



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

January 21, 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 20, 2017, through 0600 hours, January 21, 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:	I-76 WB, Mile Marker 54.4 in Allegheny County
Power Outage Reports:	As of 0530 hours, 98 customers
Telephone Outage Reports:	None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT – Allegheny County, 1/21/17 – A two vehicle accident involving a tractor trailer and a POV has all lanes of Interstate 76 westbound at Mile Marker 54.4 closed in Plum Township, Allegheny County. The driver of the POV was transported to a local hospital where his/her condition has deteriorated. All lanes will need to be closed for an extended time as the PSP Collision Analysis Reconstruction Specialists (CARS) and Forensic Services Unit (FSU) have been requested to the scene for accident investigation. Traffic is currently at Mile Marker 56.2. A westbound Plan X has been initiated between Pittsburgh Interchange and Allegheny Valley Interchange.

EMAC REQUEST/PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION – Washington DC, 1/20/17 – The Pennsylvania Air National Guard (1000 guardsmen) were activated to be in the Washington DC Metropolitan area to provide security support. Another 1000 Homeland Response Forces were on call in Pennsylvania. 40 Pennsylvania State Troopers were also in the Washington DC area providing security support. The Pennsylvania National Guard also provided staffing in the CRRC for support. There were no encounters with any of the protest violence with the PA National Guard personnel or PA State Troopers. Personnel started to demobilize yesterday and more will return today.

ROAD CLOSURE – Buck County, 1/20/17 – Interstate 276 East is closed at Exit 358 East due to bridge painters finding a bridge truss beam had snapped in half near Wood Avenue in Bristol Township. Plan X was established and New Jersey closed the westbound side of the bridge. The PA Turnpike requested a Wireless Emergency Alert to be sent out through the Integrated Public Alert System regarding the closure and detour. Bridge Engineering advised that the bridge will be closed at least through the weekend. A more accurate duration of the closure will be provided after today (1/21/17). PSP will assist Turnpike Maintenance with traffic control at the Delaware Valley Interchange throughout the duration of the closure.

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:

ROAD CLOSURE – Northumberland County, 1/20/17 – A tractor trailer hauling 50 lb. bags of modified food starch overturned at mile marker 213 blocking both lanes of I-80 East in Turbot Township. Traffic was detoured off at Exit 212 onto PA 147. The trapped queue was released via a cross road. The tractor trailer was up righted and the product off loaded. The roadway opened again for traffic after approximately seven hours.

SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE – Lehigh County, 1/20/17 - A multi-color backpack was left on a concrete blockade in front of the Federal Courthouse at 504 Hamilton Street in Allentown City. The police closed the block and the Allentown Bomb Squad arrived on scene. Within an hour, the backpack was determined to be a child's backpack full of books and school supplies left by a mother and child at a bus stop.

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, 0429 hours, 01/21/17

Today will be cloudy but mild with some spotty drizzle here and there. Highs in the 50s to lower 60s will be much warmer than average for what is normally the coldest part of the winter.

It will remain mild overnight with a few showers or some areas of drizzle. Lows will average in the mid-40s.

Periods of rain are possible Sunday as a storm system approaches from the Midwest. Highs will generally be in the 40s and 50s.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None

