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## Latest News

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## Learn

### [Township Gatherings And Special Events - Virtual - 7/20/20](#)

This session is designed to help township staff and officials understand the legal issues that need to be considered in planning and approving special events sponsored by the municipality and others. The presenters will review several topics, including public safety planning, First Amendment issues, and participant waivers. [Click here](#) to register.



### [Under Fire: Trends In Zoning And Validity Challenges - Virtual - 7/20/20](#)

Development pressures re-emerged in 2019 and were accompanied by an uptick in validity challenges from those wanting to shake free of land use restrictions. This session focuses on a Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision that has signaled a shift in thinking about validity challenges and their impact on local zoning ordinances. The trend highlights the need for township officials and planners to better understand the legal framework and processes behind these challenges. [Click here](#) to register.



### [The Township Role In Emergency Management - Virtual Training - 7/21/20](#)

One of the most fundamental responsibilities of every township is to protect the health, welfare, and safety of its residents. Whatever the natural and man-made hazards your township faces, it must prepare to “handle them all”. And while the leadership of the Board of Supervisors is crucial to the ultimate



success of your emergency management responsibilities, so, too, is the active involvement of your township's appointed Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) and the rest of your emergency management team. This course will provide detailed instructions on how to structure your emergency management team and make an emergency operations plan (EOP) that is responsive to the threats faced by your township. This course is eligible for 3 PMGA Public Safety Points. [Click here to register.](#)

**[Posting Local Roads For Infrastructure Preservation & Safety - Virtual - 07/24/2020](#)**

Safety- and weight-related postings are two tools available to help townships protect their roads when heavy hauling is occurring. Representatives from PennDOT will explain the differences between 4902(a) weight and 4902(b) safety postings and cover several related issues, including vehicle exemptions, weather-related restrictions, why bridge postings differ from road postings, and PennDOT policy updates. [Click here](#) to register.

**[Temporary Traffic Control Planning And Deployment - Virtual - 07/31/2020](#)**

Attend this virtual workshop to learn techniques to properly plan and deploy work zones. The presenter will also be reviewing helpful publications and policies that will impact local work zone safety. [Click here](#) to register.



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