AccuWeather Enterprise Solutions Provides Advanced Flash Flood Forecasts and Warnings to Central Pennsylvania

By some measures, flash flooding is becoming more common in the United States*. Regardless of frequency, timely and accurate warnings of the flash flood are critical for saving lives and property. With advance notice, families can get out of the path of rising water. With enough time, high-value property can be moved, as well.

When “the worst flooding in a decade” came to central Pennsylvania in the overnight hours of October 21, 2016, only AccuWeather Enterprise Solutions provided advanced flash flood forecasts and warnings.

More than 24 hours before the flooding began, AccuWeather Enterprise Solutions (AES) provided forecasts to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation warning of the hazard. At 10:04pm on October 20, 2016, AES issued a flash flood warning until 2:15am. The National Weather Service reported, more than 2 ½ hours later, "AT 1243 AM EDT...LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND SPOTTERS HAVE REPORTED FLOODING ACROSS THE WARNED AREA. 6 INCHES OF RAIN HAVE FALLEN. WATER RESCUES IN HOWARD ONGOING WITH PEOPLE TRAPPED IN MCDONALD’S IN MILESBURG. ANOTHER TWO INCHES OR MORE IS EXPECTED."

Incredibly, the National Weather Service did not issue its first flash flood warning for the area until 3:30am on October 21, 2016. By then, evacuations had been underway for hours.

The record is clear: When extreme weather threatens your business, turn to AccuWeather Enterprise Solutions for the most actionable and timely information. Call us today. After all, the next storm may already be on the way.

AES Flash Flood Warning for Client and SkyGuard Mobile:

SkyGuard® Warning 2218
Flash Flood

Start Time: Thu Oct 20 21:04 CDT
Expire Time: Fri Oct 21 01:15 CDT

Locations:
State College, PA

Comments:
Thunderstorms over the region are producing rainfall rates to 2”/hour and amounts if 2 to 3 inches, which will lead to local flash flooding.

*http://nca2014.globalchange.gov/highlights/report-findings/extreme-weather

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