



Pennsylvania  
**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, April 12, through 0600 hours, April 13, 2026.

**STATUS REPORT:** (as of 0600 hours)

**THREAT STATUS:**

**National Terrorism Advisory System:**

None

**Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) Status:**

Normal Operations

**Commonwealth Watch and Warning Center (CWWC) Status:**

Normal Operations

**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):**

Mission Capable

**INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:**

**Major Road Closures:**

None

**Power Outage Reports:**

As of 0530 hours, 282 customers

**Telephone Outage Reports:**

None

## **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

### **OPEN:**

**WILDFIRE – Lehigh County, 4/12/26** – Emergency crews from Lehigh, Carbon and Northampton counties, responded to what became a 50-acre wildfire on Blue Mountain in State Game Lands 217 near 8844 Paint Mill Road in Washington Township. No structures were endangered, and no evacuation orders were issued. As units worked on containment and extinguishing efforts the wildfire progressed moving northwest into the Lehigh Gap Wildlife Refuge in East Penn Township, Carbon County. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) air tankers conducted water drops during daylight hours. A group of hikers called the 9-1-1 center and stated they were stuck on the mountain; however, later reported they were able to safely find an egress off the mountain. As of 1513 hours, approximately 30 percent containment was reported for fire. A Lehigh County Station 29 firefighter incurred an ankle injury and was transported to a local hospital. All air units returned to base safely after daytime operations. Crews continue to work the fire overnight as the fire started spreading south over the Blue Mountain back in Lehigh County. DCNR and US National Parks Service are in operational control of this incident. The Pennsylvania Game Commission is investigating how the wildfire started.

**MOUNTAIN FIRE – Franklin County, 4/11/26** – Units responded to a 20-acre wildfire near 1221 Knob Hill Road in Greene Township. Two Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) air tankers responded to conduct water drops. Both have since returned to base. One endangered residence was evacuated. Two firefighters were transported to local hospitals. One, from Arendtsville Fire Company, suffered a head injury while exiting a UTV. Another, from Saint Thomas Township Fire and Rescue Company, was treated for dehydration. Forestry continued to monitor overnight. The morning of 4/12/26, units were dispatched back to the scene for a rekindle. The rekindle was estimated to be approximately five to eight acres and no structures were endangered. Perimeter fires and back burning were conducted to contain the fire. Forestry units remained on the scene for a short period after all units cleared the scene to ensure the fire was extinguished. Early Monday morning a second rekindle occurred, estimated to be approximately three to five acres. It is being monitored until daylight hours when units will respond to extinguish it.

**STRUCTURE COLLAPSE – Philadelphia County, 4/8/26** – A seven-story concrete parking garage under construction at the intersection of South 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Grays Ferry Avenue in the City of Philadelphia partially collapsed. Three workers were initially reported as injured. All three were transported to a local hospital, where one succumbed to their injuries. There are two workers unaccounted for, as stabilization efforts continue. On 4/9/26, PEMA representatives, a PA Department of Labor and Industry inspector, and PA Task Force 1 resources including structural engineers, human remains detection canines, live-find canines, and a search team manager responded to the scene. Access to approximately 15 businesses, including a USPS retail facility and a PA Liquor Control Board Fine Wine and Good Spirits store, have been impacted. Philadelphia Gas Works has reduced pressure in a gas main in the vicinity as a precaution. The two unaccounted-for individuals are believed to be deceased, and operations have transitioned to the recovery phase. On 4/10/26, additional resources including barricades, stone, steel, and a crane arrived at the incident location. Construction of the crane is in progress. The American Red Cross (ARC) opened a Family Assistance Center (FAC) at the Vare Recreation Center located at 2601 Moore Street. It closed at 2000 hours, and it will reopen at 0800 hours the morning of 4/11/26. Philadelphia Licensing and Inspection completed additional canvassing. Philadelphia OEM sent a Resident Connection message notifying residents of the upcoming controlled demolition of the structure. The PEMA Eastern

Office will have a liaison on site during daytime hours this weekend. Phase II (site assessments and preparations) has been completed. Air quality is being continually monitored. On 4/11/26, Phase III operations (controlled demolition) began. The first collapse of the structure was at 1159 hours. The demolition was completed on 4/12/26 and Phase IV (recovery) began. PA-Task Force 1 assets remain on the ground with fire department members. The FAC was demobilized at 2000 hours, Sunday. On Monday 4/13/26, officials will begin canvassing the affected businesses for potential economic damage.

**MISSING PERSON SEARCH – Berks County, 4/4/26** – The Fleetwood Police Department and local fire departments organized a search for a missing 60-year-old female who was last seen leaving her residence on Kutztown Road in Richland Township on foot around 0850 hours on 04/04/26. The missing female was located that evening and was transported to Lehigh Valley Cedar Crest Hospital. While conducting search operations, two firefighters from the Walnuttown Fire Company were fatally injured when the utility task vehicle (UTV) they were operating was struck head-on by another vehicle on US-222. The highway was closed between PA-662 (Moselem Springs Road) and PA-737 (Greenwich Street) for an accident investigation. The roadway reopened in about four hours. Memorial services for the firefighters were held on Friday and Saturday. Walnuttown Fire Company will be out of service until the morning of Monday, 4/13/26.

