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Emergency Management Agency

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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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, September 7, through 0600 hours, September 8, 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:

Clinton County - Partial Activation (Adverse Weather)

Municipal EOC Activations:

City of Erie, Erie County – Activated

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 0600 hours, 513 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

POWER OUTAGE – Fayette County, 9/7/26 – Emergency crews responded to a pole fire in front of Peroni Personal Care Home (PCH), a Department of Human Services (DHS)-licensed facility, located at 111 Easy Street, City of Uniontown. The fire damaged West Penn Power equipment and underground equipment owned by the facility. EMA reports that West Penn Power is on scene conducting repairs to its equipment. The facility has an electrical contractor from Greene County, which provided a generator to maintain electrical service until repairs to the facility-owned equipment can begin on 9/8/26. The facility currently houses 33 residents, including four non-ambulatory residents and six hospice patients, and additional medical supplies, including supplemental oxygen, have been secured. No evacuations have occurred; however, the facility's emergency plan includes provisions for alternate transportation and housing should relocation of residents become necessary.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 9/1/26–9/3/26 – Multiple severe thunderstorms crossed the Commonwealth beginning the evening of 9/1 and continuing through 9/3, bringing high winds, intense rain, and repeated Flash Flood, Severe Thunderstorm, and Tornado Warnings across numerous counties. Widespread reports of trees and wires down resulted in blocked state and local roadways. Power outages initially peaked at over 51,000 on the evening of 9/1. As of early 9/3, statewide outages have been reduced to 40,458, with Erie, Sullivan, and Luzerne Counties most affected. ChristianaCare Hospital in Chester County experienced generator use and divert status on 9/1 due to a network outage; the facility has since returned to commercial power and is off divert. Lancaster County reported structural damage across Salisbury, East Earl, and Caernarvon Townships, including roof damage to an Amish school. Lightning strikes ignited multiple fires in York, Cumberland, and Lancaster Counties. Cameron County experienced a power outage and Windstream landline failure in its southern tier; all services have since been restored. Significant flash flooding occurred during the overnight hours of 9/2 into 9/3. Lycoming, Clinton, and Centre Counties reported multiple water rescues from vehicles, residences, and flooded roadways. Clinton County activated its EOC, staffed all fire stations, and requested representation from PEMA Central Area and the American Red Cross. Two Clinton County 911 towers (Bald Eagle and Ransaires) have been operating on generator power since approximately 2300 hours on 9/2. Bradford County crews rescued two individuals trapped under a fallen tree in Standing Stone Township. In Lycoming County, evacuations occurred in the 400–600 blocks of Allegheny Street in Jersey Shore Borough and in the Waterville area of Cummings Township. All Waterville evacuees have since returned home, although at least one displaced individual from Phillips Park Road is at Williamsport Hospital and is seeking Red Cross assistance. Additional flooding was reported on Marion Street in Porter Township. A rescue is underway in Centre County for individuals stranded on a shed roof along Iron Gate Road in Monument; responders are regrouping after encountering locked gates. The City of Erie established its EOC at the Erie City Streets Garage, reporting 11 homes damaged by falling trees. The mayor is scheduled to hold a press briefing this morning. Erie County also reports several flooded roadways and multiple state routes closed, some of which have since reopened. Clinton County was notified of a roof drain failure at Bucktail Medical Center, causing ceiling tile damage in patient rooms. The roof did not collapse; patients were relocated, and the hospital remains fully functional. Statewide road closures continue to evolve, and numerous roads have been reopened as conditions improve. Schuylkill County reported that Pine Grove Borough activated its EOC due to extensive trees/wires down and roadway blockages. Rescue crews statewide worked continuously to reopen impassable roads affected by flooding and utilities. One person was transported to a

