



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

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TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, October 21, 2021 through 0600 hours, October 22, 2021.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System: The Secretary of Homeland Security has issued a new National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin regarding the current heightened threat environment across the United States. The Homeland continues to face a diverse and challenging threat environment leading up to and following the 20th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks as well religious holidays we assess could serve as a catalyst for acts of targeted violence. These threats include those posed by domestic terrorists, individuals and groups engaged in grievance-based violence, and those inspired or motivated by foreign terrorists and other malign foreign influences. These actors are increasingly exploiting online forums to influence and spread violent extremist narratives and promote violent activity. Such threats are also exacerbated by impacts of the ongoing global pandemic, including grievances over public health safety measures and perceived government restrictions.

Effective: 08/13/2021 1400 hours to 11/11/2021 1400 hours.

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

Department of Health Operations Center (DOC): Activated in support of the COVID-19 Outbreak – Conducting public health and medical coordination

County EOC Activations: Blair – Enhanced watch for COVID-19
Cumberland - Partial activation for COVID-19
Delaware – Partial activation for COVID-19
Huntingdon - Enhanced watch for COVID-19
Lebanon - Level III monitoring for COVID-19

Philadelphia – Partial activation for COVID-19
Union – Level II monitoring for COVID-19

Municipal EOC Activations: None

CAPABILITIES STATUS:

PA All-Hazards Type-3 Incident Management Team – Mission Capable
PA-Task Force 1 (PA-TF1) – Mission Capable

INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: None
Power Outage Reports: As of 0545 hours, 3,285 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: Berks County – 144 Frontier Communications customers

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

TORNADO WARNINGS – Statewide, 10/21/21 - A severe thunderstorm system moved across the state from west to east last evening. Tornado Warnings were issued for Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties, all of which expired by 2115 hours. Reports of damage to homes were received along with reports of downed power lines and trees. Statewide power outages peaked at 10,234 and have declined steadily. Outages were mainly in the western part of the state. Several possible tornados and microbursts were reported.

WATER EMERGENCY – Carbon County, 7/26/21 – A disaster emergency was declared for Summit Hill Borough due to a prolonged interruption of municipal water supply. This interruption is due to the borough having work done on their water tank which is impacting normal water supply operations. No critical care facilities are impacted. Approximately 3,100 customers are affected. Two 10,000-gallon potable water tanks were connected to the water system to assist in providing pressure to the water grid. Fire units will be utilizing tankers for fire operations. Water tank repairs are ongoing. The repairs are extensive and could take one month or more. As of 9/17/21, work continues, and estimated completion is the end of October.

CLOSED:

MISSING PERSON SEARCH DETAIL - Chester County, 10/21/21 – A search was conducted for a missing dementia patient from Manatawny Manor Nursing Home at 30 Old Schuylkill Road in East Coventry Township. The subject was located in just under three hours.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

9/10/21 - The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requested a major disaster declaration from the President through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide additional support for state, county and municipal governments, and individuals affected by the remnants of Hurricane IDA between 8/31/21 and 9/5/21. The declaration includes Individual Assistance to individuals and households in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, and York Counties, and assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in all areas of the Commonwealth. Public Assistance is under review. The President approved the declaration on 9/10/21 under Major

Disaster Declaration FEMA-4618-DR. 9/24/21 – Amendment No. 1 designates Bedford and Northampton Counties for Individual Assistance. 10/8/21 – Amendment No. 2 designates Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance). 10/14/21 – Amendment No. 3 designates Bedford, Philadelphia, and York Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance). Plus, Fulton, Huntingdon, Luzerne, and Schuylkill Counties for Public Assistance.

8/31/21 - The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, signed a statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on 8/31/21 in response to severe weather event Hurricane Ida that impacted the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania causing widespread threats of serious flash and riverine flooding and other adverse impacts throughout the Commonwealth.

7/29/21 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declaration #17054 and #17055, PA-00111 for Flash Flooding that occurred 7/12/21. The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster. The primary counties are Bucks, Philadelphia, and Tioga. In addition, the declaration covers the contiguous counties of Bradford, Delaware, Lehigh, Lycoming, Montgomery, Northampton, and Potter. There is a Physical Loan Damage Application Deadline Date of 9/27/21 and an Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date of 4/29/22.

2/1/21 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Lackawanna and Carbon Counties for events and damages related to Winter Storm Arlene.

