



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

February 08, 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 07, 2017, through 0600 hours, February 08, 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 0530 hours, 404 customers
Telephone Outage Reports:	257 customers in Chester County

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

PHONE OUTAGE – Chester County, 2/7/17 - A telephone outage affecting 257 Frontier customers occurred in West Fallow Township. Frontier Communications continues to work on the repairs this morning (2/8/17).

SEPTA EQUIPMENT ISSUE – Philadelphia County, 2/6/17 – During normal maintenance checks, SEPTA discovered support-beam cracks on some SEPTA Market-Frankford Line rail cars. The cracks were in a body bolster (a main load carrying structural beam). Starting Monday, SEPTA had a temporary shortage of rail cars during peak travel times. All trains in service and expected to be operated were inspected. Trains operated with longer headways which resulted in delays and crowded conditions. Supplemental bus service is being provided during the AM Peak of 0600-1000 hours and PM Peak of 1500-1900 hours. SEPTA has personnel at each station to help manage the crowding conditions.

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. If the repair splice is successful, the current best case scenario is the bridge being reopened in early April.

CLOSED:

MISSING PERSON – Monroe County, 2/8/17 – A search was conducted for a missing person who walked away from a residence in the Kunkletown area of Elder Township. Pennsylvania State Police Lehigh Barracks was requested by Kunkletown Fire Department along with the Northeast Search and Rescue with several K-9's to assist with the search. The subject was located and escorted out of a wooded area.

BUILDING FIRE – Chester County, 2/4/17 – A structure fire occurred at 405 Market Street in Oxford Borough. American Red Cross was called to assist with 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 was extinguished and all units cleared the scene.

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.

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, 0524 hours, 02/08/17

A cold front continues to move through the Commonwealth early this morning bringing scattered rain showers and gusty westerly winds. Skies will remain cloudy; however, temperatures will remain warm to well above normal through the southeast. Highs will range from the mid-30s in the northwest, the low to upper 40s through central and northeast Pennsylvania, to the mid to upper 50s throughout the southeast. Gusty winds and warmer temperatures will transition back to winter temperatures tonight. Another quick shot of rain with possibly some sleet mixed in will switch to snow this evening. A system moving through tonight into Thursday morning will bring snowfall across Pennsylvania. Heaviest snowfall amounts will be in the far east with significant amounts through southeast Pennsylvania. Snowfall will continue into Thursday morning before tapering off by late morning. Lows Wednesday night into Thursday morning will be in the upper teens through the northwest to the low 30s throughout the southeast.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

Winter Storm Warnings have been issued until 7:00 p.m., 2/09/17 for Adams, Bedford, Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Indiana,

Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, Schuylkill, Somerset, Wayne, Westmoreland, York counties.

