



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

January 19, 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 18, 2017, through 0600 hours, January 19, 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 0556 hours, 52 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

WATER RESCUE – Allegheny County, 1/18/17 – A male reportedly jumped off the city side of the Homestead High Level Bridge in the City of Pittsburgh. Witnesses state they saw the male jump into the water, surface, and then go back under. Multiple agencies and divers were on scene assisting with the search, but suspended the underwater search due to the currents and bad water conditions. The search continued as a surface search until it was suspended at 2017 last evening. The search will resume this morning.

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. 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 is a temporary remedy to secure the site until the design and permit process is completed to permanently restore the creek walls. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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:

VEHICLE ACCIDENT – Dauphin County, 1/18/17 - A tractor trailer overturned on the Interstate 283 north ramp to Interstate 83 southbound in Swatara Township. The driver suffered minor injuries and had to be extracted from the wreck. The trailer was loaded with US Mail. Traffic was diverted to 83 North or 322 East. There was extensive damage to the guard rail and a US Postal Inspector was on scene for the mail cleanup. The ramp was reopened after more than eight hours.

MISSING PERSON – Montgomery County, 1/18/17 - The Pennsylvania State Police at Skippack conducted a search for an 87 year old white male who failed to return to his residence in Upper Frederick Township. He had left a residence located in Sumneytown to travel back to his residence when he went missing around 2000 hours on 1/17/17. A Missing and Endangered Person Alert (MEPA) was issued. The male was located safe in Bethlehem, Northampton County at approximately 1815 last evening.

MISSING PERSON – Lancaster County, - 1/18/17 - A search was conducted for a missing 15 year old male with autism in the wooded area of the Lake Grub Nature Preserve in West Hempfield Township. The male ran away from home and was wearing a Red Columbia jacket. PSP sent a helicopter to assist in the search. The male was located in good health after four hours.

MISSING PERSON – Lawrence County, 1/18/17 - The Pennsylvania State Police at New Castle issued a Missing and Endangered Person Alert (MEPA) at 2231 last evening for an 84 year old white female. She had been missing since approximately 0800 yesterday morning when she left her residence in Slippery Rock Township. The female failed to return to her residence and may have been confused. She was located at 0041 this morning.

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, 0513 hours, 01/19/17

Today will be a mild day, with widespread morning clouds giving way to partly sunny skies for this afternoon throughout the Central Ridge and Valley Region of the state. Highs this afternoon will range from around 40 degrees in the northern Poconos to the low 50s in far southeastern Pennsylvania.

Clouds will increase and thicken up tonight, with light rain in southwestern Pennsylvania during the predawn hours. The precipitation will spread northeast across the remainder of Pennsylvania during the late morning and afternoon hours on Friday.

The low temperatures tonight will vary from the upper 20s across the northern mountains to the mid-30s over the Laurel Highlands and adjacent southwestern Pennsylvania.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None

