DATE:  
July 17, 2018

TO:  
The Honorable Tom Wolf  
Governor  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:  
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TIME PERIOD:  
This report covers the period 0600 hours, July 16, 2018 through 0600 hours, July 17, 2018.

STATUS REPORT:  (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:  
National Terrorism Advisory System:  
There are no current alerts.

Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) Status:  Supporting the “Heroin and Opioid Disaster Emergency Declaration”

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 1,096 customers
Telephone Outage Reports:  None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:  

OPEN:
ADVERSE WEATHER - Statewide, 7/16/18 – A severe weather system moved across the Commonwealth resulting in several Flash Flood Warnings, and Severe Thunderstorm Warnings. Roadway and basement flooding occurred in multiple areas across northcentral PA.

ADVERSE WEATHER / FLOODING - Allegheny County, 7/4/18 – A Flash Flood Warning was issued until 1000 hours on 7/5. Many roadways were closed due to flooding, trees down, and wires down. The county activated their Swift Water Rescue Team to respond to the North Hills area and to Millvale Borough for multiple reports of flooding. A Port Authority Bus carrying 25 passengers required assistance when it was stuck in rising floodwaters. Over 8,400 customers lost power. The County EOC was partially activated but demobilized a short time later. The county issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency on 7/6/18 for extreme flash flooding that started on July 2.

ADVERSE WEATHER - Statewide, 7/2/18 – A severe weather system moved across the Commonwealth resulting in several Flash Flood Warnings, all of which have expired. Several reports of building damage and downed trees and power lines were received. Multiple incidences of individuals stranded in or rescued from vehicles in flood waters occurred. Heavy rains on 7/3/18 led to additional power outages in southeastern PA that peaked at 51,000. Electric companies restored power to most customers.

STORM DAMAGE - Allegheny County, 7/2/18 – Heavy rains resulted in widespread flooding throughout the county. A landslide closed State Route 28 between exit 8 and Delafield Road. Front-end loaders cleared the landslide and reopened the roadway. Multiple reports of individuals stranded in or rescued from cars stuck in flood waters occurred throughout the county. Multiple reports of flooded basements and trees/wires down were received. There were at one point over 6500 customers without power throughout the county. The county has asked local EMCs to perform initial damage assessments. Allegheny County and several municipalities have issued Declarations of Disaster Emergency.

ADVERSE WEATHER - Statewide, 6/28/18 – A severe weather system moved across the Commonwealth resulting in Tornado and Flash Flood Warnings, all of which have expired. Several reports of building damage and downed trees and power lines were received. Power outages peaked at over 15,000 residents without power. The Indiana and Westmoreland EOCs activated, but are back to normal operations. On 6/29/18 NWS – State College confirmed an EF-1 Tornado touched down in West Hanover Township, Dauphin County in the area of Pike Town Road and the Appalachian Trail.

FLOODING - Indiana County, 6/27/18 – Clymer Borough and surrounding areas experienced severe flooding. Two shelters were established with 10 individuals using them. An additional 17 residents were displaced and stayed with relatives. The Red Cross responded to assist. The shelters closed and residents returned home after approximately two and a half hours. A gas line ruptured. Columbia Gas secured the leak and conducted repairs. The County EOC activated and has since returned to normal operations. A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Rayne Township on 6/29/18.

POSSIBLE TORNADO - Westmoreland County, 6/27/18 - The Westmoreland County and Unity Township EOCs activated in response to storms passing through the county. A tornado warning was briefly issued for the county. Funnels were reported to be seen in the County. The Arnold Palmer Airport in Latrobe conducted a precautionary evacuation to the basement. The airport has returned to normal operations. There were also numerous reports of downed trees and power lines and several reports of property damage. The EOC has returned to normal operations. The National Weather Service – Pittsburgh assessed damage throughout the area and determined an EF-0 tornado has touched down.
LANDSLIDE - Allegheny County, 6/23/18 - A landslide occurred starting in the parking lot of Unity Auto Sales, 2595 Saw Mill Run Boulevard (State Route 51) in Pittsburgh City bringing down several telephone poles and utility lines. Several vehicles in the dealership lot were damaged. Saw Mill Run Boulevard (State Route 51) has one lane closed. A three-unit apartment building Street was endangered by the landslide and was evacuated. The Red Cross assisted two families currently living in it.

