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Emergency Management Agency

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

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TO:

The Honorable Josh Shapiro
Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period from 0600 hours, January 16, 2026, through 0600 hours, January 17, 2026.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System:

None

Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) Status:

Normal Operations

County EOC Activations:

Philadelphia OEM – Partial Activation – Cold Weather Operations

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 0530 hours, 342 customers

Telephone Outage Reports:

None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

APARTMENT BUILDING FIRE – Philadelphia County, 1/17/26 – Units responded for a fire that occurred in a sixth-floor apartment at the River Park House Condominiums located at 3600 Conshohocken Avenue in the City of Philadelphia. The fire prompted a full evacuation of the building consisting of 354 units and housing an estimated 600 individuals. The Philadelphia Fire Department responded and marked the fire under control in approximately 30 minutes. Residents were allowed back into the lobby and an attached event space for sheltering after approximately 45 minutes. Most residents have been allowed to reoccupy their homes. One resident was transported to a local hospital with unknown injuries. Philadelphia Licensing and Inspections (L&I) is on scene conducting an inspection of the building to determine how many units will be uninhabitable. The American Red Cross (ARC) is on scene assisting those displaced.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 1/17/26 - A cold front will be passing through the Commonwealth, bringing with it several rounds of snow showers and squalls over the weekend. An arctic airmass will arrive Monday, and frigid temperatures are expected through Wednesday morning. The Philadelphia OEM remains at a Partial Activation to support cold weather operations. Speed restrictions were placed on I-80, I-81, I-84, and I-380. They are still in effect.

MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) – Berks County, 1/15/26 – A MEPA was issued by the Pennsylvania State Police on behalf of the Muhlenberg Township Police Department for a 28-year-old white male. He is described as five feet six inches tall, weighs 300 pounds, has brown hair, green eyes, and an unknown clothing description. He was last seen around 1630 hours on 1/14/26 near Alsace Road in Muhlenberg Township. Police believe this person may be at special risk of harm or injury or may be confused.

WATER OUTAGE – Carbon County, 1/3/26 - Weatherly Borough lost water pressure in their municipal water system while both of their storage tanks were nearly empty. The population of Weatherly Borough was 2,549 in the 2024 census. The outage affected both Weatherwood and Forest Hills Rehabilitation and Healthcare Centers, which share an address and have a total of 200 beds. On 1/3/26, Weatherly Borough signed a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in response to this incident, and PA DEP worked with the Borough to issue an emergency permit. As of 1/4/26, water has been restored. A Boil Water Advisory (BWA) is in effect. As of 1/14/26, it was reported that water was restored to the east side of town while the western side remains without water. The Boil Water Advisory remains in effect.

NURSING HOME EXPLOSION – Bucks County, 12/23/25 – Emergency crews responded to an explosion, resulting in a partial building collapse with entrapment, at Silver Lake Nursing Home located at 905 Tower Road in Bristol Township. A Level Three Mass Casualty Incident was declared. The Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) transitioned to a Limited Partial Activation, and the Bucks County EOC transitioned to a Full Activation. Both have since demobilized. All facility residents are accounted for, and relocation plans have been completed. A reunification number, 888-878-5889, has been established for responsible parties to contact if seeking information about residents. A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was signed by Bristol Township in response to this incident.

BOIL WATER ADVISORY (BWA) – Butler County, 12/23/25 – A Boil Water Advisory has been issued for Quality Life Services – Sarver, a nursing home located at 126 Iron Bridge Road in Winfield Township. The facility obtained a bulk water hauling permit and will be

receiving water from a chloramine treated source. The BWA will remain in place for as long as they are hauling water into the facility.

SINKHOLE – Fayette County, 12/17/25 – The 200 block of Lynn Road in Brownsville Township will be closed indefinitely due to the discovery of a 20-foot by 30-foot sinkhole. There are no impacts to utilities, and the residences are still accessible. On 12/18/25, Brownsville Township issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for this incident.

MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) - Centre County, 8/27/25 – A MEPA was issued by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), Rockview Station, who is searching for a 48-year-old white male, five feet five inches tall, weighing 160 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. He is operating a 2016 Subaru Outback, navy blue in color, bearing a Pennsylvania registration. He was last seen near Nilson Road, Benner Township, on 08/20/25 at 1200 hours. Police believe this person may be at special risk of harm or injury or may be confused.

MISSING PERSON – Clearfield County, 7/4/25 – The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) are searching for a 72-year-old male who has been missing from his residence on Anderson Creek Road in Union Township since 7/1/25. Local fire and a search and rescue team assisted. Clearfield County contacted PEMA operations to request a cell phone ping through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). The latest ping result was on 7/1/25. Search teams were able to locate the missing person's vehicle. The cell phone was not inside. The search was called off for the night and resumed in the morning. On 7/5/25, crews returned to the scene and expanded the search area. An underwater drone was used in the creek with negative results. PSP Aviation joined the search with no success. As of 7/6/25, search efforts concluded for the day and will resume 7/7/25. On 7/7/25, PSP turned the search over to the PA Game Commission. As of 7/21/25, the PA Game Commission reported that this individual is still missing. The case remains open, but there are no active searches being conducted.

CLOSURE OF HOSPITALS AND EMS SERVICE – Delaware County, 4/21/25 – An emergency declaration was signed by Delaware County and 14 municipalities following the public announcement made by Prospect Medical Holdings and Crozer Health that they would begin ceasing all operations at Crozer-Chester Medical Center, located at 1 Medical Center Boulevard, Upland Borough, and Taylor Hospital, located at 175 East Chester Pike, Ridley Park Borough. County emergency management monitored the status of both facilities, coordinated internal and external resources, and supported communication among all stakeholders as the situation unfolded. On 04/22/25, Delaware County received notice from Prospect Medical Holdings and Crozer-Chester Medical Center (CCMC) that all CCMC EMS services would cease operations on or about 05/02/25, "based on patient needs and census." This included the closure of seven EMS substations. On 04/23/25, the Delaware County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated to Enhanced (Virtual) status from 0830 to 1630 hours daily. Daily EOC Health System Support meetings were held Monday through Friday at 0830 hours, beginning on 04/24/25. On the same day, Delaware County Council announced it would extend the County's Emergency Declaration indefinitely during its scheduled meeting. On 04/24/25, three additional municipalities signed disaster declarations. On 04/25/25, one more municipality signed and brought the total to 18. Delaware County Council approved a resolution declaring a Continuing Disaster Emergency, which remained in effect until no longer required. At 1700 hours on 04/26/25, the last patient was discharged from Taylor Hospital, which marked the facility's closure. The Crozer crisis center closed on 04/28/25. The Crozer emergency department closed on 04/30/25 at 0800 hours. Two EMS units were staged outside the emergency department to triage and transport any walk-in patients. The census on the evening of 04/30/25 was 15. On 05/01/25, the census at Crozer Medical Center was seven, with the goal of transferring all patients by noon on Friday, 05/02/25. At 1900 hours on

