



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

**DATE:**

February 04, 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 03, 2017, through 0600 hours, February 04, 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:**

<b>Major Road Closures:</b>	Montgomery County – US 422 east
<b>Power Outage Reports:</b>	As of 0540 hours, 224 customers
<b>Telephone Outage Reports:</b>	None

## **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

### **OPEN:**

**ROAD CLOSURE / FATAL ACCIDENT - Montgomery County, 2/4/17** - A fatal vehicle accident occurred on US 422 east in West Pottsgrove Township. Two fatalities were reported. US 422 was closed in both directions for several hours. West bound lanes are now open, while east bound lanes remain closed between River Bridge Road and PA 100.

**APARTMENT BUILDING FIRE - Fayette County, 2/3/17** - A structure fire was reported at the Brownsville Apartments in Brownsville Borough. Forty to fifty residents were evacuated to the Brownsville Volunteer Fire Department where they are being assisted by the Red Cross. The Fayette County CART Team was activated to assist with displaced animals. The fire is out, but units are assisting with the evacuated residents.

**SEWAGE SPILL - Venango County, 2/1/17** - A break occurred in an eighteen inch main sewer line south of the Veterans Bridge in Oil City. The North-Side Pump station is currently shut down. The release was coming out of the Combined Sewage Overflow Number 10 Pipe and was discharging 1,600 gallons per minute into Oil Creek, a tributary of the Allegheny River. The discharge is currently being diverted into an overflow system. The city will wait until repairs to the concrete casement of the pipe are completed before they will begin to pressurize the affected line. The PA Department of Environmental Protection advised the PA American Water Company to notify the nearest water intake downstream which is in Emlenton Borough, 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. These towers will support the entire weight of the impacted section of the bridge to allow for a repair splice to be installed on the damaged truss and tested. Other parts of the bridge will also be tested, since so much weight shifted. If the repair is unsuccessful, the bridge may need a partial reconstruction or replacement.

### **CLOSED:**

**MISSING PERSON - Allegheny County, 2/3/17** - A search was conducted due to a report of a missing adult male near the Tenth Street Bridge along the Monongahela River in Pittsburgh City. Bloodhounds from Westmoreland County assisted in the search. The search was terminated with negative results after approximately three and a half hours.

**STRUCTURE FIRE - Warren County, 2/3/17** - The Beaty Middle School in Warren City was evacuated for approximately three hours when a small fire caused a smoke condition throughout the building. There were an unknown number of people evacuated as classes were not in session due to parent/teacher conferences scheduled throughout the day.

**SCHOOL STRUCTURE FIRE - Warren County, 2/3/17** - Tidioute Charter School in Tidioute Borough reported an electrical fire near the cafeteria with visible flames. Students and faculty conducted a precautionary evacuation to the Tidioute Volunteer Fire Department. All units cleared the scene after approximately one hour.

**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. Seven cars derailed; five were carrying grain and two were carrying sand. Grain leaked from one of the cars. River Road (PA 611) was closed at a crossing. All of the cars were righted and removed from the area.

**BOIL WATER ADVISORY – Allegheny County, 1/31/17** – The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority issued a Boil Water Advisory for the central and eastern parts of the city of Pittsburgh. The origin of this incident was a water purification failure at the Highland Park Reservoir. No bacteria were found in the system, but the chlorination levels were slightly low. UPMC Corporate Emergency Coordination Center (CECC) worked with their facilities in the affected areas. The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority estimated that this situation affected approximately 100,000 customers in 24 neighborhoods. 22 Pittsburgh schools and two early childhood centers were closed on 2/1/17. 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 2/2/17 and the Pittsburgh EOC deactivated on 2/3/17.

#### **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, 0454 hours, 02/04/17**

High pressure will build over the region today. This should finally bring an end to the Lake Effect snow showers across northwestern Pennsylvania. Cold air advection will continue coupled with skies becoming partly to mostly sunny statewide. Highs will be 5 to 10 degrees below normal ranging from the low 20s in the northwest mountains to the low to mid-30s across the southeastern Piedmont. Lows tonight will range from the mid-teens along the New York border to the mid-20s along the Mason Dixon line.

**WATCHES AND WARNINGS:**

None