FLASH FLOOD/WATER RESCUES – Allegheny County, 6/20/18 - Allegheny County activated their EOC due to severe weather. A Flash Flood Warning and heavy rains caused numerous flooding incidents, trees and wires down, road closures, and approximately 66 water rescues throughout the county. The heavy rains and flooding have damaged a number of basement foundations. Bethel Park partially activated their EOC for massive flooding. On 5th Avenue at Harriet Street in Rankin Borough, there is a possible building collapse. In Bethel Park water rescues occurred in the area of the Trolley Stop Inn, with 27 persons requiring rescue. The rear part of 2943 Kings Mill Road’s foundation collapsed. Bethel Park Retirement has some flooding on the first floor. Heavy rain continued in the area and water rescues were conducted from Scott Township to Bridgeville Borough. A body was recovered from McLaughlin Run in Bridgeville Borough. The death is believed to be related to the flooding. Bethel Park has submitted a municipal disaster declaration and is performing damage assessments. There are no shelters open. County EMA performed windshield assessments in the hardest hit areas of the county and have urged municipal coordinators to do the same in their municipalities. As of 2030 hours on 6/26/18, Allegheny County deactivated the county’s Emergency Operations Center.

FLASH FLOOD/WATER RESCUES – Westmoreland County, 6/20/18 – Flash floods and heavy rains occurred throughout the Ligonier Borough, Ligonier Township, Cook Township areas of the Loyalhanna and Mill Creek watershed in Westmoreland County causing localized flooding, road closures, wires down, and requiring multiple water rescues of individuals in vehicles in flooded roadways. The Westmoreland County EOC was staffed at an enhanced level, but it has since closed. The Cambia County, Johnstown Fire Department Swift Water Rescue Team was dispatched to assist in Ligonier Township. A Unified Command/Command Post was established at the Ligonier Fire Department in Ligonier Borough. Several areas in the county experienced heavy basement flooding and Cook Township had first floor flooding of a residence on Green Hollow Lane that required three occupants to be rescued from a rooftop. Four adults, two children, and one dog were evacuated from two other residences. Westmoreland County requested PA HART to be placed on standby and PA Fish and Boat SWERT Teams be deployed to the county. By 2230 hours, the requests were cancelled as multiple county and local assets were able to handle the volume of water rescues. Residential flooding occurred in the area of Snowman Lane and Blouch Lane that required a water rescue of one resident. There are no shelters open.

TORNADO - Luzerne County, 6/13/18 – The Panera Bread at 3570 Wilkes Barre Blvd. in Wilkes Barre Township collapsed due to a tornado. The NWS issued a Tornado Warning that has since expired. Preliminary damage assessments were conducted on buildings in the impacted area with damage ranging from destroyed to inaccessible. The Luzerne County EOC activated in response to the emergency. The PA Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) activated but has since demobilized. The PEMA Eastern Area staff responded to the Luzerne County EOC. Local utilities secured all natural gas and the electricity to the damaged structures in the impacted area. All occupants of the damaged structures were accounted for and there were no serious injuries reported. The National Weather Service (NWS) damage assessment team conducted an assessment in the impacted area, and a Civil
Air Patrol aircraft conducted an overflight mission as well. NWS has confirmed an EF-2 Tornado touch down. The County EOC closed at 1630, 6/15/18.

**TORNADO DAMAGE - Bradford County, 6/13/18** – The Bradford County EOC was activated due to multiple weather related incidents throughout the county. Damage occurred to 16 homes affecting over 40 residents. There were many trees and wires down throughout the county. Many local roads were impassible. Over 3,000 residents were initially without power, but all have since been restored. NWS Binghamton confirmed that an EF-2 tornado touched down in the county. The County EOC demobilized on the evening of 6/14/18. A Multi-Resource Agency Center (MARC) was established Saturday, 6/16/18.