local hospital with a head injury. All utilities were notified, and the roadway was closed until the tree was removed. It has since reopened. At 0400 hours, the PEMA Director ordered activation of the Commonwealth Response and Coordination Center (CRCC) to Limited Partial status to coordinate resource requests and support affected jurisdictions. Additional Flash Flood Warnings were issued through the morning of 9/3 for numerous counties, including Clarion, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Warren, Centre, Clearfield, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, and Perry. Several counties have reported damage from Wednesday night's storms, with many conducting assessments. On 9/3-4/26, another round of severe weather resulted in multiple Flood, Severe Thunderstorm, Tornado, and Flash Flood Warnings being issued in the western half of the state, all of which have expired. The CRCC returned to normal operations at 1600 hours on 9/3/26. The Commonwealth Watch and Warning Center (CWWC) operated at an Enhanced Watch overnight. The Cambria County EOC went to an Enhanced Watch, Clinton County's EOC went to a Partial Activation and the Westmoreland County EOC activated to an Enhanced Watch. All of them have returned to normal operations except Clinton. Westmoreland County activated their swift water plan and reported multiple instances of rescues from vehicles stuck in flood waters. Ten occupants of an apartment building in Hempfield Township were rescued when the building flooded. The 911 center lost commercial power for several hours and was on generator power. Allegheny County activated their swift water plan and reported multiple rescues throughout the county. The Washington County 911 Center lost commercial power, but it has since been restored. Statewide power outages peaked at 166,027. Erie County has declared a declaration of Disaster Emergency. Westmont Borough and Lower Yoder Township in Cambria County, West Buffalo Township in Union County, and Manor Borough in Westmoreland County have issued Declarations of Disaster. At 0800 hours on 9/4/26, the CWWC resumed normal operations. In Westmoreland County, a loss of power resulted in the Westmoreland County Courthouse closing at noon while one generator was deployed, and another one remained available on standby if necessary. The courthouse and the Level Green Tower site are both back on commercial power. Several other tower sites are still without power. In North Huntingdon Township a partial basement collapse occurred at 1300 Barner Hill Road. In Fayette County, a three-foot-by-three-foot sinkhole opened near High and Henrietta Streets in Brownsville Borough. Allegheny County reported a partial collapse of a roadway into a creek resulting in the 1000 block of Wall Avenue in Pitcairn Borough becoming impassable. Washington County's 911 center remains on generator power despite what was previously reported. In Somerset County, Laurel View Village, a 150-resident assisted living facility located at 2000 Cambridge Drive in Conemaugh Township, reported they had lost power to the air conditioning system from an outage due to the storm. Somerset and Fayette Counties, along with the EMS Council have assisted in providing generators, fans and lights to the facility. Certain schools in the Westmont Area of Cambria County were closed due to road conditions while Southmont Borough issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency. The National Weather Service (NWS) in State College confirmed an EF-1 tornado touched down on the afternoon of 9/1/26 in eastern Potter and western Tioga Counties. The tornado, with an estimated 110 mph winds, moved for six and a half miles in fifteen minutes with a maximum width of 150 yards and no reported damage other than uprooted trees. Erie City, assisted by surrounding municipalities, continued clearing roadways and have contacted a tree removal company for over 1,000 city-owned trees that were damaged. They continue to make progress on repairs and damage assessments, and most power should be restored by noon on 9/5/26. As of 0700 hours on 9/5/26, the Laurel View Village in Somerset County was still without power but was restored to commercial power later in the day. Washington County 911 reported their center had also returned to commercial power. In Cambria County, portable generators were passed out to residents for medical devices where needed. In Westmoreland County, all radio towers have returned to commercial power. On 9/6/26, Clinton County took delivery of a tractor trailer load of bottled water, individual and gallon size, at the Beech Creek Blanchard Fire Company, 38 Locust Street, Beech Creek. The water was obtained from Weis and is available for

