



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

February 03, 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 02, 2017, through 0600 hours, February 03, 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: 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, 31 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

TRAIN DERAILMENT – Northampton County, 2/2/17 - A Norfolk Southern train derailed in the area of 398 Delaware Ave in Portland Borough at the River Road (PA 611) crossing. They advised it was hauling grain, sand and propane. There is a total of 7 cars derailed, 5 of the derailed cars are carrying grain. 2 of the derailed cars are carrying sand. 7 cars away is a tanker car, which has not been compromised. Grain is reported leaking from one of the cars. River Road (PA 611) will remain closed at the crossing.

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 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, which is in Emlenton Borough which is 33 miles down the Allegheny River. The problem section of pipe has been located (concrete encased ductile iron pipe failed) and parts are being obtained to make the necessary repairs. Although the city believes that the pipe itself will be repaired by Thursday, they are reluctant to turn the pumps back on until the pipe is re-encased in concrete. Concrete will not be available until Friday morning which means the discharge at the North-Side Pump station will continue until at least then.

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, 1/31/17 – The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer 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. 22 Pittsburgh schools and two early childhood centers were closed on Wednesday (2/1/17) and all restaurants, nursing homes, hospitals and businesses in the affected territory have been advised. 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. The boil water advisory was lifted at noon on Thursday (2/2/17). The city is in the process of recovering assets.

CLOSED:

PENNDOT EMPLOYEE INJURY – Allegheny County, 2/2/17 - A PennDOT employee sustained an arm amputation at the PennDOT Shed at 110 Sunny Hill Road in Franklin Park Borough. The patient was transported to Allegheny General Hospital.

MISSING PERSON – Lackawanna County, 2/2/17 - Northeast Search and Rescue (NESAR) responded to assist the Old Forge Police Department in recovery operations for a man who has been missing for a week, under suspicious circumstances, in Old Forge Borough. The team responded with five cadaver K9s and an Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) drone. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) provided special authorization for operations in the Avoca airport exclusion zone. Tasks were completed with the subject not located. Only one area of interest was reported to local police. Units cleared with no future action expected.

SPRINKLER FAILURE WITH EVACUATION – Chester County, 2/2/17 - The sprinkler system failed at Homewood Suites by Hilton located at 975 E Lancaster Avenue in East Caln Township. A contractor was working on the sprinkler system earlier in the day and forgot to glue to joints back together. As a result, the sprinkler system flooded the hotel evacuating 32 guests. The guests were given rooms in other hotels within the Hilton Hotel chain.

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

