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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

Missed yesterday's PSATS Morning News? No problem! A [PSATS Morning News Library](#) is available online for your viewing pleasure!

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



As the new and improved TVN celebrates its first birthday, we share some of the highlights – or should we say lowlights? -- from the past year.

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## Latest News

### [White House Provides Update on Operation Warp Speed](#)

The White House has provided an update on Operation Warp Speed, a partnership with the federal government, scientific community, and private sector to develop and deliver 300 million doses of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines by January 2021. [Read full story.](#)

### [EQB Seeks Comments on Decreasing Manganese Limit in Surface Water](#)

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) is accepting public comments on a proposal to lower the limit of manganese in surface water in Pennsylvania from 1.0 milligrams per liter to 0.3 mg/L. [Read full story.](#)

### [Neighborhood Assistance Program Now Open for Applications](#)

Today, Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Dennis Davin announced that applications for the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) and the Neighborhood Assistance Program, Enterprise Zone Tax Credit (EZP) are now open for the 2020-21 program year. [Read full story.](#)

### [PennDOT Announces Annual Highway Safety Survey](#)

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is seeking motorists' input on traffic safety and driving behaviors through its annual online Highway Safety Survey. [Read full story.](#)

### **Forum for Erie County, Northwest Region Happening Tomorrow!**

Due to Gov. Wolf's recent order capping indoor gatherings at 25 people, PSATS Regional Forums will now be offered as virtual sessions. The dates listed on the [PSATS Regional Forums page](#), but we expect to add more dates to break up one-day training into more manageable time segments over several days. For more details, keep up with the PSATS Regional Forums page.

Tomorrow is our first virtual Regional Forum for [Erie](#) and surrounding counties and there is still time to register!

Coming up in August will be our Regional Forums for [Lycoming County region](#) and [Bedford County region](#) so be sure to register!

### **2020 Census: Help Count Everyone in Your Township**

As a township official, your help is especially important for getting the word out to everyone living in your township. Some of the Pennsylvanians who are most likely to be missed in our census count include children, immigrants, and people of color. Rural households and

residents experiencing economic hardship or homelessness are also likely to be missed. Our population count determines the federal support Pennsylvania receives for the next ten years for education, healthcare, housing, food security, roads, and more. Township officials should make it a point to remind township residents to complete the 2020 Census by October 31st!

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## Legislation & Policy



### **[Right-to Know Legislation Becomes Law: No Township Impact](#)**

Act 77 of 2020 (formerly HB 2463) which clarifies that state agencies must comply with the Right-to-Know law during an emergency declaration became law on July 27th without Governor Wolf's signature. HB 2463 passed both the House and Senate unanimously in response to state agencies suspending responses due to office closures. The Governor had initially threatened to veto the bill, but relented after assurances from Office of Open Records (OOR) about employee safety guidelines.

The Right-to-Know law has remained in effect for agencies, including townships, throughout the Governor's COVID-19 emergency declaration. Townships should consult the Office of Open Records' Right-to-Know request guidance for more information on compliance during this declaration.

**[Click here](#)** for the OOR guidance.

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Learn

**[PSATS' Regional Forum - Erie County - \(Virtual\) - 7/29-30/20 & 8/5/20](#)**

Learn more about issues that matter to your community. Attend general session as well as workshop sessions. Earn PMGA and other professional credits for workshop attendance, and discuss common interests with other local leaders. [Click here](#) to register.



**[Understanding Your Community's Stormwater Obligations - Virtual - 7/29/20](#)**

This program, designed specifically for newly elected township officials, will cover the basics of municipal stormwater management. Topics covered will be helpful to communities with and without municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s). And don't worry if you don't know what an MS4 is...you will by the time you leave! 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.



### [CMV/CDL Records Management - Virtual Training - 8/11/20](#)

This workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's past drug and alcohol test results and driving safety reports; requests for CMV driver's license information; annually reviewing each CMV driver's qualification to continue driving; CMV daily vehicle inspection, maintenance, and repair reports; the employer's required policy on CDL drug and alcohol testing; and a general overview of all the CDL regulations. This class is eligible for 3 PMGA Public Safety points. [Click here](#) to register.



### [Developing Your Township Budget - 8/25/20 - Cumberland Co.](#)

This class will provide proven and effective methods and techniques to help new and veteran township supervisors, secretaries, treasurers, managers, road masters and public works officials develop budgets that work. This course is eligible for 2.5 PMGA Administration Points. [Click here](#) to register.



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