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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

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Township Video News



Has stormwater management got you down? We have just the thing to elevate your skills: the 2020 PSATS Virtual Stormwater Conference. Get a preview of this event later and other upcoming classes in this month's Training Tuesday segment. (2:55)

Latest News

[Governor to Amend Crowd Size Orders](#)

At 10 am today, Governor Wolf and Secretary Levine will announce new guidelines for indoor and outdoor events that relate to facility capacity. [Click here](#) for more details.

[Pennsylvania Ranks Poorly in New Report on States' Fiscal Health](#)

The commonwealth gets a "D" and ranked 38th in the Annual Financial State of the States report due to its poor fiscal health, according to Truth in Accounting. [Read full story](#).

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

The commonwealth has removed Georgia from and added Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, and Wyoming 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](#).

[Wolf Requests Major Disaster Declaration for August Tropical Storm Isaias](#)

Gov. Tom Wolf has requested a presidential disaster declaration for Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia counties due to devastating flooding and damage caused by Tropical Storm Isaias in early August. [Read full story](#).

[U.S. Supreme Court Declines to Hear Challenge to Wolf's Order](#)

The U.S. Supreme Court has formally declined to hear a challenge to Gov. Tom Wolf's non-life-sustaining business closure order. The court previously rejected an emergency challenge to the order. To read more from Pennlive, [click here](#).

[U.S. Senator Pat Toomey Retiring After Current Term](#)

U.S. Senator Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) has confirmed that he will not run for re-election or for governor of Pennsylvania in 2022. Instead, Toomey will return to the private sector. He intends to serve out the rest of his current term.

[FEMA Now Accepting Applications for Supplemental Firefighter Grant](#)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing a second opportunity for both volunteer and combination volunteer/paid fire departments to apply for \$31 million in funding under the Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. [Read full story](#).

[Reminder: New Grant Funds Available for Emergency Preparedness](#)

As a reminder, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's 2020 Non-Disaster Mitigation Grants Program is accepting applications until November 18, 2020. [Read full](#)

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[PennDOT Virtual Innovation Week - November 2-6](#)

PennDOT is hosting the first-of-its-kind Virtual Innovation Week for federal, state, and local government transportation representatives from across Pennsylvania. This innovation sharing event includes your choice of 10 FREE virtual sessions over five days and an opportunity to attend a virtual exhibit hall. [Read full story.](#)

Legislation & Policy



The Senate will be in session today, October 6. Watch session live [here](#).

Learn

[2020 PAAZO Virtual Fall Seminar - 10/7/20](#)

In this PAAZO (Virtual) Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics from the comfort of your office or home. You will also have an opportunity to interact and network with colleagues around the region. The complete agenda will be posted once it is finalized. Eligible for 5 PMGA Planning/Zoning points. Eligible for 5 CZO continuing education points. Eligible for 5 CLE credits (additional fee per credit hour). [Click here](#) to register.



Webinar - Fire And EMS Issues In Your Township: A Panel Discussion - 10/7/20

It's no secret that many townships are struggling to provide adequate fire and EMS services. Attend this webinar to hear from and question a panel of fire and EMS leaders ((1) William Jenaway, Chair of Upper Merion Township Board of Supervisors, President, MCATO, President, Congressional Fire Services Institute Board of Directors and President/Assistant Chief, King of Prussia VFC; (2) Bruce Trego, Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner; and (3) Jerry Ozog, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute), and about trends, best practices, and other public safety issues, including leadership, funding, volunteerism, consolidation and what recent legislative efforts may mean for the future of fire and EMS services in your township. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Public Safety Point. [Click here](#) to register.

Human Resources & Labor Management Institute - Virtual - 10/13-14/20

This online class is a two half-day event and is a must-attend for anyone who has responsibility for HR and personnel management in their township. Among the topics to be covered include hot topics, employment in the time of COVID, attendance, pay issues and "Stump the Lawyers." This class is eligible for 6 PMGA Administration points, 6 CLE Credits (additional fee of \$15.00 per credit) and 6 SHRM credits. [Click here](#) to register.

Flagger Training - 10/20/20 - Indiana 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.

[Webinar - COVID-19 And Special Events/Needs On State Routes - 10/20/20](#)

In these unusual times, PennDOT is working with municipalities around Pennsylvania to respond to their needs. In addition to the usual activities such as a 5K race or parade that require a Special Event permit, PennDOT is now using this process to consider other activities in the right-of-way to assist municipal recovery due to Covid-19. This includes full or partial lane closures for street dining or retail activities. This session will present an overview of the process, regulations, and guidelines to work with PennDOT for the required permits. Further discussion will address what are appropriate activities/actions that PennDOT will consider on State Routes, which activities will require approval by the FHWA and examples from around PA. Eligible for 1 PMGA Public Works Point. [Click here](#) to register.



[2020 PSATS Virtual Stormwater Conference](#)

Is your stormwater management program in need of some help? Attend the 2020 PSATS Virtual Stormwater Conference. Each two-day event starts at 9 a.m. and will conclude by noon. Click on the conference track below to register.



[October 20 & 21 \(Policy Track\)](#)

[October 27 & 28 \(Technical Track\)](#)

For full list of webinars and classes please visit <https://learn.psats.org>.



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