**FLASH FLOOD – Allegheny County, 6/10/18** – A Flash Flood and heavy rains caused numerous basement flooding incidents, trees and wires down, and road closures throughout the county. The heavy rains also caused a number of rocks/landslides that closed local roads. Emergency responders removed the occupants of a vehicle stuck in the water at Becks Run Road and Raven Street. Emergency crews also responded to a report of a vehicle stuck in the water in the area of 5100 Oak Road. Liberty/Lincoln Boroughs issued Declarations of Disaster Emergency on 6/11/18.

**CLOSED:**

**ROAD CLOSURE - Clearfield County, 7/16/18** – Interstate 80 West in Union Township was closed between exit 111 (State Route 153) and exit 101 (State Route 255) due to fully involved tractor-trailer fire. The tractor trailer which was hauling tomato sauce leaked approximately 60 gallons of diesel fuel. The leak was contained to the roadway. A bridge inspection crew was requested due to possible damage to the bridge over the Anderson Creek. The initial two mile trapped queue began to be released utilizing a crossover at mile marker 106.5 within a half hour and was fully released in approximately three and a half hours. One lane was reopened within six and a half hours and the roadway was fully reopened in approximately 7 hours.

**MCI REQUEST - Washington County, 7/16/18** – Medical personnel on standby at the Vans Warped Tour Concert at Key Bank Pavilion in Hanover Township requested an “MCI Response” to the arena for multiple patients with suspected heat related problems. Ten ambulances transported approximately 13 patients to three area hospitals. Several fire units also responded to assist with manpower for patient care. All impacted patients were transported and the event standby returned to normal staffing levels.

**DISASTER DECLARATIONS:**

7/12/18 – Blair County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in response to the extreme flash flooding that started on July 2, 2018 and has caused severe impacts to the municipalities and businesses within the county.

7/12/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Allegheny Township, Allegheny County related to adverse weather that affected the area beginning on July 2, 2018.

7/12/18 - A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Blair Township, Blair County related to adverse weather that affected the area beginning on July 2, 2018.

7/6/18 – Allegheny County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in response to the extreme flash flooding that started on July 2, 2018 and has caused severe impacts to the municipalities and businesses within the county.
7/5/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Verona Borough, Allegheny County related to adverse weather that affected the area beginning on July 5, 2018.

7/2/18 - A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Duncansville Borough, Blair County related to a major weather event that caused damage to the area that began on July 2, 2018.

7/3/18 - A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Fox Chapel Borough, Allegheny County related to a major weather event that caused damage to the area that began on July 2, 2018. On 7/9/18, the declaration was extended an additional 30 days.

7/5/18 - A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for O'Hara Township, Allegheny County related to a major weather event that caused damage to the area that began on July 2, 2018.

7/9/18 - A Declarations of Disaster Emergency were declared for O'Hara Township and Aspinwall Borough, Allegheny County related to a major weather event that caused damage to the area that began on July 2, 2018.

6/29/18 - A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Rayne Township, Indiana County related to adverse weather that caused damage to the area that began on June 27, 2018.

6/26/18 – Allegheny County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in response to the large amounts of precipitation that have caused flooding, landslides, and other damage in the southern half of the county on 6/20/18.

6/26/18 - A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Baldwin Borough, Allegheny County related to adverse weather that caused damage to the area that began on June 20, 2018.

6/22/18 - The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has requested a Presidential declaration of a major disaster because of severe weather that affected much of southwestern Pennsylvania during February, March, and April 2018.

6/21/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Lincoln Borough, Allegheny County related to adverse weather that caused damage to the area.

6/21/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Bethel Park Borough, Allegheny County related to adverse weather that caused damage to the area.

6/21/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Scott Township, Allegheny County related to a severe storm that caused damage to the area on June 20, 2018.

6/18/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for LeRoy Township, Bradford County related to adverse weather that caused damage to the area.

6/18/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Bradford County related to adverse weather that caused damage to the area.

6/11/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Millvale Borough, Allegheny County related to adverse weather that caused damage to the area.
6/10/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Liberty Borough, Allegheny County related to adverse weather that caused damage to the area.

