



PENNSYLVANIA PRIVATE SECTOR INTEGRATION

FACT SHEET

Pennsylvania is committed to creating resilient communities and our businesses are a critical part of that. When disaster strikes, recovery occurs when the businesses that sustain our communities are functional and the economy is restored. The Private Sector Integration Program engages businesses through:

1. Private-sector driven planning and discussion sessions.
2. The PA Business Emergency Operations Center (PABEOC), located at the Commonwealth Response Coordination Center, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.



Resilient communities

In a crisis, close collaboration and open lines of communication between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the private sector are critical to protecting citizens and rebuilding communities.



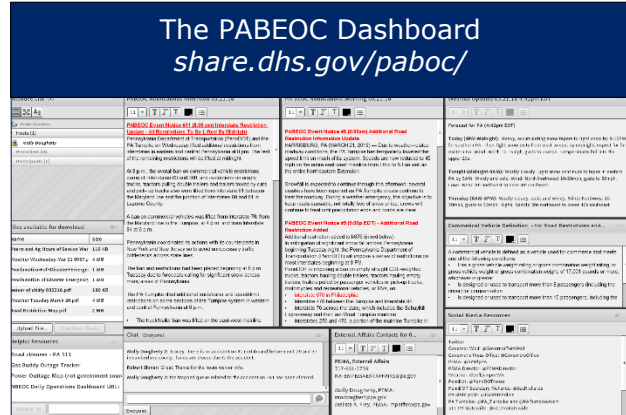
Trusted and collaborative relationships

Through information sharing, situational awareness, and resource requests, the PABEOC is a physical and virtual hub providing an opportunity for information exchange that helps build a common understanding of the impact of the disaster.

Program Objectives

- Improved awareness of the situation, risks, and status through a 2-way exchange of information.
- Support a direct pathway back to normal operations as soon as possible.
- Engage key stakeholders who bring resources, capabilities, and expertise to bear during disaster response and recovery efforts to determine impacts on their ability to provide services to the public.

The PABEOC dashboard, when activated, provides information such as planned road restrictions, waivers, and when proclamations of disaster emergency are released. Information that can help business know what to plan for.



Relationships that start before, continue through, and extend after a disaster

Participation and coordination is mostly virtual – via conference calls, email, telephone, and web platforms. As a member of the PABEOC, you can expect the following:

Help you **prepare**:

- Opportunities to participate in exercises and test your own resiliency.

Help you **respond**:

- Access to information to help you understand the current situation regarding potential incidents. Awareness of what state agencies and other businesses are doing to assist with the response including road restrictions on state roads and Interstates in Pennsylvania.
- Ability to participate in weather conference calls. Contact information for the Virtual PA Business Operations Center (when activated) to assist with issues.

Help you **recover**:

Access to information including situation reports, state agency closures, evacuations, power outages, recovery information.

For more information

Participation in the PA BEOC is voluntary and open to all members of the private sector. If you have questions, please contact PEMA, External Affairs: RA-EMPMAEXTAFFAIRS@pa.gov