05/02/25, the census at Crozer Medical Center was zero. The number of municipalities with declarations was 25, with additional declarations expected in the following days. As of 05/03/25, Crozer EMS maintained two BLS transport units in Clifton Heights and Ridley Township until 05/07/25, and two ALS transport units were staged outside the closed Crozer Emergency Department until 05/30/25. All other Crozer EMS units were out of service. The county EMS contingency plan was in effect and continued for 90 days. On 5/7/25, Delaware County closed its EOC effective at 1000 hours on Monday, 5/5/25. Additional emergency declarations were received from Chester Township and Aldan Borough. Affected stakeholders continued to meet regularly to discuss long-term impacts. On 5/14/25, concerns were addressed regarding utility shutoff to the CCMC building due to fire and security risks, as well as the need to maintain power to county radio equipment installed on the roof. The County EMA will facilitate communication between Upland Borough officials and the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH). On 5/27/25, Delaware County Council approved the submission of a funding application to the commonwealth to continue to support funding for the Delaware County EMS Contingency Plan, which also included the continued staging of EMS units outside the closed emergency department at CCMC, beyond May 30, 2025. Delaware County's emergency services are actively developing a plan for the radio communication infrastructure located on the CCMC rooftop. On 6/3/25, this incident moved to the recovery phase. Coordination meetings will continue monthly into September. Delaware County's emergency declaration remained in effect as of 6/3/25. 30 of 49 municipalities have active emergency declarations filed with Delaware County's emergency services and PEMA. On 8/1/25, the monthly Delaware County Health Care Support Meeting was held. The status of EMS, and other unmet community needs, will be discussed at the next meeting on 8/7/25. On 8/5/25, the monthly recovery team meeting was held. The EMS contingency plan concluded on 8/2/25. The Disaster Declaration continues until at least September for potential gaps in EMS, as well as continued issues with primary care and wrap around services. Two of the former hospital facilities are being abandoned by Prospect Holdings. As of the 9/2/25 recovery team meeting, the disaster declaration related to regional healthcare and emergency medical services remain in effect to ensure continuity of operations and public safety. Most municipalities have established formal ALS agreements, while the remaining are continuing to work on establishing agreements with alternate services. The sale of Delaware County Memorial Hospital is complete, and the Taylor Hospital sale is in progress to a for-profit organization. Interest exists in Crozer and Springfield facilities; neither facility has been declared abandoned. As of 9/19/25, three municipalities have not yet finalized agreements for EMS coverage. The county will maintain the declaration until ALS coverage is stabilized and 911 operational support is no longer needed. As of 11/21/25, county emergency management has queried affected municipalities about the status of their declarations. A coordination meeting was held on 12/2/25, and the county declaration will remain in place until 3/2/26, as remaining gaps in ALS coverage are resolved.

MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) – Dauphin County, 8/10/24 - A MEPA was issued by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) who are searching for a 76-year-old male who was last seen near Pheasant Road in West Hanover Township on 08/10/24 at 0810 hours. He was wearing a yellow shirt, black shorts, and white sneakers. Police believe this person may be at special risk of harm or injury or may be confused. On 8/16/24, PSP updated the clothing description of the missing individual as wearing a white shirt, black shorts, and navy-blue shoes with white soles.

CLOSED:

SARA FACILITY FIRE – Clearfield County, 1/17/26 - Units responded to a first-alarm structure fire at a Walmart Distribution Center located at 100 Wal-Mart Drive in Bradford

Township. This is a SARA Tier 2 facility (ID #6027). The fire was in an automated piece of machinery, and no hazardous materials were involved.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 1/15/26 – Winter Weather impacted the western region of the Commonwealth. Speed restrictions were implemented along portions of Interstates 79, 80, 86, 90, and 376. They have since been lifted. Erie County fully activated their EOC to support their response to weather related incidents. They have since deactivated. In Clarion County, a multi-vehicle accident closed Interstate 80 in both directions. A Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) was sent to vehicles in the trapped queue. In Mercer County, a multi-vehicle accident involving between six and seven tractor trailers and an unknown number of passenger vehicles closed Interstate 79. One fatality was reported. On 1/16/26, the Philadelphia OEM activated their EOC to a Partial Activation to support cold weather operations.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT – Allegheny County, 1/16/26 – Interstate 79 northbound was closed near mile marker 75.5 in Marshall Township due to a multi-vehicle accident involving a box truck. Approximately 300 feet of guide rail was damaged in the crash. Two patients were transported to area hospitals with unknown injuries. No hazardous materials were reported. Two lanes were reopened in three hours, and all lanes were reopened in four hours.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

5/22/25 – The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declaration #21090 and #21091 (PA-20019) due to severe storms and flooding that occurred on 5/13/25. The following Pennsylvania areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster: the county of Somerset and the contiguous counties of Bedford, Cambria, Fayette, and Westmoreland. This also includes the contiguous Maryland counties of Allegany and Garrett. The Physical Loan Damage Application deadline date of 7/21/25 has passed and the Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application deadline date expires on 2/23/26.