5/29/18 – A Disaster Declaration was issued by Addison Borough, Somerset County for the water emergency related to low pressure and levels of water in the borough’s reservoir.

4/18/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for the Borough of Fallston in Beaver County due to a landslide on 4/16/18.

4/18/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for the Borough of Bridgewater in Beaver County due to a landslide on 4/16/18.

4/17/18 – Allegheny County issued a Declaration of Disaster in response to the large amounts of precipitation that have caused flooding, landslides, and other damage countywide.

4/7/18 – East Pittsburgh Borough, Allegheny County issued a Declaration of Disaster in response to landslides that caused damage to multiple housing units and SR 30.

3/27/18 – The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declarations #15460 and #15461 for Fayette County for damages during the Severe Storms and Tornadoes event on 2/15 – 17/18. In addition, contiguous counties of Greene, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland counties are also eligible. Also eligible are Garrett County in Maryland and Monongalia and Preston counties in West Virginia. The effective date is 3/27/18 and termination date for applications is 5/29/18. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 12/27/18.

3/21/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Lansford Borough in Carbon County in response to the adverse weather conditions that passed through the Commonwealth on 3/21/18.

3/2/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Pike County in response to the adverse weather conditions that passed through the Commonwealth on 3/2/18.

3/2/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Delaware County in response to the adverse weather conditions that passed through the Commonwealth on 3/2/18.

3/2/18 – A Declaration of Snow Disaster Emergency was declared for Carbon County in response to the adverse weather conditions that passed through the Commonwealth on 3/2/18.

2/26/18 – A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared for Millvale Borough, Allegheny County due to a landslide that occurred in the borough on 4/24/18.

1/10/18 – The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania signed a statewide disaster declaration on 1/10/2018 for the on-going heroin/opioid epidemic. It will enhance state response and increase access to treatment. The declaration is the first-of-its-kind for a public health emergency in Pennsylvania. It will utilize a command center at the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to track progress and enhance coordination of the health and public safety agencies. Among the declaration’s specifics are 13 key initiatives that are the culmination of a collaboration between all state agencies, with focus on the departments of Health, Drug and Alcohol Programs, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the
Pennsylvania State Police. On 3/6/18, this declaration was amended to include the winter storm that began on 3/6/18.

8/24/17 – The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declaration #15261 for Washington County for damages during the flash flooding event on 7/29/17. In addition, contiguous counties of Allegheny, Beaver, Fayette, Greene and Westmoreland counties are also eligible. Also eligible are Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, and Ohio counties in West Virginia. The effective date is 8/24/17 and termination date for applications is 10/23/17. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 5/23/18.

8/24/17 – The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declaration #15263 for Clearfield County for damages during the flooding event on 7/14/17. In addition, contiguous counties of Blair, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clinton, Elk, Indiana and Jefferson counties are also eligible. The effective date is 8/24/17 and termination date for applications is 10/23/17. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 5/23/18.

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.

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, 0620 hours, 07/17/18

A strong cold front will push southeast across the Commonwealth today. The front will be preceded and accompanied by occasional showers and thunderstorms. A few storms across the southeast half of the state could become severe with localized strong gusty winds and hail. High moisture content in the air will also bring the likelihood of periods of torrential rains, and the potential for localized flooding.

The Central and Northwest Mountains will dry out this afternoon, as showers and thunderstorms become confined to the Middle and Lower Susquehanna River Valley.

High Temperatures today will range from the mid and upper 70s across the Northern and Western Mountains, to the mid-80s in the Southeast.

Clearing skies, cooler temperatures, diminishing wind and damp ground from our recent rains will promote the formation of patchy valley fog. Low temperatures at daybreak Wednesday will dip to near 50 across the Northwest Mountains, and mid-50s to mid-60s respectively throughout the Central Mountains and Susquehanna Valley.

Wednesday and Thursday will feature abundant sunshine, slightly lower temperatures and lower humidity.
WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

A Flash Flood Watch is in effect until 0000 hours on 7/18/18 for the following Counties: Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia.

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:
Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next 48 hours.