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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

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Latest News

[FREE WEBINAR - Understanding the Cybersecurity Impacts & Risks of COVID-19 on Local Governments](#)

Presented in Partnership with the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. The COVID-19 Global pandemic presents unique legal and technical challenges for local government. Panelists: -Andy Strouse COO of intermixIT -Devin Chwastyk, Member and Chair of the privacy & data security group at McNees, Wallace & Nurick -Dan Tomaszewski our VP of Channel Success at IDAgent. [Click here](#) to register.

Census 2020: Did you Know?

The U.S. Constitution requires a census of all residents in the entire country every 10 years. The census counts every person living in the U.S. once (and only once). You are counted based on where you are living on April 1, 2020. The Census determines how much funding each state receives for the next 10 years. Pennsylvania receives 26.8 billion dollars each year through our 16 largest federally-funded programs. That's about \$2000 per Pennsylvanian per year. Learn more at 2020census.gov or pa.gov/census.

[Over the weekend](#)

Over the Memorial Day weekend, Pennsylvania's total coronavirus case count surpassed 68,000 with 1,928 new infections reported collectively over the three days.

The state health department reported on Monday that the commonwealth's current death toll due to COVID-19 is 5,139. The latest Pennsylvania COVID-19 data can be found on the Department of Health's website [here](#).

[Wolf Announces Red Gone by June 5](#)

On Friday, Gov. Tom Wolf announced that eight additional counties across the Commonwealth will move to “yellow” status under the governor’s phased reopening plan effective May 29, while those counties remaining in red are expected to move to yellow on June 5. In addition, 17 counties will move from the yellow phase to the green phase May 29. Read yellow and green phase guidance [here](#).

[First Lady Announces Be Best Initiative](#)

First Lady Melania Trump recently announced the BE BEST initiative, to help children manage the many issues they are facing as a result of COVID-19 and encourage positive social, emotional, and physical habits. BE BEST will concentrate on three main pillars: well-being, online safety, and opioid abuse. [Click here](#) to learn more.

[Commonwealth Releases Summer Camp and Recreation Guidance](#)

The Wolf Administration has issued frequently asked questions to provide detailed guidance to summer camp operators, public bathing places, part-day school-age programs, and other entities that provide necessary child care and enrichment and recreational activities for children and youth during the summer months. [Click here](#) for the FAQs.

Legislation & Policy



The House and Senate are both scheduled to return to session today, May 26th.

Pennsylvania could see a temporary budget passed this week with many of its state lawmakers voting remotely as part of the General Assembly's mitigation efforts that were put into practice in March due to the coronavirus outbreak.

The spending plan expected to be considered is intended to be a five-month temporary budget that keeps the state moving forward and allows time for the revenue picture to become clearer after the extended July 15 tax filing deadline. The temporary budget does not require any increase in the state's personal income or sales tax. The state's fiscal year begins July 1.

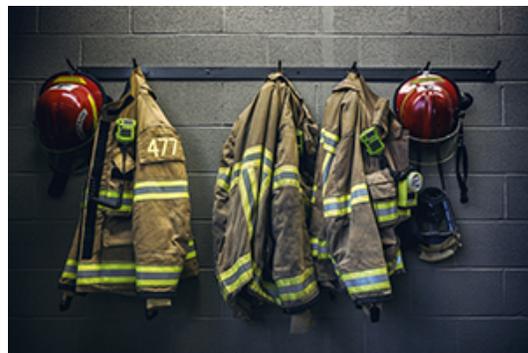
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[WEBINAR WEDNESDAY: Municipal Responsibilities on State Roads - May 27, 2020](#)

PennDOT and municipalities share the responsibilities for maintaining and operating roadways for the traveling public. While some responsibilities are obvious, there are many intricacies to who is responsible for particular traffic control devices, permits, sight distances, drainage, and others. This webinar will review the state laws and regulations that define these responsibilities, and discuss example scenarios to clarify the responsibilities. Ultimately, this webinar will help you and PennDOT seamlessly maintain the roadway system for the public road user. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.

[LAST CALL: Strategic Planning for Fire Service Operations in Townships - May 27, 2020](#)

This virtual classroom course will provide necessary information for effective decision making at the local level. Townships and fire service organizations serve diverse communities across Pennsylvania and have struggled with decreasing volunteers and increased costs. This training seminar will use lecture, small group discussions and facilitated brainstorming to identify solutions to sustain or



improve fire service in your community.
Qualifies for 4 PMGA Public Safety points. [Click here](#) to register.

[2020 Spring Emergency Management Virtual Forum - June 1, 2, & 3, 2020](#)

The spring Emergency Management Seminar is a separate 3-day virtual event. Participate with your EMC colleagues from around the state and hear informative presentations from local and state emergency management personnel, as well as hear the latest news and information from PEMA and TEMA. Additional presentations will address in-depth and practical ways to ensure the development and maintenance of an effective and efficient emergency operation program, and will highlight township exercise practices. The class is eligible for 6 PMGA Public Safety points. [Click here](#) to register.



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