distribution to both Clinton and Centre County residents affected by the flooding. A Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) will be held at this same location from 1200 to 2000 hours on Thursday 09/10/26 and 0800 to 1600 hours on Friday 9/11/26. Representatives from multiple Federal, State, and County agencies will be on scene to assist residents of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming counties with disaster-related needs. The City of Erie reported that EmergencyCare, South Central Fire Station, HANDS Saint Joseph's Apartments and HOPE Apartments have all been restored to commercial power. A virtual meeting will be held with the PA Western Area Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) to request assistance with debris removal. As of 9/7/26, all FirstEnergy utilities have been restored in Erie County. Staff from PEMA will be on site on 9/8/26 to assist city and county EMA with Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA) determinations.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 8/22/26 – Several areas of severe storms moved across the Commonwealth, bringing gusty winds and heavy rains, triggering Flash Flood and Tornado Warnings across the state. Several counties reported roadway and basement flooding. In Blair County, parts of Plank Road (US-220 Business) in Logan Township showed surface lifting, which closed the roadway between Orchard and Quail Avenues. Numerous calls have been received by their 911 center for flooded basements in the City of Altoona, Hollidaysburg Borough, and Logan, Frankstown, Blair, and Allegheny Townships. In Clearfield County, numerous trees and wires were down in multiple municipalities. A roof was also blown off a residence at 45 Spruce Street in Madera, Bigler Township. The fire department helped the residents tarp the roof for the night. The residents are staying with family. In Cumberland County, emergency crews responded to a working residential fire at 1401 High Street in East Pennsboro Township, which was the result of a lightning strike. The American Red Cross (ARC) was requested to assist three adults. A Hampden Township firefighter was treated at the scene for debris in his eyes and a shoulder injury due to a ceiling collapse. He refused transport to the hospital. In Blair County, Allegheny Township issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency on 8/25/26.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 8/16/26 – A strong line of severe thunderstorms with gusty winds and heavy rain entered the Commonwealth during the mid-afternoon hours, spawning numerous Severe Thunderstorm, Tornado, and Flash Flood Warnings, all of which have expired. Power outages peaked at 44,102 and have been steadily dropping. In Westmoreland County, an electrical substation was damaged due to a now extinguished fire. Three radio tower sites lost power; two sites have been restored to commercial power and one site remains on backup generator. In Clarion County, the first floor of an apartment building flooded at 301 Grand Avenue Extension in Clarion Township, and the American Red Cross assisted in securing temporary shelter for displaced residents. On 8/17/26, the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Pittsburgh reported a brief, narrow EF-0 tornado that mainly caused damage to trees along Upper Service Road in Greene and Racoon Townships in Beaver County. The tornado produced maximum winds estimated at 75 MPH, with a length of .39 miles and a width of approximately 50 yards. Other potential damage areas in Armstrong and Westmoreland Counties are being evaluated. Canonsburg Borough issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency. On 8/19/26, NWS Pittsburgh confirmed an EF-0 tornado touched down in the Orchard Hills Area of Armstrong County, with estimated peak winds of 85 mph, a length of 0.57 miles, and a width of 50 yards. After additional surveys, the path of the EF-0 tornado in Beaver County was extended to a distance of 4.5 miles long by 100 yards wide.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 8/10/26 – Thunderstorms traversed the Commonwealth, bringing heavy rains and some elevated winds. On 8/10/26, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued Flash Flood Warnings for McKean, Allegheny, Washington, Westmoreland, and Franklin Counties. After storm damage was noticed southeast of Indian

