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Latest News

Members: CHECK YOUR MAIL!

PSATS members should be receiving a postcard in the mail this week with instructions for the new PSATS website. These instructions vary for members as it depends on if you have an account with the current member portal, also known as "Connect." The new PSATS website will launch on November 9.

[October Tax Revenues Continue Higher Than Expected](#)

According to the Independent Fiscal Office (IFO), state General Fund collections for October totaled \$2.6 billion and were \$275.2 million (11.9%) higher than anticipated. [Read full story.](#)

[PennDOT Clarifies Special Event Permit Rules](#)

The state Department of Transportation has released a fact sheet with rules for its special event permit. [Read full story.](#)

[Reminder: DEP Offers Grants for Diesel Vehicles](#)

The state Department of Environmental Protection is accepting applications for the Truck and Bus Fleet Grant Program until November 13. This funding is for projects to replace or repower eligible diesel-powered Class 4-8 trucks, school buses, shuttle buses, and transit buses and is part of the Driving PA Forward Initiative. Townships are eligible to apply for this program. [Click here](#) to learn more.

[Last Call for Final Virtual Regional Forum!](#)

Members, next week is your final opportunity to join us for the Virtual Regional Forum. Take advantage of this incredible learning and learn from your peers. Log on and join us for this great opportunity! To register for the Virtual Regional Forum, [click here](#).

Learn

[Strategic Planning For Fire Service Operations In Townships - Virtual - 11/18/20](#)

This virtual session will review the top 10 challenges facing volunteer fire departments and identify the responsibilities of the township when it comes to volunteer fire companies. Methods for assessing community expectations will also be discussed. Participants will be provided “show and apply” methods to conduct a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis of their current fire service operations and how to develop a standard of response based on public expectations. Qualifies for 4 PMGA Public Safety points. [Click here](#) to register.



[Webinar-How To Assure Your Township's Families Benefit From PA's Child Development Account-11/18/20](#)

Learn about Keystone Scholars and the PA Saving Pledge and working with the PA Treasury. We'll share ways you can make sure your residents are aware of both new programs, how to gain access to their Keystone Scholar account and how to win money for their child by taking the PA Savings Pledge. Join PA Treasury for a webinar on winning and success! Qualifies for 1.0 PMGA Administration Point. [Click here](#) to register.



Webinar - Claims Of Racism At Your Doorstep: What Is A Township To Do? - 12/2/20

What happens when a claim of racism is made against your police department and the newspaper and TV reporters appear at your meeting? What should you do before such a claim is made; what should you do when a claim is made; and what should you do going forward? This webinar will leave you better prepared for what might appear at your township. Eligible for 1 PMGA Public Safety Point. [Click here](#) to register.



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