2/1/21 - The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, signed a statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on 2/1/21 in response to severe winter event that began to impact the Commonwealth Pennsylvania on 1/31/21, causing dangerous winter weather conditions including snow, ice accumulation, and high winds.

10/5/20 – The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requested that President Trump declare a major disaster for nine Pennsylvania counties in the wake of devastating flooding caused by Tropical Storm Isaias in August 2020. The request included Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia counties.

8/11/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Philadelphia County for events and damages related to Tropical Storm Isaias.

8/4/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Montgomery County for events and damages related to Tropical Storm Isaias.

3/30/20 - Governor Tom Wolf requested a major disaster declaration from the President through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide additional support for state, county and municipal governments and certain nonprofits, as well as individuals who are struggling during the COVID-19 outbreak. The request for a major disaster declaration will provide the same emergency protective measures available under the nationwide emergency proclamation; the following Individual Assistance programs: Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Community Disaster Loans, and the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Program; and Statewide Hazard Mitigation. The President approved the declaration on 3/30/20 under Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4506-DR.

3/19/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Elk, Mercer, Monroe, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, and Susquehanna Counties in response to the COVID – 19 outbreak.

3/18/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Adams, Allegheny, Butler, Clearfield, Forest, Greene, Pike, and Schuylkill Counties in response to the COVID - 19 outbreak.

3/17/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Cambria, Cameron, Clarion, Clinton, Crawford, Cumberland, Fulton, Juniata, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Northumberland, Potter, Warren, and Washington Counties in response to the COVID - 19 outbreak.

3/16/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Bedford, Beaver, Blair, Cameron, Carbon, Columbia, Erie, Franklin, Huntington, Indiana, Jefferson, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Lycoming, McKean, Perry, Tioga, Wayne, Wyoming, and York Counties in response to the COVID - 19 outbreak.

3/15/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Luzerne County in response to the COVID - 19 outbreak.

3/14/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Centre and Westmoreland Counties in response to the COVID - 19 outbreak.

3/13/20 - An Emergency Declaration for Public Assistance Emergency Protective Measures was issued on March 13, 2020 for all Pennsylvania counties to cover eligible costs that are directly associated with the Emergency Protective Measures being taken to respond to and protect the residents of Pennsylvania from the COVID-19 virus. The designation is EM-3441.

3/13/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Bradford, Bucks, Dauphin, Fayette, Northampton, and Union Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/12/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Allegheny, Berks, Mifflin, and Montour Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/08/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Montgomery County in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

03/07/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Delaware County in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

01/18/19 - The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania signed a statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on 01/18/19 due to a severe winter event that is expected to impact the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, causing dangerous winter weather conditions including snow, ice accumulation, and flooding.

11/27/18 - A Major Disaster Declaration was declared on 11/27/18 for severe storms and flooding that occurred 8/10/18 - 8/15/18. Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was approved for Bradford, Columbia, Lackawanna, Lycoming, Montour, Northampton, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wyoming Counties. In addition, all areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The designation is FEMA-4408-DR.

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. The declaration specifies 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, the governor amended this declaration to include the winter storm that began on 3/6/18.

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:	Enhanced Monitoring in support of COVID-19 response
Maryland:	Enhanced Monitoring in support of COVID-19 response
New Jersey:	Partially activated in support of COVID-19 response
New York:	Partially activated in support of COVID-19 response
Ohio:	Assessment and Monitoring in support of COVID-19 response
West Virginia:	Enhanced Monitoring in support of COVID-19 response

24-Hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0515 hours, 10/22/21

Much cooler air is filtering in as one cold front has passed through the state overnight and a second front is dropping into the northwest this morning. There will be scattered showers over the Alleghenies and Laurel Highlands today. The temperatures may not get above 50 degrees on the higher elevations there. More sunshine will help the southeastern third of the Commonwealth get into the 60s with Philadelphia getting near 70 degrees this afternoon.

Some showers and clouds will linger in the west and central mountains tonight. Clouds will spread back over the east as well. The wind will get lighter. Lows will range from the 30s in the north-central mountains to the lower 50s in the southeast.

Saturday looks mainly dry for the southern half of the state, but more rain showers will slide in from the west through the day for the northern tier. Highs will be a degree or two cooler on Saturday versus today. Afternoon temperatures will range from the upper 40s in the northwest to the lower 60s in Philadelphia.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

■ Small Craft Advisory



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TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

