK WALL COLLAPSE – Luzerne County, 12/09/16 – Approximately 50 feet of wall from the side of Solomon’s Creek collapsed in the area of 76 Brooke Street in Wilkes-Barre City. The incident is not life threatening. A site visit was conducted on 12/16 with the Army Corps of Engineers who offered technical assistance regarding needed repairs and how to get the flood risk management project into their Rehabilitation and Inspection Program. They also offered measures to take in the interim to reduce risk at the site. Governor Wolf has committed state funding to assist with the repairs. Emergency repairs to the collapsed section of the wall will begin next Tuesday (1/17/17). This will be a temporary repair until the design and permit process for the permanent restoration of the two creek walls is completed.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 10/21/16 – Heavy rain over a short time resulted in flash flooding in numerous north central counties. Preliminary estimates from Centre, Lycoming and Sullivan counties indicate damage in the range between \$10 and \$14 million. On November 17, the Governor of Pennsylvania requested a Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) for four counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide due to severe storms and flooding that occurred. On November 21, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved disaster assistance for Centre and Lycoming counties, as well as the contiguous counties of Blair, Bradford, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Sullivan, Tioga, and Union. A Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was received on December 2, 2016 for Bradford, Centre, Lycoming and Sullivan counties. In addition, all areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOC) in both Centre and Lycoming Counties are now closed.

CLOSED:

MISSING PERSON – Bradford County, 1/13/17 - A search was conducted for an 18 year old developmentally disabled woman missing from her residence at 4753 Wyalusing-New Albany Road in Terry Township. Multiple local agencies participated in the search. All units were staged at Formula One (a farm animal feed store) on Wyalusing-New Albany Road. The female was found in good health.

LOSS OF GAS SERVICE – Northampton County, 1/13/17 - 562 customers in the Lynfield area of Bethlehem City lost gas service. A warming station was set up for residents at the Litzenberger House until the issue was resolved. American Red Cross supported the

center. PUC Gas Safety had a representative at the incident site. UGI completed repairs in a little over four hours and pilots were re-lit.

FIRE ALARM/EVACUATION OF STATE BUILDING – Dauphin County, 1/13/17 – A smoke detector on the 1st Floor bathroom of the Forum Building in Harrisburg City caused an evacuation of all occupants. Fire units investigated and found a faulty detector near where plumbers were working. All evacuees returned to the building shortly after the start of the alarm.

SCHOOL BOMB THREAT – Allegheny County, 1/13/17 - West Allegheny High School received a bomb threat found on the bathroom wall inside the school in North Fayette Township. An unknown number of students and staff evacuated the building with no injuries reported. School officials and Pittsburgh/Allegheny police investigated. Nothing was found, all units cleared, and students returned to the school.

HIGH HAZARD DAM WARNING – Crawford County, 1/12/17 - The Clear Lake Dam in Spartansburg Borough activated their Emergency Action Plan. The dam was at 6" from overflowing the sides. Three homes with five residents were affected. Dam level was at 23" with warning notification at 18". It rose 6" in one hour. Crawford EOC partially activated with EMA Staff. Local fire, EMS and PennDOT were notified. The threat subsided enough that the county deactivated their EOC and closed the incident.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

12/2/16 – A Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was declared on December 2, 2016 for Bradford, Centre, Lycoming and Sullivan counties. In addition, all areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The designation is FEMA-4292-DR.

11/21/16 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declarations (#14987 and #14988) for Centre and Lycoming counties for damages during the severe flooding event on 10/21/16. In addition, contiguous counties of Blair, Bradford, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Sullivan, Tioga, and Union counties are also eligible. The effective date is 11/18/16 and termination date for applications is 01/17/17. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 8/18/17.

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.

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 for Disaster Home Loans and Disaster Business Loans has passed. 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, 0529 hours, 01/14/17

High pressure over eastern New York this morning will create a light east to northeast flow of cold and dry air beneath the gradually thickening mid-cloud deck.

Temperatures just prior to daybreak ranged from the upper teens across the northern tier counties to the upper 20s in the southern valleys.

A mixture of light snow, sleet, and freezing rain will overspread the southern portion of Pennsylvania later this morning, with a few to several hour period of light snow developing across Central Pennsylvania and the Middle Susquehanna Valley during the midday and afternoon hours. Snow accumulations could reach an inch or two in some locations from near Clearfield and State College, east to Bloomsburg and Pottsville.

The high temperature today will be between 28 and 32 degrees over much of Central Pennsylvania, while the eastern and western parts of the Keystone State will see temperatures reach the lower to mid-30s.

The area of mixed precipitation will taper off and move to the east of the region early tonight. Freezing rain advisories are in effect for southwestern Pennsylvania, while further east, winter weather advisories are in effect for portions of southern Pennsylvania through this evening.

Lows tonight will range from the mid-teens across the north, 20s throughout most of the Central Ridge and Valley Region, and in the lower 30s near Pittsburgh.

Sunday will be mainly dry with temperatures above freezing, and sunshine filtered through high clouds at times as high pressure builds into the region from the northern plains.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

Flood Warning has been issued for Crawford County till 1/15/17 at 0324 hrs.

Flood Warning has been issued for Warren County till 1/16/17 at 1300 hrs.

Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

