Major severe weather event and flooding event June 13th-14th, 2013

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Purpose of Briefing



- Briefing #1 for event
- Promote situational awareness for emergency management community & partners
- Provide guidance for planning efforts
- Briefing applies to Mount Holly service area – shaded in green on map

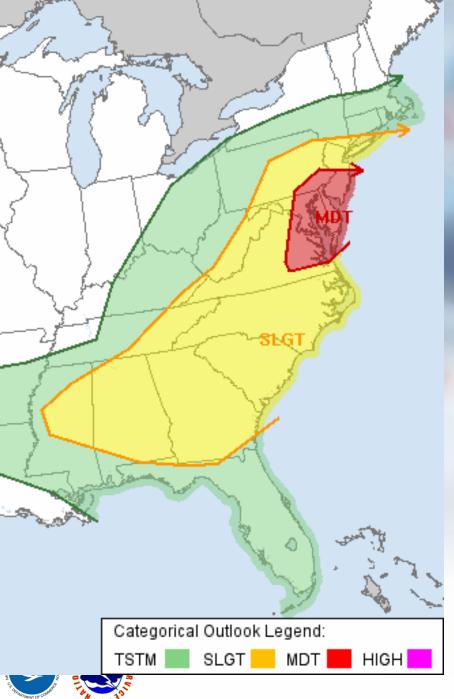




Executive Summary

- A strong storm system will bring the potential for more very heavy rainfall and active severe weather to our region on Thursday, June 13th.
- Given our recent heavy rainfall, any additional significant rainfall brings the threat of widespread flash flooding and river flooding. Rainfall amounts of one to four inches are expected, with the higher amounts expected over northern portions of our forecast area.
- Based on current rainfall forecasts, minor river flooding is likely for multiple river basins across the region. Moderate river flooding is possible.
- There is a threat of a significant severe weather event for our region, with the main focus over the DelMarva, southern NJ, and southeast PA.
- Tornadoes, strong damaging winds, and large hail are all threats to our region on Thursday.
- Monitor our website for updated information.
 - http://www.erh.noaa.gov/phi/
- Another briefing package will be issued by 600 PM this afternoon.





Severe weather threat

- All of our forecast area has a threat of severe weather on Thursday.
- Central & southern NJ, southeast PA, and DelMarVA have the highest threat of severe weather.
- Tornadoes, strong damaging winds and large hail are all threats to the region on Thursday.

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Forecast - 5 AM Thursday

 Here is a computer model forecast of how the radar will look at 500 AM Thursday.

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Forecast - 5 PM Thursday

 Here is a computer model forecast of how the radar will look at 500 PM Thursday.

Maine Montreal Ottawa Vermont Lake Huron New Hampshire Toronto Lake Ontario Massachusetts Connecticut Long Island Sound Pennsylvania New York-New-Jersey F (inches) Ohijo Washington + West Virginia 1,00° Virginia Blue Ridge Mountains North Carolina © 2013 Google Google earth Image © 2013 TerraMetrics Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCC 40°49'23.24" N 76°34'57.23" W elev 1313 ft eye alt 772.71 mi 🔘

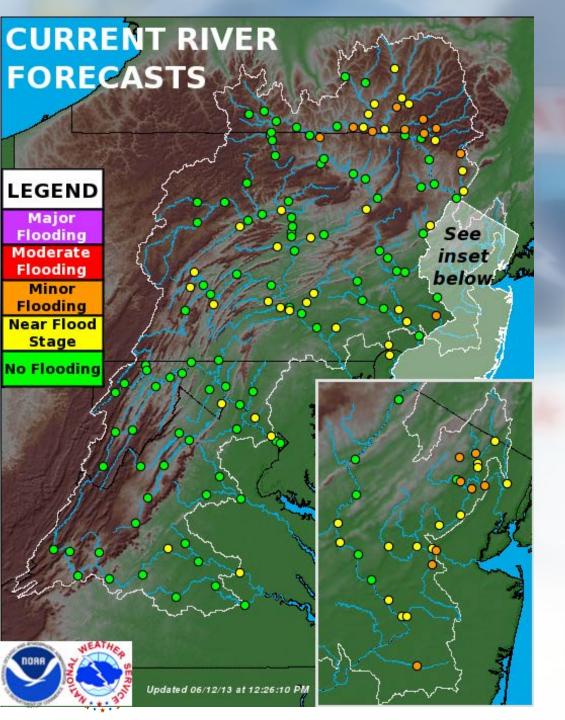
Rainfall

One to four inches across the region with highest amounts in northern NJ & northeast PA.

Flash flooding

- The heaviest rain is expected to fall from late Thursday morning, through Thursday afternoon, into Thursday evening.
- Expect significant flash flooding where the heavier rainfall occurs.
- The Thursday evening rush hour will be significantly impacted.





River flooding

- Minor river flooding is likely.
- Moderate river flooding is possible.
- If more rainfall occurs than forecast, or the expected rain falls in a shorter period of time, river flooding conditions will worsen.

River flooding resources

- You can monitor the latest river observations and forecasts at:
 - http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/forecasts.php?wfo=phi
 - http://www.erh.noaa.gov/marfc/
- Today is the last day of good weather to conduct any preparedness activities.



Questions?

- For the latest information, visit our website at
 - http://www.erh.noaa.gov/phi
- Our latest briefing package is available from our website at:
 - http://www.erh.noaa.gov/phi/briefing/packages/current_briefing.pdf
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