

National Support

To support the effort to create a WARN program nationwide, eight national associations met and agreed to support a WARN program in every state in the nation.

- American Water Works Association
- Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
- Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators
- Association of State Drinking Water Authorities
- National Association of Clean Water Agencies
- National Association of Water Companies
- National Rural Water Association
- Water Environmental Federation

Support in Pennsylvania

The following regulatory agencies and water/wastewater associations are supporting the PaWARN network:

Regulatory Agencies:

- PA Department of Environmental Protection
- PA Emergency Management Agency
- PA Public Utilities Commission
- US Environmental Protection Agency

Water/Wastewater Associations:

- PA Chapter - National Association of Water Companies
- PA Municipal Authorities Association
- PA Rural Water Association
- PA Section – American Water Works Association
- PA Water Environment Association
- Water Works Operators of PA

Others:

- Rural Community Assistance Partnership

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AGENCIES



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ASSOCIATIONS



Utilities Helping Utilities

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Pennsylvania's Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network

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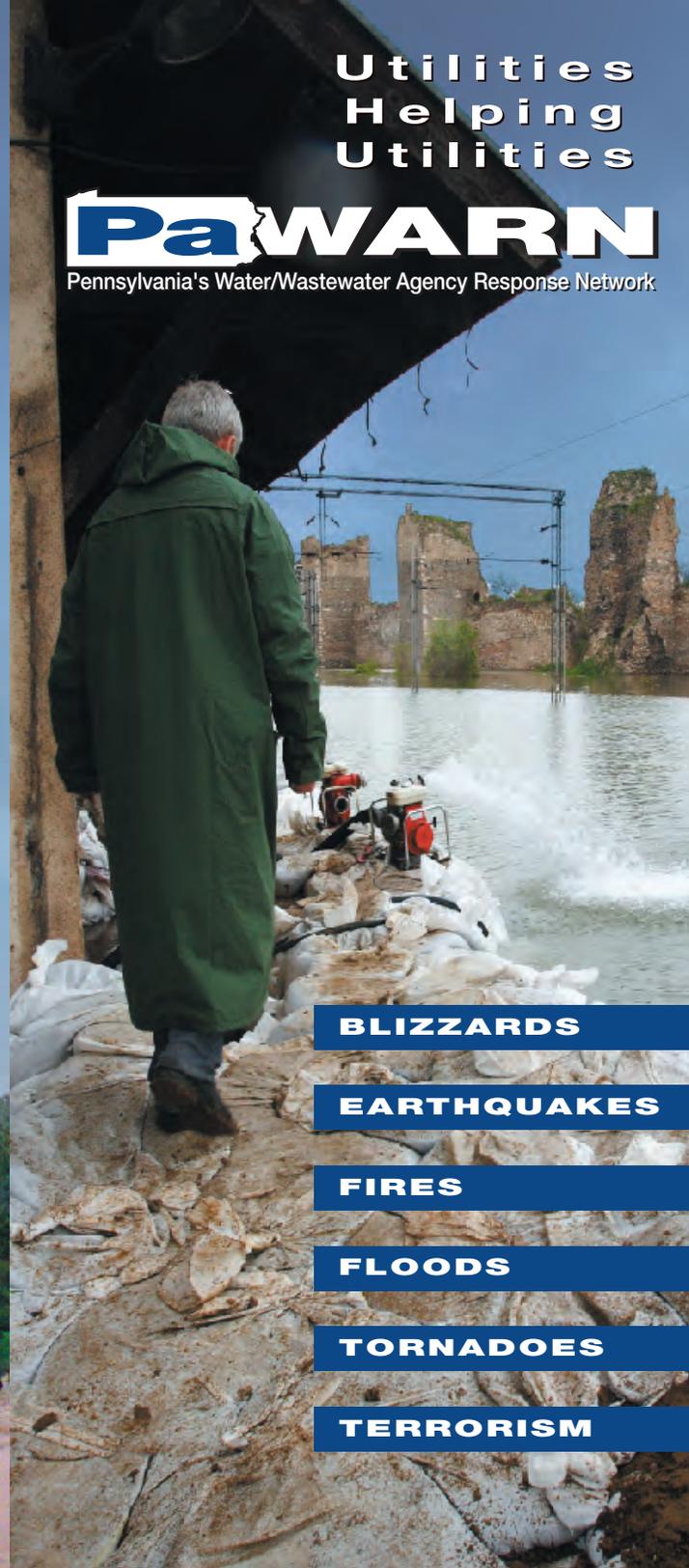
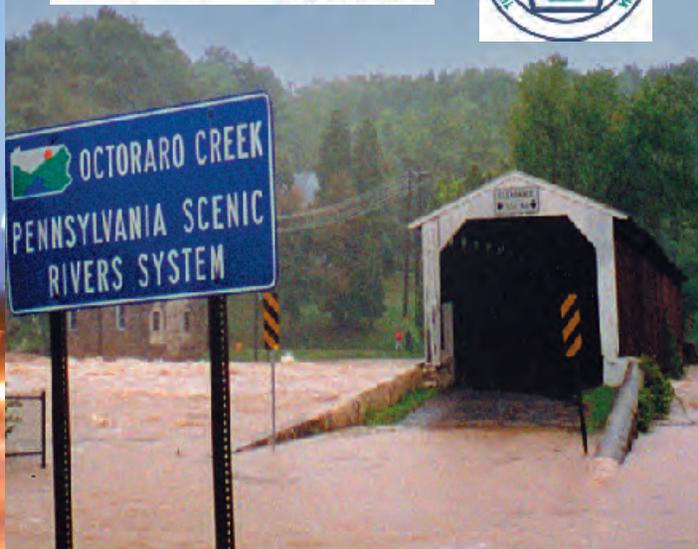
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TERRORISM