Head, the Saltlick Township EMA in Fayette County requested a damage assessment by the NWS office in Pittsburgh. During the overnight hours of 8/11/26, additional heavy rainfall prompted Flash Flood Warnings for Fayette and Somerset Counties, and a Flood Warning for Fayette County. In Fayette County, the 1000 block of Mae West Road (PA-281) was closed due to part of the roadway being washed away. PennDOT responded and was able to reopen one lane to traffic. In Somerset County, fire crews evacuated an unknown number of residents from homes along Jersey Hollow Road in Upper Turkeyfoot Township. No critical care facilities were impacted. The American Red Cross (ARC) was requested to assist the displaced. Somerset County 911 received numerous reports of flooding at the Scottyland Campground in Middlecreek Township, where an individual needed rescuing from the top of his vehicle after escaping from his camper, which was floating in the flood waters. In Somerset County, CSX rail traffic was shut down on 8/11 in the area of Hogback Road, but it has since resumed. American Red Cross teams were in the area conducting assessments. Fayette County, along with Henry Clay and Stewart Townships, issued Declarations of Disaster Emergency. On 8/14/26, Middlecreek Township, Somerset County, submitted a Declaration of Disaster Emergency. A Disaster Declaration was received for Lower Turkeyfoot Township in Somerset County. On 8/20/26, NWS Pittsburgh reported that the damage in Fayette County was caused by straight line winds, which were estimated at 75-80 miles per hour. On 8/26/26, Stewart Township in Fayette County issued an extension of their Declaration of Disaster Emergency until 9/30/26. On 8/31/26, Mae West Road (PA-281) closed for approximately four weeks for repairs. On 9/2/26, Stewart Township in Fayette County reported efforts to repair roadways with assistance from outside agencies such as the Fayette County Bridge Department, Wharton Township, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Cleveland Brothers CAT.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 8/7/26 – Widespread storms crossed the Commonwealth Friday during the day and overnight, resulting in Flood and Flash Flood Warnings being issued for multiple counties. All watches and warnings have expired. Counties reported downed trees and powerlines, closed roadways, and flooded homes and businesses. Emergency units in Armstrong and Clarion Counties responded to pump out basements and assist residents that evacuated their homes. In Northampton County, a minimum of 20 homes were affected, and at least four businesses were flooded. None of the homes suffered any structural damage. A door-to-door assessment was conducted on 8/8/26. In Lancaster County, a residential structure in Hempfield Township had its basement walls collapse. A tree fell onto a residence, downing a powerline and a transformer in Marietta Borough. Approximately five gallons of the transformer oil leaked into a storm drain. Emergency crews evacuated residences within a 150 foot radius of the initial home. Three homes on East Front Street and four homes on South Clay Street were evacuated of approximately 20 residents, until repairs and cleanup were completed by PPL. In Monroe County, Met-Ed experienced an outage, due to a substation transformer failure at Snydersville Substation. Approximately 2,253 customers were impacted. Met-Ed restored power with a temporary substation; however, an issue was reported with the portable substation. Monroe County reported that power was restored to all of Hamilton Township during the overnight hours of 8/9/26. Flash Flood Warnings were issued in the evening hours of 8/8/26 for Crawford, Erie, and Warren Counties. In Armstrong County, blown transformers and downed power lines on Cadogan Slate Lick Road (PA-128) in South Buffalo Township closed the roadway, and caused a residential yard to catch fire. The occupants of one home were evacuated to a neighbor's residence until repairs were completed. The roadway has since reopened, and the displaced residents returned to their home. On 8/9/26, Bangor Borough, Northampton County, issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to flooding. As of 8/19/26, the Bangor Borough Manager reported to Northampton County EMA that only seven residents contacted their office to report damages, all of which were either affected or minor.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 7/28/26 – Widespread showers and thunderstorms resulted in Flood and Flash Flood Watches and Warnings for much of the Commonwealth. Tornado Watches and Warnings were issued for Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia Counties. All watches and warnings have expired. Numerous state and local roadways were closed for flooding, along with downed trees and utilities. Power outages peaked at approximately 30,000 and have since declined. In Bucks County, Pyramid Healthcare, located at 2705 North Old Bethlehem Pike in Milford Township, was struck by lightning. A smoke condition was reported in one of the rooms. The facility did not evacuate, due to active lightning still in the area. 10 residences were evacuated on the 100 block of Washington Court in Quakertown Borough. Eight families were sheltered at the West End Fire Station, also in Quakertown, where they were assisted by the American Red Cross. Significant flooding was reported in Clearfield County. Swift water rescue boats went door-to-door in Coalport Borough and the village of Rosebud, where flooding reached the second floor of several homes. A damage assessment was conducted in the impacted municipalities on 7/29/26. The Director of PEMA ordered a Limited Partial Activation of the CRCC at 0800 hours on 7/29/26 to provide situational awareness and GIS mapping products to assist the field assessment teams. The CRCC returned to Normal Operations at 1600 hours on 7/29, once damage assessments concluded. In McKean County, Bradford Water Authority temporarily shut down their treatment plant on 7/28, due to high turbidity; however, normal operations resumed within 24 hours. No BWA was issued. In Franklin County, Washington Township and Waynesboro Borough issued Disaster Declarations. Strattanville Borough in Clarion County extended their Declaration of Disaster Emergency for an additional seven days, due to a road collapse. On 8/7/26, Franklin County requested a Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC). On 8/21/26, the U.S. Small Business Association (SBA) approved the request to make financial assistance available to individuals affected by the 7/28/26 flash flooding in Clearfield County and the surrounding counties of Blair, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clinton, Elk, Indiana, and Jefferson. A Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) will be opened at the Glendale Volunteer Fire Department in Coalport Borough, Clearfield County, from 8/24/26 until 9/9/26, to assist eligible applicants. The Shapiro Administration will activate the Commonwealth Disaster Recovery and Assistance Program (DRAP).

