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## Township Video News



PSATS Executive Director Dave Sanko highlights another new member service: six informative fact sheets to help local leaders safely reopen their townships as the state eases its COVID-19 restrictions. Warning: This segment also includes a bad “dad joke.” Watch at your own risk. (2:30)

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## Latest News

### **The White House is Expected to Restart Daily Press Briefings on Coronavirus, Possibly Today**

#### **[Reminder: Don't Miss COVID-19 Grants for Fire and EMS](#)**

The Office of State Fire Commissioner is accepting applications for grants under Act 26 of 2020, which provides COVID-19 grants for fire and EMS. Applications are due August 7, 2020. Each fire company and EMS company that received 2019-2020 grants through the Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant program will receive, at a minimum, the same amount as their 2019-2020 award. However, all fire, rescue, and EMS companies must register for the new program in order to receive a grant.

These one-time grants are to be used by eligible fire, rescue, and EMS companies to provide services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds are to be used to supplement operational expenses due to a lack of opportunities for fund raising and the inability to create revenue due to compliance measures. These include expenses for cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting equipment and property and other expenses incurred to prevent the spread of communicable disease. [Click here](#) for more information!

#### **[PSP Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement Issues Warnings but No Citations](#)**

The Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement announced that its officers visited more than 1,500 licensed liquor establishments July 17-19 to ensure that businesses are abiding by COVID-19 mitigation requirements, including social distancing, masking, and other health and safety requirements of the Liquor Code. There have been nearly 12,000 inspections since July 1 yielding 188 warnings and not a single citation.

Over this past weekend, officers issued 44 warnings and no citations for failing to follow COVID-19 requirements (with the Harrisburg office having the highest number of 10). To view an interesting summary of the number of checks and warnings issued by enforcement officers, [click here](#).

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### [Webinar - RoadResource.Org - Get The Most Out Of It For Township Roads - 7/22/20](#)

In this webinar, presented by Corinne Chalovich of Russell Standard Corporation, learn how to maximize the value of RoadResource.org, including by building your own road network, using the pavement life cost calculator, planning for future repairs and replacement, and using other tools in the RoadResource.org toolbox. Corinne will also be discussing what road treatments you can still perform this year to save your roads and stretch your budgets. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.



### [CDL - Probable Cause Training For CDL Supervisory Personnel - Virtual Training - 8/4/20](#)

Participants will learn what to do if they suspect or verify that a CDL employee is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol while on duty. Each attendee will receive a comprehensive student handout packet containing relevant instructional material. Each participant who completes the workshop will receive a certificate of attendance at supervisory personnel training for permanent retention in their employer's files. This training is required at least once for all personnel who have any supervisory responsibilities for CDL employees. All your CDL and CMV employees will benefit from attending this workshop. Eligible for 3 PMGA Public Safety points. [Click here](#) to register.



### [The Township Role In Emergency Management - Virtual Training - 8/18/20](#)

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.

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