What is PaWARN?

PaWARN is a Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) of “utilities helping utilities” to:

- Prepare for the next natural or human caused emergency.
- Organize response according to established requirements
- Share personnel and other resources statewide by agreement.

Past disaster response and lessons learned tell us that:

- Utility operations are specialized.
- Utilities must be self-sufficient and fill the gap between disaster onset and arrival of other governmental aid.
- Communities cannot function without water.
- Water restoration provides hope.

What can PaWARN do for you?

In order to be eligible for federal grants and reimbursements before, during and after an emergency, all community water/wastewater systems are to:

- Adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- Support the development of interstate mutual aid programs.
- Integrate response at the field, local and state levels of government.

The PaWARN program will help facilitate meeting these requirements.

Mission

The mission of the PaWARN network is to support and promote statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response, and mutual aid assistance for public and private water and wastewater utilities for natural and human caused events in the Commonwealth.



Purpose

The PaWARN network will provide water and wastewater utilities with:

- A mutual assistance agreement and process for sharing emergency resources among water and wastewater agencies statewide.
- A mutual assistance program consistent with other statewide mutual aid and assistance programs and the National Incident Management System.
- The resources to respond and recover more quickly from a natural or human caused disaster.
- A forum for developing and maintaining emergency contacts and relationships.



Participation

The PaWARN Omnibus Mutual Assistance Agreement is available to all public and private water and wastewater utilities in Pennsylvania.

Agreement

All actions, recommendations, etc. are made in accordance with the articles of the PaWARN Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

PaWarn benefits

- No cost to participate.
- Increased planning and coordination.
- Enhances access to specialized resources.
- A single agreement provides access to all member utilities statewide.
- Provides insurance for access to resources during an emergency without pre-contractual limitations or retainer fees.
- Expedites arrival of aid.
- Signatures have a pre-established relationship under which they are able to share resources during an emergency at the discretion of each participating agency.
- It is consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- Provides a list of emergency contacts and phone numbers.
- Reduces administrative conflict.
- Agreement contains indemnification and workers' compensation provisions to protect participating utilities, and provides for reimbursement of costs, as needed.
- Avoids federal bureaucracy.
- Increases hope that recovery comes quickly.

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