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 7/5/26 - Severe Thunderstorms with high winds and heavy rains impacted the Commonwealth. At 2000 hours on 7/5/26, the Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) went to a Limited Partial Activation, and the Commonwealth Watch and Warning Center (CWWC) elevated to an Enhanced Watch to monitor conditions, coordinate initial response, and provide situational updates. Armstrong, Luzerne, and Monroe County EOCs went to Partial Activations. Flash Flood Warnings were issued for 43 counties and Tornado Warnings for five counties. Flooded roadways and basements, along with trees and wires down, were reported from across the Commonwealth. Multiple water rescues were conducted for motorists trapped in high waters. There were no reported injuries. In Dauphin County, US-322 was closed in both directions due to flooding and a tree down. There was no trapped queue. Lancaster County reported the roof of Weis Market, located at 740 South Broad Street in Lititz Borough, collapsed. Power was out and there was an odor of natural gas. The store was evacuated, with no injuries reported. Blair County reported three 12-year-olds were rescued from the Little Juniata River in the Borough of Tyrone, after their inflatable toy was swept into the river by flood waters. The Armstrong County 911 center operated on generator power, for less than one hour, with no issues reported. A ground stop was issued at the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) during the storm. In Armstrong County, the Salem Road (PA-1017) bridge in Redbank Township was found to have a cracked wing wall, requiring repairs. A second bridge was also impacted further south that required an inspection. Both bridges were closed. The Armstrong County EOC deactivated at 2100 hours. The Monroe County EOC deactivated at 2200 hours and reactivated at 0800 hours. The CRCC demobilized, and the CWWC returned to normal.

operations at 0100 hours. Luzerne County EOC remained at a Partial Activation. In Washington County, the Charleroi Water Authority requested an emergency generator to run the water plant in Charleroi Borough, due to an extended power outage. Washington County Department of Public Safety (DPS) fulfilled the request. On the morning of 7/6/26, approximately 105,000 customers remained without power statewide, with the highest outages reported in Lancaster, Cumberland, Dauphin, Monroe, and York Counties. York County issued a Disaster Declaration and began conducting damage assessments. Luzerne County EMA remained at a Partial Activation, while municipalities completed damage assessments. The Charleroi Water Authority was restored to commercial power, and the generator was returned. Additional rounds of heavy rainfall on 7/6/26 prompted new Flash Flood Warnings across central and western Pennsylvania, including Fayette, Westmoreland, Armstrong, Indiana, and Jefferson Counties. In Tioga County, evacuations were conducted in Westfield Borough due to flooding along the Cowanesque River. Water rescue teams responded to assist with the evacuations. The American Red Cross coordinated sheltering for the displaced. No injuries or fatalities were reported. Evacuations were completed later that evening. Preliminary reports identified damage to five or six homes, and a bridge, over Potter Brook. In Elk County, emergency responders assisted four stranded individuals during a water rescue operation in Jay Township after an ATV overturned while attempting to cross flood waters. A separate incident in the City of St. Mary's involved the partial collapse of a home's front foundation; no injuries or utility impacts were reported. Fire crews in Fayette County rescued several children trapped by flood waters in Dawson Borough, without injuries. Flooding undermined the Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad, near the Dry Hill Road crossing (145426X) in Upper Tyrone Township, washing out gravel and railroad ties and causing the tracks to bend. The railroad was notified and conducted repairs. An Amtrak train was stopped at the Connellsville station after a landslide blocked the CSX main line near milepost 278.1 in Lower Tyrone Township, Fayette County. CSX crews responded to clear the slide and restore service. The line carries both passenger and freight traffic. There was no estimated time for restoration. Multiple roadway closures were also reported, including US-119 and PA-403 in Indiana County, PA-120 in Cameron County, and State Road 879 in Clearfield County due to flooding, debris, and downed trees into power lines. On 7/7/26, recovery efforts continued across the Commonwealth, and power outages declined statewide. The Monroe and Luzerne County EOCs returned to normal operations, as damage assessment teams completed their work. In Tioga County, officials reported damage to the northern bridge over Potter Brook, with washout occurring behind the wing walls. The Perryopolis Water Treatment Plant was restored to commercial power, while the Perryopolis Sewage Treatment Plant continued operating on generator power. Indiana County conducted overnight water rescues in Green, Rayne, and Cherryhill Townships. The Red Cross was requested to assist displaced residents in Dixonville. Blair County continued damage assessments in Tyrone Borough, reporting 44 flooded basements, eight gas leaks, and damage to Decker Hollow Road. Numerous state highways reopened throughout the day. On PA-879 in Clearfield County, PennDOT discovered a washed-out 60-inch drainage pipe beneath the roadway and conducted repairs. Additional Flash Flood Warnings were issued during the evening for Armstrong and Clarion Counties; neither county reported any significant impacts. On 7/8/26, the Tioga County EMC and Director were in Potter Brook, along with PEMA staff, to conduct damage assessments. Approximately 13 homes were impacted. The county coordinated with the DEP liaison to provide products for the affected residents, to shock their wells and then collect samples for water testing. The residents were provided with roll-off dumpsters. The County also obtained a skid bridge for the residents in Potter County that have a private bridge in Tioga County, which was their only means to access their homes. The Salvation Army came with snacks and drinks on 7/7/26, and then with a cantina in the evening for hot meals. Other residents showed up with cleaning supplies and food. The Red Cross was on-site doing assessments. PennDOT cleared debris from the affected bridge. Both bridges on Potter Brook Road reopened. Numerous township roads were washed out and closed. In Tioga County, the PA-

