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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

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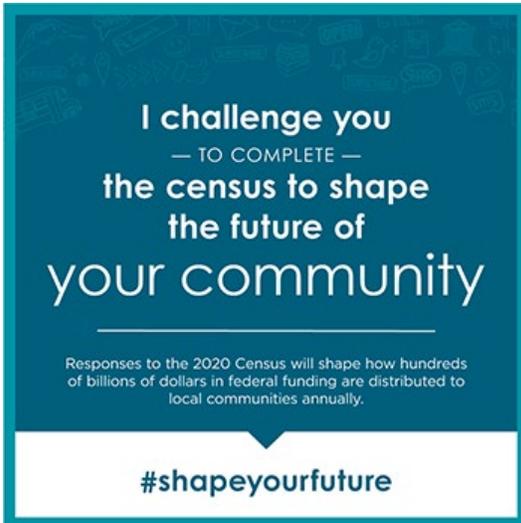
## Township Video News



Brush up on your Quickbooks skills before budget season with our new and improved class. Training Tuesday has all the details about this six-part virtual series plus other workshops on the PSATS calendar. (Note: Due to Gov. Wolf's recent order capping indoor gatherings at 25 people, PSATS has converted many upcoming sessions to virtual training. Those that must be held in person are limited to 25 participants.)

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## Latest News



### **BREAKING NEWS:**

#### **2020 Census Deadline Moved Up to September 30**

Last night, the U.S. Census Bureau announced that it was moving up the deadline to complete field data collection to September 30, a month earlier than planned. This new deadline (moved up from October 31) applies to both self-reporting and field collection efforts. With the tighter deadline, it is now more important than ever for township officials to encourage residents who have not responded to do so as soon as possible.

**To be counted, households must complete the survey by September 30.** Please alert your residents to this new deadline and urge them to make sure they complete their census and cooperate with census takers who come to their door. Your township's population count for the next decade is at stake!

Lack of internet access combined with the planned reduced time commitments of canvassers is pointing to low response rates. Spread the word to your township residents and start the Census Bureau's "Shape Your Future" challenge! I pledge to complete the 2020 Census and I am challenging you to do the same. #ShapeYourFuture

Let's work together to get EVERYONE counted in the 2020 Census!



**August 15 is SOON - Enter Your 2020 Data!**

Participate in the PSATS 2020 Salary Survey Plus by August 15 to ensure full access to all reports, including comparisons to 2018 and 2019 results, question by question comparisons, and reports by region, population, budget size, union, benefits and more! Participating townships will receive notice as soon as the reports are open.

To participate, first you must be your township's designated PSATS Salary Survey Plus Processor. Simply login to [connect.psats.org](https://connect.psats.org) and choose "My PSATS Account," then the Salary Survey Plus option.

### [National Night Out...today for some, Oct for 6 for Others](#)

The National Association of Town Watch sponsors National Night Out annually on the first Tuesday in August. However, due to the pandemic, the national organization has encouraged groups to modify their plans. [Read full story.](#)

### **Daily Counts from State Health Department**

The state Health Department reported 565 new cases on Monday bringing the total case count to 114,155. For the first time since March, there were no attributable deaths recorded Monday. 18 counties reported zero new cases while Sullivan County has not had a new case for 30 days. Greene County did record its first death over the weekend.

### [Warnings, Not Tickets Play Role in Education and Enforcement of COVID-19](#)

#### [Directives](#)

Governor Wolf visited the Susquehanna Township Police headquarters yesterday to discuss the important roles education and understanding play in the enforcement of the various COVID-19 mitigation efforts across the state. [Read full story.](#)

### **State Police Liquor Control Enforcement July 31 – August 2: 1,262 Checks, Three Violations**

Pennsylvania State Police Liquor Control Enforcement Officers visited 1,262 licensed liquor establishments from Friday, July 31 through Sunday, August 2 to ensure businesses are abiding by COVID-19 mitigation requirements that include social distancing, masking, and other health and safety requirements of the liquor code.

Liquor Control Enforcement Officers issued 52 warnings and 3 violations for failing to follow COVID-19 requirements. See chart below...

Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement   July 31 – August 2, 2020			
<b>ENFORCEMENT OFFICE</b>	<b>TOTAL LICENSEE CHECKS</b>	<b>WARNINGS RELATED TO COVID-19 MITIGATION EFFORTS</b>	<b>NOTICES OF VIOLATION RELATED TO COVID-19 MITIGATION EFFORTS</b>
1-Philadelphia	34	0	0
2-Wilkes-Barre	255	2	2
3-Harrisburg	85	10	0
4-Pittsburgh	421	15	0
5-Altoona	104	10	1
6-Williamsport	64	4	0
7-Punxsutawney	90	6	0
8-Erie	50	2	0
9-Allentown	159	3	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3</b>

### [PSATS Joins Coalition Urging Pennsylvania's Congressional Delegation to Enact Temporary Liability Protections](#)

A broad-based coalition representing industries, employers and local governments throughout Pennsylvania yesterday sent a letter to Pennsylvania's Congressional

delegation urging support for much needed and long overdue liability protections for those complying with health and safety guidelines. [Read full story.](#)

### **[Independent Fiscal Office Releases Monthly Revenue](#)**

For the month of July, state general fund collections were \$4.10 billion and \$1.77 billion (76.2 percent) above collections for July 2019. [Read full story.](#)

### **[Luzerne County Announces COVID-19 Relief Program; Luzerne County Townships Encouraged to Apply Today!](#)**

Luzerne County has been granted approximately \$28 million from state and federal funds to invest in COVID-19-related projects in Luzerne County. An allocation of \$5 million has been set aside for Luzerne County municipalities for COVID-related expenses. Funds must be used specifically “to prepare for, to plan for, and to respond to the coronavirus.” Grant monies have been allocated to Luzerne County municipalities on a per capita basis.

Applications will be accepted until September 4, 2020; however, it is recommended that you submit your application before that date. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply.

PSATS reminds everyone to check with your county commissioners on how to access funding for your community.

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## Learn

### **[Webinar - Don't Wait: How To Prepare Now For The Next Crisis - 8/5/20](#)**

The best way to handle a crisis is to prevent it. The second best way is to be prepared for it. Having a crisis plan in place before a crisis happens is key to getting your township on the road to recovery. Attend this session led by an accredited public relations counselor to learn: the stages of a crisis; how to go about creating a crisis plan; must-have content for your crisis plan; and best practices for effective communication during a crisis. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Safety Point. [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.

### **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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