



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

**DATE:**

February 05, 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 04, 2017, through 0600 hours, February 05, 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, 9 customers

**Telephone Outage Reports:** None

## **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

### **OPEN:**

**BUILDING FIRE – Chester County, 2/4/17** – A structure fire occurred at 405 Market Street in Oxford Borough. American Red Cross was called in to assist the 54 displaced residents. A firefighter from Cochranville Fire Company was transported to Jennersville Regional Hospital for a laceration to the wrist received from broken glass while ventilating a window. The fire is out and all units have left the scene.

**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:**

**ROAD CLOSURE / FATAL ACCIDENT - Montgomery County, 2/4/17** - A fatal vehicle accident closed US 422 in both directions in West Pottsgrove Township. Two fatalities occurred during the accident. US 422 westbound was closed approximately five hours and eastbound approximately 13 hours for an accident investigation.

### **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:**

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| <b>Delaware:</b>      | No significant events at this time. |
| <b>Maryland:</b>      | No significant events at this time. |
| <b>New Jersey:</b>    | No significant events at this time. |
| <b>New York:</b>      | No significant events at this time. |
| <b>Ohio:</b>          | No significant events at this time. |
| <b>West Virginia:</b> | No significant events at this time. |

#### **24-hour Projected Weather Statewide:**

##### **National Weather Service, 0608 hours, 02/05/17**

A generally weak system will move through the region today. Scattered snow showers are possible throughout the northern half of the commonwealth with snow or rain possible throughout the south central mountains mainly this afternoon and evening. The best chance for precipitation will be primarily across northern and western Pennsylvania. Temperatures will be a bit milder, with highs ranging from the low to mid-30s across the northern half of the Keystone State to the mid-40s across the southern half of Pennsylvania. Due to these milder temperatures, gusty winds will mix down with gusts upwards of 25 miles per hour possible this afternoon and early evening. This system will pass tonight with lows Sunday night into Monday ranging from the low 20s through the north to the low 30s throughout the south.

#### **WATCHES AND WARNINGS:**

None

# Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