4001 bridge inspection and debris removal was completed, and the roadway was reopened. In Carbon County, Lehighon Power and Light restored power to the pump houses for the Lehighon Water Department. In Lancaster County, the virtual EOC was closed transitioned to recovery. Multiple roads throughout the Commonwealth reopened throughout the day. Power outages continued to decline. On 7/9/26, in Cumberland County, power was restored to the Essex House. On 7/10/26, in Fayette County, Perryopolis Borough submitted a Declaration of Disaster Emergency, and the Southwest PA Railroad advised that their railroad tracks were repaired and have resumed normal operations. In Carbon County, the generator loaned to Lehighon Water Authority was returned to Lehigh County. They resumed normal operations. In Blair County, a Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) opened on 7/14/26 from 1400 to 1800 hours to assist families affected by this event. On 7/15, Fayette County EMA met with Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) member organizations, the Fayette County Community Action Agency assigned caseworkers to contact affected residents. The County EMA met with Mennonite Disaster Services on 7/23 to discuss damaged private bridges. Redbank Township in Armstrong County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency.

RAIL INCIDENT - Bucks County, 6/30/26 - Approximately 13 CSX rail cars derailed near Bristol Road and Grove Road in Bensalem Township. Two of the cars contained hazardous materials. Evacuation and shelter in place orders were issued in a one-mile radius. The orders have since been lifted. All rail traffic was stopped, and Bristol Road was closed, but rail and roadway traffic have resumed. Due to the proximity of the Neshaminy Creek, water treatment plants were notified. The Bucks County Emergency Operation Center activated in response to the derailment but has returned to normal operations. No integrity issues were found on the derailed cars. Heavy lifting equipment was brought in for the removal of the hazmat rail cars. On 7/1/26, an additional site assessment was performed by DEP. The loaded isopropanol car was staged sitting upright. It remained there until an empty tank car was routed for product transfer. The adipic acid hopper car was staged upright. A field survey was performed downslope of the staged tanks. There are no threatened waterways. On 7/7/26, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) reported that an empty tank car was procured by the shipper of the isopropanol and was routed to the area for eventual offloading from the original car. CSX took ownership of the load of adipic acid, with an unknown offload date. A contractor hired by CSX made periodic checks of the loads to ensure they were still secure. On 7/10/26, CSX and Bucks County EMA worked with local landowners to access the site from the south side of the tracks. On 7/29, the load was transferred from the isopropanol tank car to an empty car. On 8/11/26, cleanup of the isopropanol car began. Recent weather softened the ground too much to support the heavier equipment needed for the cleanup of the adipic car.

MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) – Allegheny County, 6/11/26 - The Pittsburgh Police Department is searching for an 86-year-old female last seen near the 7600 block in Hamilton Avenue on 6/7/26 at 0800 hours in the City of Pittsburgh. She is described as five feet six inches tall, 120 pounds, with black and gray hair, black eyes, and wearing unknown clothing. She may be using a cane or a walker. Police believe this person may be at special risk of harm or injury or may be confused.

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.

