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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News, our new email digest.

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We're excited about this new concept and want to hear what you think. Email comments and suggestions to [morningnews@psats.org](mailto:morningnews@psats.org).

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## Township Video News



PSATS members are networking with colleagues across the state without ever leaving their homes or offices. Executive Director Dave Sanko puts the spotlight on Discussion, an underused service that can help you navigate the challenges of public life. \*Please note:

This TVN segment was recorded in advance.\*

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## Latest News

### **[Wolf Signs Bill to Enhance Townships' Ability to Respond to COVID-19 Emergency \(SAMPLE RESOLUTION AVAILABLE\)](#)**

On Monday, Gov. Tom Wolf signed Act 15 of 2020 (SB 841) into law to address a number of township concerns and enhance townships' ability to respond to the COVID-19 emergency. Act 15 took effect April 20, 2020. [Read full story](#).

### **[Commonwealth Extends Statewide Stay-at-Home Order Until May 8](#)**

Gov. Tom Wolf and Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine have announced that the statewide stay-at-home order issued on April 1 will be extended until Friday, May 8, at 12:01 a.m. The order was set to expire April 30. At this time, law enforcement will continue to focus on ensuring that residents are aware of the order and informing the public of social distancing practices, rather than enforcement. For more information, [click here](#).

### **[Commonwealth Takes Action to Reopen Construction, Allow Liquor, Motor Sales](#)**

Gov. Tom Wolf and Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine have taken action to authorize online motor vehicle sales statewide beginning immediately. In addition, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board is now authorized to provide limited curbside pickup sales statewide immediately.

In addition, the commonwealth authorized limited construction activity to commence in-person operations statewide beginning on May 8. Construction activities will be required to comply with the Secretary of Health orders for these operations, including cleaning procedures and worker safety. The commonwealth's Industry Operation Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions documents have been updated to indicate that this directive applies to all construction activities. For more information, including copies of the orders, [click here](#).

### **[Department of Health Provides COVID-19 Case Data by Zip Code](#)**

The Department of Health is now providing data on the number of COVID-19 cases by zip code. The online map allows you to click on a zip code and see the number of positive and negative cases for each. [Click here](#) to access the map and scroll down. The county map will show first, and you will need to use the tab at the bottom to view the zip code data.

### **[Pa. State Police Releases Statistics for Calls, Crimes](#)**

The Pennsylvania State Police has released statistics for calls for assistance and crimes

for immediately before and after the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. While calls have seen a sharp increase, crimes, arrests, and crashes are down. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## Legislative and Policy



**The House and Senate will be in session today April 21, 2020.**

Watch session live [here](#).

### **[Governor Vetoes Senate Bill 613](#)**

On April 20th, Governor Tom Wolf vetoed SB 613. SB 613, would have required the Governor to develop a plan using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as federal Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency guidelines to determine which businesses could open during the current coronavirus emergency disaster.

[Click here](#) to read his veto message.

### **COVID-19 Enforcement Officers Disability Benefits Legislation**

Yesterday, the Senate amended HB 1869 to include language which would provide disability benefits to law enforcement officers that in the course of their duties contract or are diagnosed with COVID-19.

*The Association has concerns with the increased costs associated with HB 1869. Staff will continue to work on this legislation with the members of the Senate.*

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## Learn

### **Basic “Virtual” Training for Secretaries and Administrators - May 5 & 12, 2020**

This virtual training class will be offered in two sessions. This is your opportunity to learn from acknowledged experts about all the most important issues township secretaries and managers need to know, right from the comfort of your desk. Topics covered will range from budgeting, purchasing, advertising and meeting management all the way to human resource issues and public engagement. [Click here](#) to register.



### **LTAP Stop Signs and Intersection Traffic Control - 4/28/20 - Virtual Class**

Part of the LTAP’s new series of courses on signing and safety, this course focuses on STOP signs and other controls that improve safety at unsignalized intersections. The course will also offer content on common STOP intersection problems such as unwarranted STOP signs and multi-way STOP intersections. [Click here](#) to register.



### **Virtual Flagger Training - 4/24/20**

This instructor-led, virtual class, flagger training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Others who would benefit from this course include: utility companies working on low volume roads, law enforcement personnel, municipal managers and elected officials (to understand the importance, and for budgeting purposes). [Click here](#) to register.



### **QuickBooks Virtual Training Series – Bookkeeping Basics, Accounts Payable, Payroll And More!**

In this 5-part virtual classroom series, Diana Patton will review how to tackle all sorts of common (and not-so-common) QuickBooks tasks – from bookkeeping and accounting basics to using accounts payable to handling payroll and taxes – applicable to municipal government. If you have responsibility for



managing your municipality's QuickBooks files, you will not want to miss this virtual class series, which is made more convenient because you can participate and learn from the comfort of your home or office. [Click here](#) to register.

**[PFESI Web Series- Session 6- Volunteer Recruitment and Retention in 2020 - 4/22/20](#)**

This session will look at what is being done successfully around the state to recruit and retain members, what efforts are not working, and when is the time to look at alternative delivery systems. [Click here](#) to register.



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