**LOOSE BARGES – Beaver County, 4/2/26** - Two barges and two Jon boats broke free from a construction site near the New Brighton–Beaver Falls Pennsylvania Turnpike bridge in Eastvale Borough. Both barges are lodged on the Eastvale Dam. The two Jon boats went over the dam and were last seen heading down the Beaver River toward the Ohio River. The barges were not hauling any material, and no personnel were on board. The New Brighton–Beaver Falls bridge was temporarily closed for inspection. Both barges have since been secured to the riverbed and are not currently a threat to move further downstream. The two missing boats are owned by the Joseph B. Fay Construction Company and have not yet been located. Due to high water levels and fast currents, recovery operations are too dangerous at this time. Once water levels drop and currents slow, recovery will begin. The dam is a timber crib structure covered in concrete and may be sustaining damage from the barges due to impact and pressure. There is no expected loss of life or downstream property damage should the dam fail; however, a failure could impact the water supply to Beaver Falls, though it is considered unlikely. The dam's safety field engineer is scheduled to inspect the site on 4/3/26. On 4/3/26, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection visited the site. A water quality specialist observed the Beaver and Ohio Rivers from multiple locations, and no visible sheen was detected. A dam safety field engineer met with members of the Beaver Falls Municipal Authority, the contractor that owns the barges, and other parties at the site. At this time there continues to be nothing that can be done due to the high-water flows. Once water flow levels decrease and it's safe to enter the water, divers will be used to investigate and assess for damage. As of 4/7/26, the smaller barge is currently stuck on another dam further south just before the New Brighton Beaver Falls Bridge. Boats are staged at the Beaver Valley Yacht Club in New Brighton to intercept the barge should it come loose from the dam. The construction company developed a recovery plan to remove the barges from the Beaver River. A crane pad using stone and mats is being constructed at the Eastvale Dam where the larger barge is stuck. A subcontractor for Joseph B. Faye, Marrison Hill, will launch a craft near the smaller barge and connect to it to pull that barge back up the river to the crane where it will be removed from the river. On 4/10/26, the recovery timeline for the barges was pushed back to 4/13/26 or 4/14/26 due to the high-water level of the Beaver River.

**MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) – Carbon County, 3/30/26** – A MEPA was issued by the Pennsylvania State Police, on behalf of the Nesquehoning Borough Police Department, who is searching for a 17-year-old female last seen near Stock Street in

Nesquehoning Borough at 0200 hours on 3/28/26. She is described five feet two inches tall, approximately 130 pounds, with blue hair and blue eyes, and wearing all black clothing. Police believe this person may be at special risk of harm or injury or may be confused. As of 4/1/26, the vehicle was recovered, but the female is still missing.

**MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) – Allegheny County, 3/25/26 –**

A MEPA was issued by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) on behalf of the Bellevue Borough Police Department, for a 41-year-old male last seen near Balph Avenue in Bellevue Borough at approximately 1315 hours on 3/20/26. He is described as six feet and one inch tall and 220 pounds; with gray hair and green eyes; and wearing grey sweatpants, a black jacket, and grey sneakers. Police believe this person may be at special risk of harm or injury or may be confused.

**FIRE POLICE LINE OF DUTY DEATH (LODD) – Bucks County, 3/10/26 –**

A fire police officer with the Richlandtown Fire Company suffered a medical emergency while responding to a traffic accident in Richland Township on 3/9/26. He was transported to a local hospital in cardiac arrest and died on 3/11/26. A visitation will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 1000 hours until the time of service at 1100 hours at the Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 102 North Hellertown Avenue, Quakertown.

**MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION – Northumberland County, 2/12/26 –**

A Mandatory Water Conservation Notice was issued by the Aqua PA Roaring Creek Division due to dry weather conditions. The system uses surface water sources and provides service to the following areas: Coal Township, Ralpho Township, Zerbe Township, and Mount Carmel Township in Northumberland County; Conyngham Township, and Centralia Borough in Columbia County; Butler Township, Gordon Borough, and Girardville Borough in Schuylkill County. The notice affects approximately 26,000 service connections.

**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 is 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. As of 3/31/26, PennDOT completed core drilling and estimated the subsidence is over 40 feet deep. The township is working with state and local officials to secure funding for repairs.

**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.

**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:**

**SEARCH DETAIL – Lackawanna County, 4/12/26** - The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Dunmore Barracks conducted a search for a missing person in the area of Norton Drive in Clifton Township. They were assisted by local fire and a PSP canine team. The search was suspended.

**DISASTER DECLARATIONS:**

2/22/26 – The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declaration #20028 due to the fire at the Hotel Hampton and surrounding properties in the City of Easton, Northampton County. The following Pennsylvania areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster: the county of Northampton and the contiguous counties of Bucks, Carbon, Lehigh, and Monroe. This also includes the contiguous New Jersey county of Warren. The Physical Loan Damage Application deadline date is 5/4/2026 and the Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application deadline date expires on 12/4/26.

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:	Enhanced Monitoring (closing of Legislative Session)
New Jersey:	Normal Operations
New York:	Normal Operations
Ohio:	Normal Operations
West Virginia:	Normal Operations

#### **24-Hour Projected Weather Statewide:**

## National Weather Service, 0457 hours, 4/13/26

A warm front moving northeast across Pennsylvania this morning will usher in much warmer temperatures and higher moisture that will last through this entire workweek and likely through Saturday night. A few, mainly brief and light, showers will move quickly East across the region into late morning today.

An afternoon lull in the showers will occur, with warm temperatures and a gusty southwest wind of 20 to 30 mph. Scattered showers will form across the northern mountains late this afternoon and early this evening.

High temperatures this afternoon will range from the upper 60s across the northern mountains to the upper 70s in the southern valleys.

Lows tonight will range from the mid-50s to low 60s, which will be 20 to 25 degrees above normal.

A round of strong isolated to scattered showers are likely across the northern half of Pennsylvania Tuesday afternoon and evening, with the potential of severe thunderstorms.

The peak in this warm-up will come Wednesday and Thursday with highs in the mid to upper 70s in the north and mid to upper 80s in the southern valleys. Lows Tuesday night and Wednesday night will be mainly in the upper 50s to lower 60s, nearly 30 degrees above normal nighttime lows in some locations.

### WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