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. On 6/27/26, PSP reported that bones were located in late March and submitted to Mercyhurst University's Forensic Anthropology Department in Erie, along with DNA samples. The samples were then sent to the PSP lab in Erie, then forwarded to their lab in Greensburg. There has not been official confirmation that the bones belong to the missing male.

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:

WATER RESCUE – Delaware County, 9/7/26 – Water rescue crews from Delaware County, PA and New Castle County, Delaware, were searching for a person who was reported to be in Chester Creek, near Ethel Waters Park. The Delaware County Field Communications unit, along with two light towers, assisted on scene. The subject was located and recovered from the water.

SEARCH DETAIL – Lackawanna County, 9/8/26 – Rescue crews were searching for eight people who became lost in a wooded area near Nesbitt Reservoir in Springbrook Township. Contact was made with the victims, who were not injured, and crews assisted them from the woods.

MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) – Crawford County, 9/7/26 – A MEPA was issued by the Pennsylvania State Police, Meadville Station, that was searching for a 76-year-old male who was last seen in the 100 block of Oak Street in West Mead Township at approximately 0830 hours. He was located safe, and the MEPA was canceled.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

9/5/26 – Beech Creek Township, Clinton County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/3/26.

9/5/26 – Bald Eagle Township, Clinton County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/2/26.

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9/5/26 – Mill Hall Borough, Clinton County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/3/26.

9/4/26 – City of Johnstown, Cambria County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/3/26.

9/4/26 – Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/3/26.

9/4/26 – Howard Township, Centre County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/2/26.

9/4/26 – Pitcairn Borough, Allegheny County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/3/26.

9/4/26 – Oakmont Borough, Allegheny County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/4/26.

9/4/26 – Southmont Borough, Cambria County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/3/26.

9/3/26 – City of Greensburg, Westmoreland County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/3/26.

9/3/26 – Lower Yoder Township, Cambria County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/3/26.

9/3/26 – Westmont Borough, Cambria County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/3/26.

9/3/26 - West Buffalo Township, Union County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/3/26.

9/3/26 – Erie County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/3/26.

9/3/26 – Manor Borough, Westmoreland County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 9/3/26.

8/21/26 – Lancaster and York Counties issued Declarations of Disaster Emergency in response to adverse weather on 8/20/26.

8/21/26 – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved the recent request to make financial assistance available to individuals and families affected by the July 28, 2026, flash flooding in Clearfield County and the surrounding counties of Blair, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clinton, Elk, Indiana, and Jefferson. The deadline to return SBA disaster loan applications for physical damages is 10/19/26. The deadline to return SBA economic injury disaster loan (EIDL) applications is 5/19/27. The SBA will open a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at the Glendale Volunteer Fire Department, located at 946 Water Street in Coalport Borough, Clearfield County, on 8/24/26 at 0900 hours, to provide in-person assistance for those wishing to apply. The DLOC will permanently close on 9/9/26 at 1600 hours. On 8/24/26, the Shapiro Administration will activate the Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Assistance Program (DRAP) through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), which provides grants to individuals and families affected by the 7/28/26 flash flooding in the following municipalities of Clearfield County: Beccaria Township, Burnside Township, Chest Township, Coalport Borough, Gulich Township, Irvona Borough, and Westover Borough.

8/11/26 – Stewart Township in Fayette County issued Declarations of Disaster Emergency in response to adverse weather on 8/11/26. On 8/26/26, this declaration was extended until 9/30/26.

8/4/26 – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved the recent request to make financial assistance available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private non-profit organizations that suffered economic injury due to the severe storms that occurred on July 4, 2026, in Monroe County and the surrounding counties of Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Northampton, Pike, and Wayne. The deadline to return SBA economic injury disaster loan (EIDL) applications is Friday, April 30, 2027. The SBA has opened a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at the Schoonover Municipal Building, located at 147 Municipal Drive in East Stroudsburg, beginning Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026, at 0900 hours to provide in-person assistance for those wishing to apply. The DLOC will close permanently on Friday, August 21, 2026, at 1600 hours.

