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Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

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Latest News

[L&I Takes Action Against UC Fraud](#)

After an alarming spike in suspicious applications for unemployment benefits under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program, additional anti-fraud and identity verification measures are being put in place by the state Department of Labor and Industry. As a result, payments for new applicants are being temporarily delayed. [Read full story.](#)

[DEP, PennDOT Hold Webinar on Electric Vehicle Benefits for Local Governments](#)

On Monday, September 28, from 11 a.m. to noon, the state Departments of Environmental Protection and Transportation will host a webinar for local government leaders on the basics and benefits of electric vehicles. To learn more, [click here.](#)

[DCNR Releases Plan, Announces Recreation Grant Awards](#)

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) announced the release of a new Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and 2020 grant awards for community parks, small communities, and partnerships. [Read full story.](#)

Legislation & Policy



Governor Vetoes Pennsylvania Carbon Dioxide Cap and Trade Authorization Act

On September 24, Governor Wolf vetoed HB 2025, which would create the Pennsylvania Carbon Dioxide Cap and Trade Authorization Act. This legislation would clarify that the Administration does not have the authority to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and prohibit the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) from joining RGGI without Legislative approval.

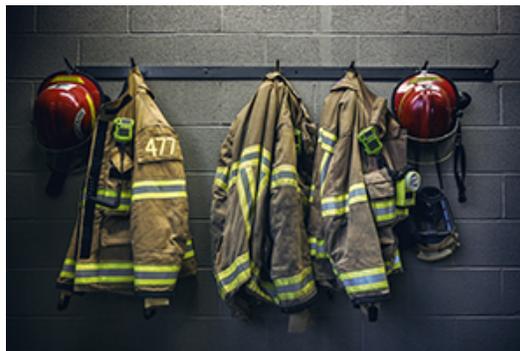
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[Building And Maintaining Effective Relationships With Volunteer Fire Companies - Virtual - 10/21/20](#)

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.

[MS4 Great Ideas 2020 PSATS Virtual Stormwater Conference](#)

Is your stormwater management program in need of some help? Do you have problems complying with your MS4 permit? Want to learn the latest best practices in stormwater management? Are you new to stormwater



management? If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, then you will want to attend the “2020 Pennsylvania Virtual Stormwater Conference!” Click on the conference track you want to attend. Registration is open to anyone.

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

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

[Webinar - Creating An Affordable Retirement Plan - 10/1/20 \(MEMBERS ONLY\)](#)

The Trustees Insurance Fund, through PSATS, is offering a webinar to provide an introduction to our 457 Plan and help your township officials determine if this is a valuable benefit to offer to the employees. This will be an interactive Webinar; participants will be able to submit questions to the presenter, who will answer them for the entire group. [Click here](#) to register.

[2020 TEMA Fall Forum - Virtual - 10/8-9/20](#)

This is a separate 2-day virtual event that is designed to meet the educational needs and busy schedules of all those responsible for your municipality’s emergency management program, including elected officials, municipal managers, road crew/public works personnel, and emergency management coordinators (EMCs). [Click here](#) to register and view agenda.



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