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2021 PSATS Educational Conference and Exhibit Show News



“What’s in the Case?” - 2021 PSATS Educational Conference and Exhibit Show

The question is evident: What IS in the case? PSATS Executive Director Dave Sanko is hiding some big secrets – and surprises -- that will be revealed at the [2021 PSATS Educational Conference and Exhibit Show](#). Can you help us unravel the mystery?

Latest News

[Philadelphia Sues Commonwealth Over Gun Preemption](#)

The City of Philadelphia is suing the commonwealth for the right to adopt local gun control ordinances. [Read full story.](#)

[Commonwealth Makes Changes to States on Quarantine Advisory](#)

The commonwealth has added Alaska, Indiana, and North Carolina to the list of states that Pennsylvania residents are urged to quarantine for 14 days upon their return. To view the advisory and the current list of states on the advisory, [click here.](#)

[Love Trails? DCNR Seeking Applicants for 2021 PA Trails Advisory Committee](#)

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is seeking applicants for five open positions on the 2021 Pennsylvania Trails Advisory Committee. [Read full story.](#)

[Department of Agriculture Releases COVID-19 Restaurant Enforcement Numbers](#)

The state Department of Agriculture has released COVID-19 restaurant enforcement actions taken during the period of October 5 to 11. [Read full story.](#)

[Wolf Revises Mortgage/Rental Assistance Grant Program to After Election Day](#)

By executive order, Gov. Tom Wolf is revising the existing COVID Relief Mortgage and Rental Assistance Grant Program to give landlords and mortgagees the option to reach agreements with renters and homeowners for repayment of rent and mortgage payments above the program's \$750 monthly cap, instead of requiring the forgiveness of the balance. [Read full story.](#)



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**2020 PSATS STORMWATER
CONFERENCE**

**The 2020 PSATS Virtual Stormwater
Conference is Around the Corner!**

Pennsylvania has already experienced drought and three hurricanes this fall ... how will those events (and the many others that are sure to come) affect your stormwater management program? Attend one (or both!) of the upcoming "2020 PSATS Virtual Stormwater Conference" events to find out ...

[The "2020 PSATS Virtual Stormwater Conference - Policy Track"](#) event will be presented online from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 20 & 21.

[The "2020 PSATS Virtual Stormwater Conference - Technical Track"](#) event will be presented online from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 27 & 28.

[Click here](#) for details for both events.

Learn

[PSATS' Regional Forum - Lehigh County - \(Virtual\) - 10/15/20](#)

In the PSATS (Virtual) Regional Forum – Lehigh, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics from the comfort of your office or home. Among the topics to be covered include fire service challenges, road & paving, connecting with residents, zoning, emergency management, and more. You will also have an opportunity to interact and network with colleagues around the region. [Click here](#) to register and view the full agenda.



[Flagger Training - 10/21/20 - Pike County](#)

This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Others who would benefit from this course include: utility companies working on low volume roads, law enforcement personnel, municipal managers and elected officials (to understand the importance, and for budgeting purposes). This class is eligible for 2 PMGA Public Works points. [Click here](#) to register.



[2020 Virtual Fall Solicitors Seminar - 10/21/20](#)

In the Solicitors (Virtual) Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics from the comfort of your office or home. Among the topics to be covered include medical marijuana use in townships, flexible zoning, subdivision and land development solutions, use of force and government oversight of police operations, lessons learned during COVID-19 and a recent case update. Eligible for 5 CLE credits and/or 5 Administrative PMGA points. [Click here](#) to register.

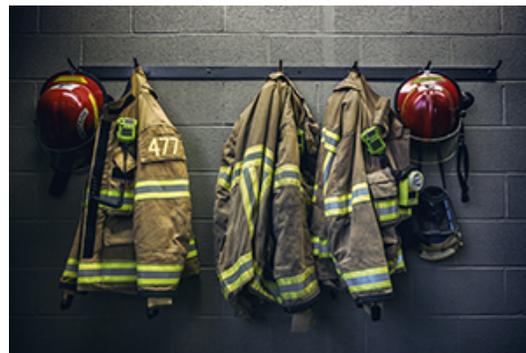


[Webinar - Police Reform Efforts Under Pennsylvania And Federal Law In Post-George Floyd Era - 10/21/20](#)

In this webinar, Andrew Rongaus of Siana Law will review police reform legislation that has recently been enacted at the state and federal level in the wake of well-publicized police incidents this year. Among those to be covered include the Presidential Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, Act 57 of 2020, which addresses police hiring and background checks, and Act 59 of 2020, which covers police mental health evaluations for PTSD. This should be a must-attend webinar for any townships with police departments to ensure that their policies and procedures reflect these new requirements. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Administration Point. Eligible for 1 CLE Credit. [Click here](#) to register.

[Building And Maintaining Effective Relationships With Volunteer Fire Companies - Virtual - 10/21/20](#)

Too often, the only communication between the volunteer fire company and a township occurs either at budget time or when a crisis hits. Yet, positive relationships between fire companies and public officials are essential to providing the best possible service to a community. This virtual session will identify why unclear expectations between public officials and fire company leaders can lead to problems and how solutions may be easier than expected. As they say, it's all about relationships. Eligible for 2 PMGA Public Safety points. [Click here](#) to register.



[Webinar - Analyze Your Curves - Township Roads And Warning Signs - 10/28/20](#)

Are you sure which of your township roads have curves that require warning signs? Did your township comply with its obligations to implement the new requirements in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices requirements by December 31, 2019? In this webinar, Joseph Fiocco, P.E., PTOE with SAFE Highway Engineering will cover the MUTCD requirements, with a particular focus on the requirement to conduct an evaluation of roads to determine which curves require warning signs. This course is eligible for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.



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