4/21/25 - Delaware County, along with multiple municipalities, signed Disaster Declarations due to the public announcement by Prospect Medical Holdings/Crozer Health that they will begin ceasing all operations at Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Upland Borough and Taylor Hospital in Ridley Park Borough. As of 5/14/25, 31 municipalities had signed Disaster Declarations: Aldan Borough, Aston Township, Bethel Township, Brookhaven Borough, Chadds Ford Township, Chester City, Chester Township, Chester Heights Borough, Clifton Heights Borough, Collingdale Borough, Darby Borough, Darby Township, Eddystone Borough, Folcroft Borough, Lower Chichester Township, Middletown Township, Nether Providence Township, Norwood Borough, Parkside Borough, Prospect Park Borough, Radnor Township, Ridley Park Borough, Ridley Township, Sharon Hill Borough, Springfield Township, Swarthmore Borough, Thornbury Township, Trainer Borough, Upland Borough, Upper Chichester Township, and Upper Darby Township. As of 1/5/26, the Radnor Township declaration was terminated by Resolution 2026-08.

11/8/24 - A Federal Register Notice (FRN) designated the following counties for Public Assistance under Tropical Storm Debby: Cambria, Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Indiana, Lycoming, Potter, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne, and Wyoming. Union County was added to the FRN on 11/14/24.

9/11/24 - A Major Disaster Declaration was declared on 9/11/24 to supplement recovery operations in areas affected by Tropical Storm Debby on August 9-10. Individual Assistance

was approved for Lycoming, Potter, Tioga, and Union Counties. The designation is FEMA-4815-DR.

8/9/24 - Governor Josh Shapiro issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for Adams, Bedford, Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Fulton, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Pike, Potter, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, and Wyoming Counties, due to the impacts of the remnants of Tropical Storm Debby, which caused dangerous conditions, including flash and riverine flooding across the named counties. Lycoming County issued a county Declaration of Disaster due to adverse weather. The following municipalities in Lycoming County have issued Declarations of Disaster: Anthony Township, Gamble Township, Hepburn Township, Lewis Township, Lycoming Township, McIntyre Township, Mifflin Township, Nippenose Township, Old Lycoming Township, Pine Township, Salladasburg Borough, South Williamsport Borough, and Woodward Township. The following municipalities in Susquehanna County have issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather: Choconut Township, Liberty Township, Middletown Township, and Susquehanna Depot Borough. Clymer Borough and Green Township in Indiana County have issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather. Penbrook Borough and Reed Township in Dauphin County have issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

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). In addition, Fulton, Huntingdon, Luzerne, and Schuylkill Counties for Public Assistance. 10/20/21 – Amendment No. 4 designates Delaware County for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance), and Dauphin County for Public Assistance.

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.

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.

CONTIGUOUS STATE EVENTS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO PENNSYLVANIA:

Delaware:	Normal Operations
Maryland:	Normal Operations
New Jersey:	Normal Operations
New York:	Normal Operations
Ohio:	Normal Operations
West Virginia:	Normal Operations

24-Hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0540 hours, 01/17/26

Light snow will continue across the western third of Pennsylvania this morning, with a plowable snowfall of several inches expected by midday in the northwest mountains and on the ridges of the Laurel Highlands.

Another few to several hour period of steady, accumulating snow is expected during the mid to late morning on Saturday across primarily the eastern third of the state, likely bringing another 1 to 3 inches east of US-15, with isolated 4-inch amounts possible at higher elevations in the Poconos.

A few scattered snow showers will spread into the northwest mountains of PA this afternoon and evening, likely significantly dissipating as they move into the central ridge and valley regions. High temperatures will rise into the low to mid-30s over the northern and western portions of the Commonwealth and 40 to 45 in the valleys of south-central and southeastern Pennsylvania.

Another quick-hitting system on Sunday night could bring nuisance to plowable snowfall to southeast PA. Then, a reinforcing shot of cold air early next week will bring the coldest airmass of the season so far, with wind chills dropping below zero across nearly the entire Commonwealth on Tuesday morning.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None