8/3/26 – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved the recent request to make low-interest loans available to individuals and families affected by the July 11, 2026, severe storms and flash flooding in Philadelphia County, and the surrounding counties of Bucks, Delaware and Montgomery. Additionally, the Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Assistance Program (DRAP) was activated for certain areas of Philadelphia County through PEMA, which provides grants to individuals and families affected by the July 11, 2026, severe storms and flash flooding who live in the City of Philadelphia. To be eligible for the DRAP grants, individuals and families need to meet certain income requirements, have incurred damage from the storms which was reported to the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and have these damages verified by an appropriate entity. Additionally, small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations located in the declared disaster area that have suffered substantial economic injury may be eligible for an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). The deadline to return SBA disaster loan applications for physical damages is Sep. 28, 2026. The deadline to return SBA economic injury disaster loan (EIDL) applications is April 30, 2027. The SBA will open two Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) in Philadelphia. The first location at Dixon House, located at 1920 South 20th Street, will open Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 1000 hours to provide in-person assistance for those wishing to apply, and will close permanently on Wednesday, August 19th at 1700 hours. The second location will open at Community of Compassion CDC Community Center/NCAC3, located at 6150 Cedar Avenue, with dates and hours of operation to be announced at a future time.

7/28/26 – Strattanville Borough in Clarion County extended their Declaration of Disaster Emergency indefinitely until all emergency roadway stabilization, subsurface utility repairs, and pavement restoration work on State Route 1011 are officially completed and certified as safe by responding engineers, or until terminated by a subsequent resolution of the borough council.

7/21/26 - The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) issued SBA disaster declarations #21717 and #21718 to make financial assistance available for individuals and families affected by the July 5-6, 2026, flash flooding in Blair County and the contiguous counties of Bedford, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, and Huntingdon. The Physical Loan Damage Application deadline date expires on 9/21/2026, and the Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application deadline date expires on 4/21/27.

6/26/26 – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) issued a disaster declaration to make financial assistance available to individuals and families affected by the 6/11/26 fire at the Oak Forest Apartment Complex, located at 2251 and 2271 Hampden Boulevard in Muhlenberg Township, Berks County. Additionally, the Shapiro Administration has activated the Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Assistance Program (DRAP) which provides grants to individuals and families through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. The deadline to return SBA disaster loan applications for physical damages is 8/24/26. The deadline to return SBA economic disaster loan (EIDL) applications is 3/24/27. The SBA will open a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at Chabad-Lubavitch of Berks County, located at 2320 Hampden Boulevard in Muhlenberg Township. The DLOC will be open Monday through Friday from 0900 hours to 1800 hours, until it permanently closes on 7/16/26 at 1700 hours.

6/8/26 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a disaster declaration for 17 counties in New Jersey who were impacted by frost and freezing temperatures during late April. This declaration made farmers in six additional contiguous counties in Pennsylvania eligible for assistance. They are Bucks, Delaware, Monroe, Northampton, Philadelphia, and Pike Counties. Farmers in these counties have until 2/8/27 to apply for the loans.

5/26/26 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a disaster declaration to assist farmers who were impacted by the late April freeze. The declaration opens emergency loans to farmers after the freeze devastated orchards and specialty crops just as they were beginning to bloom. Farmers can use the loans to refinance certain debts and reorganize farming operations. The counties approved under the declaration are as follows: Adams, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming, and York. Farmers in these counties have until January 26, 2027, to apply for the loans. The USDA advised that additional disaster declarations in other counties are under review.

2/22/26 – The U.S. Small Business Administration issued an 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 expired on 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:	Normal Operations
New Jersey:	Normal Operations
New York:	Normal Operations
Ohio:	Normal Operations
West Virginia:	Enhanced Monitoring – Severe Weather

24-Hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0453 hours, 9/8/26

High pressure will settle over the region today, bringing abundant sunshine and warm temperatures for mid-September. Morning river valley fog should dissipate in most areas by 9 AM, with afternoon highs reaching the upper 70s to mid-80s. Tonight will be milder than the past several nights, with partly cloudy skies and lows ranging from the upper 50s in the northern mountains to around 70 degrees along the Lake Erie shoreline. Wednesday will be warmer and more humid, with highs ranging from the upper 70s in the northeast to the upper 80s in Philadelphia, marking the warmest temperatures of the week. A cold front will approach from the northwest Wednesday night, bringing scattered showers and thunderstorms to the northwest late Wednesday and more widespread showers and thunderstorms Wednesday night into Thursday. Some storms Wednesday night could produce strong wind gusts. The cold front is expected to move south of the region on Thursday.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

