



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

February 02, 2017

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, February 01, 2017, through 0600 hours, February 02, 2017.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System:

There are no current alerts.

CRCC STATUS: None

Commonwealth Resource Coordination Center (CRCC) Activation: None

County EOC Activations: None

Municipal EOC Activations: City of Pittsburgh

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 0530 hours, 45 customers
Telephone Outage Reports:	Westmoreland 911 center phone outage

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

SEWAGE SPILL – Venango County, 2/1/17 - An eighteen inch forced main sewer line break occurred south of the Veterans Bridge in Oil City. The line ruptured at approximately 1730 hours last evening. The North-Side Pump station is currently shut down and the release was coming out of the Combined Sewage Overflow Number 10 Pipe. The release was discharging 1,600 gallons per minute into Oil Creek, a tributary of the Allegheny River. The spill is currently being diverted into an overflow system. The municipality is working on a plan to repair the break. DEP NWRO contacted PA American Water Company to notify the nearest Water Intake downstream. This is Emlenton Borough which is 33 miles down the Allegheny River.

ROAD CLOSURE – Bucks 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. A conference call was held on Sunday between the PA Turnpike, bridge engineers and consultants to discuss the next steps. Bridge Engineering advised that the bridge closing will be extended to three weeks. PSP will assist Turnpike Maintenance with traffic control at the Delaware Valley Interchange throughout the duration of the closure. The detour for the bridge closing is US 1 North, to I-95 North, to I-295 South, to I-195 East, to Exit 6-reentering the NJ Turnpike. Eight temporary support towers are to be built to support the bridge. Construction will take approximately four to eight weeks. Fixed steel plates have been installed to stabilize the damaged beam.

BOIL WATER ADVISORY – Allegheny County, 1/37/17 – The Pittsburgh Sewer and Water Authority has issued a Boil Water Advisory for the central and eastern parts of the city of Pittsburgh. The origin of this incident is a water purification failure at the Highland Park Reservoir. No bacteria have been found in the system, but the chlorination levels are slightly low. They are chlorinating the system to correct the problem. UPMC Corporate Emergency Coordination Center (CECC) is working with their facilities in the affected areas. Presbyterian, Montefior and WPIC have transitioned their water source to the Herron Hill Reservoir. All other UPMC facilities in the affected area have been notified that there is a boil water advisory in place. The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority estimates this situation affects approximately 100,000 customers in 24 neighborhoods. Bottled water was distributed to schools, restaurants, nursing homes, hospitals and businesses in the affected areas. In addition, water buffaloes were strategically placed for residents to acquire water.

CLOSED:

VEHICLE FIRE – Bedford County, 2/1/17 – A fully involved tractor trailer fire closed both lanes of Interstate 70 westbound at Mile Marker 149 in East Providence Township. The tractor trailer was carrying frozen food and a Department of Agriculture Food Inspector was notified. PennDOT and PSP conducted traffic control and a detour was established utilizing local roads. The debris was cleared and the roadway was reopened after approximately six hours.

SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT – Berks County, 2/1/17 - A Conrad Wieser School District Bus was involved in an accident in Heidelberg Township. A school representative responded to

the incident site. There were forty-seven students riding on the bus. Five students were medically evaluated and three of them were transported to Reading Hospital.

ROAD CLOSURE / PEDESTRIAN STRUCK – Berks County, 2/1/17 - A pedestrian was fatally struck by a vehicle on US Route 422 eastbound in Exeter Township. The road was closed between Benjamin Franklin Highway and Demoss Road for an extended period of time for accident reconstruction. The roadway was reopened after approximately four hours.

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:

