



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

February 10, 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 09, 2017, through 0600 hours, February 10, 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 0545 hours, 614 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

OVERTURNED GASOLINE TANKER WITH SPILL – Bucks County, 2/9/17 – A vehicle accident involving an overturned tractor trailer tanker occurred at the intersection of PA 611 and Freedom Way in Warrington Township. Five minor injuries were reported. The capacity of the tanker trunk was 8700 gallons and was free flowing, impacting a storm drain. There were 50 homes with 100 people evacuated to the Tamanend Middle School of Central Bucks School District. The American Red Cross established the shelter. There was a shelter in place order given to all homes within a 1 mile radius of the incident. The shelter was closed a little over four hours later and the shelter in place was also lifted. The saddle tanks were off loaded and the tractor trailer tanker was up righted and removed. 100 gallons were recovered from the tractor trailer with the other 8600 gallons spilled. Vacuum trucks are being utilized to create a vacuum inside the drainage system to reclaim the product spilled. A large retention pond is near the incident, which is believed to hold a majority of the product. State agencies on scene were DEP, Fish and Boat and PennDOT. County Hazmat, foam teams and numerous other county assets also responded. PA 611 South has opened and PA North remains closed for cleanup operations.

LANDFILL COLLAPSE – Elk County, 2/8/17 – A collapse of a cell has occurred at the Greentree Landfill in Fox Township. Several pieces of heavy equipment and 5 to 6 workers were trapped. The cell is reported to be up to 100' deep with approximately 1000' of the wall collapsed. At this time, one worker remains missing. DEP was on scene conducting air quality monitoring. Incident command reports the ground is very unstable, making rescue efforts difficult. EMA met with landfill officials Thursday morning to check on unmet needs. Landfill officials stated they have engineers along with local and corporate managers on the scene. They have developed a plan to start stabilizing the debris field and continue searching for the individual and machinery. The on-scene management stated there are no unmet needs at this time.

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:

SMOKE CONDITON IN A SCHOOL – Westmoreland County, 2/9/17 – A smoke condition/electrical fire was reported in the Mother of Sorrows School in Murrysville Borough. Staff reported 243 children were evacuated to the Mother of Sorrows Church for shelter. Units on location confirmed a strong odor of smoke in the building. An additional evacuation was put into effect due to an increasing odor inside the church. Students were evacuated into the parking lot and Meyers Bus Line was contacted for buses to respond to the incident for shelter purposes. The children were sheltered at Dicks Diner. All units cleared a little over two hours later with all the children transferred to the high school by school bus.

COMMERCIAL FIRE WITH EVACUATION – Erie County, 2/9/17 - A 2 alarm fire occurred in a storage room in the Barnett Building at 32 West Pearl Street in Albion Borough. This is a multi-residential apartment building. The 3rd floor was filled with smoke. 60 residents were displaced. The local EMA is working with the American Red Cross to find housing. The fire extended into the attic. The building is owned by the Erie Housing Authority. County EMA requested to speak with PEMA Western Area Director regarding an SBA Disaster Declaration. County EMA will conduct a damage assessment on 2/10/17.

ROAD CLOSURE – Schuylkill County, 2/9/17 - Interstate 81 North was closed between mile marker 107 and 109 in Frailey Township due to multiple vehicles getting stuck from the snowy road conditions. The vehicles were cleared almost three hours later with PennDOT assistance.

ROAD CLOSURE – Clearfield County, 2/9/17 - Interstate 80 was closed in both directions between mile marker 111 and 123 in Clearfield County due to multiple tractor trailers getting stuck due to the road conditions. There is no trapped queue. Traffic from both directions is being detoured off at Exit 120. The roadway was reopened almost seven hours later.

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, 0410 hours, 02/10/17

The few flurries left in the mountains this morning will dry up before noon. Clouds will cover the west and central portions of the state while it will start out mostly sunny in the east in the morning. The clouds will return to the east through the day. An area of light snow along and north of a warm front will move down into far northern Pennsylvania this afternoon and evening. Accumulations will be only an inch or less and mainly north of Route 6.

High temperatures today will range from near 20 degrees in the Poconos to the mid-30s in far southwestern Pennsylvania. The low temperatures tonight will happen early in the night. Expect the lows to range from the upper teens to lower 30s.

Mild temperatures are in store for Saturday. Highs will reach into the upper 30s in the northeast and mid-50s in the southwest as a light southwesterly flow develops.

Rain will develop over the west late Saturday and spread across the rest of the state Saturday night. Isolated patches of freezing rain are possible around and just before sunrise on Sunday.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None

