



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

January 20, 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 19, 2017, through 0600 hours, January 20, 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 0545 hours, 109 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

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:

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. The county closed the incident.

BOMB THREAT – Erie County, 1/19/17 - A threatening phone call was received at PA Career Link, 155 West 8th Street in Erie City. Police were dispatched and the building was evacuated. Erie City Police and Bomb Unit found nothing suspicious, the threatening call was not specific. All units were cleared and the building was reoccupied.

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:	Partial activation for the inauguration.
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, 0415 hours, 01/20/17

Skies were clear across portions of the Keystone state overnight. Early morning temperatures were mainly in the lower to mid-30s across most of the area, but in the upper 20s in the colder spots where skies cleared out before sunset yesterday.

Clouds will be on the increase this morning, as low pressure tracks northeast toward the lower Great Lakes. Rain will overspread the area from west to east. Pockets of freezing rain will be possible across portions of south central Pennsylvania this morning.

Rain will taper off to just a few showers by this evening. Highs today will be mainly in the 40s, but in the lower to mid-50s across the southwest.

A few showers will still be possible tonight. Lows will range from the mid-30s to lower 40s across central and eastern sections of Pennsylvania, to the upper 40s across the far west.

Most of the period from late this evening into early Sunday evening will be dry. Highs on Saturday and Sunday will be mainly in the upper 40s to mid-50s, but near 60 degrees in southwestern Pennsylvania.

More wet weather is in store for the region from late Sunday evening into Tuesday, as a complex storm moves across the southeastern states.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None

