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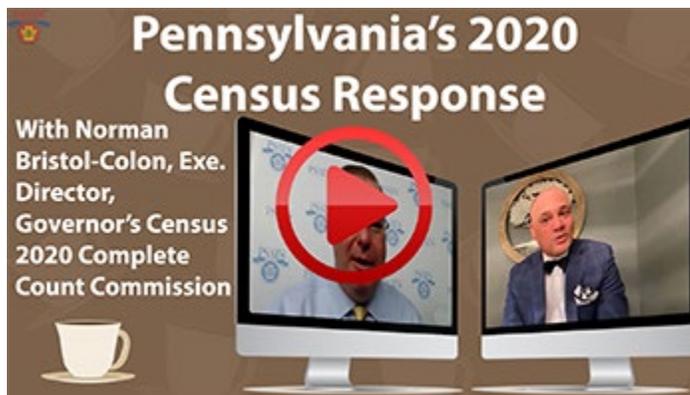
Welcome to the PSATS Morning News.

Missed yesterday's PSATS Morning News? No problem! A [PSATS Morning News Library](#) is available online for your viewing pleasure!

We're excited about this new concept and want to hear what you think. Email comments and suggestions to [morningnews@psats.org](mailto:morningnews@psats.org).

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## Township Video News



Norman Bristol-Colon, Executive Director of the Governor's Census 2020 Complete Count Commission, recaps efforts to boost Pennsylvania's response rates in the midst of a history-making pandemic. (10:04)

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## Latest News

### [Daily PA COVID-19 Cases Increase](#)

The statewide COVID case total now stands at 139,863 while the total deaths attributed to COVID-19 have reached 7,780. [Read full story.](#)

### [Some Townships May Apply for Coastal Zone Grants](#)

The state Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Water Resources Planning invites interested parties to apply for a Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Coastal Zone Grant. [Read full story.](#)

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## Legislation & Policy



The Senate will convene for voting session today, September 8. Watch session live [here.](#)

### **PSATS Announces New Grassroots Tool; Contact Your Senator Today!**

The PSATS Grassroots Network has a new tool that will make it easier for you to contact your legislators, view updates on legislation important to townships, and more! Click on the image below to view a short video on this new Grassroots tool: We are now asking you to contact your Senator today to ask them to support two very important Right-to-Know Law bills that are currently before the Senate State Government Committee.

The first, HB 283 would amend the Right-to-Know Law to allow agencies, including townships, to ask if a records request is going to be used for commercial purposes and, if so, to charge additional fees to offset costs for such requests.

The second, HB 860 would amend the Right-to-Know Law to clarify that personal financial information like W-2s and payroll deductions are exempt from the act. HB 860 would also exempt an agency's account numbers, credit card numbers, and PIN numbers from

disclosure. Additionally, an amendment is expected to be offered to this bill which would address "problem" requestors and provide agencies, including townships, a way to deal with these repetitive or nuisance requests.

Both bills are at a critical point in the legislative process and we need your help. After overwhelmingly passing the House, these bills have stalled in the Senate. With just a few months remaining in this session, it is more important than ever to contact your state Senators NOW to request their support of these bills.

[Click here](#) to use the new grassroots tool to easily contact your Senator today. Once you are logged in click on the "Grassroots" tab and then "take action." (You will need your PSATS username and password to access the tool. Email [memberservices@psats.org](mailto:memberservices@psats.org) if you need assistance)



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## Learn

### [CDL - Probable Cause Training For CDL Supervisory Personnel - Virtual Training - 9/8/20](#)

Participants will learn what to do if they suspect or verify that a CDL employee is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol while on duty. Each attendee will receive a comprehensive student handout packet containing relevant instructional material. Each participant who completes the workshop will receive a certificate of attendance at supervisory personnel training for permanent retention in their employer's files. This training is required at least once for all



personnel who have any supervisory responsibilities for CDL employees. All your CDL and CMV employees will benefit from attending this workshop. Eligible for 3 PMGA Public Safety points. [Click here](#) to register.

**[2020 Virtual Fall Solicitors Seminar - 9/8/20](#)**

In this two-hour Solicitors (Virtual) Fall Seminar, learn from experts on ways township solicitors can aid their townships unlock the value of passive public assets through solar development and about handling challenging ethics issues during these unprecedented times. Eligible for 2 Hours CLE (1 Substantive & 1 Ethics) and/or 2 Administrative PMGA points. [Click here](#) to register and view full agenda.

**[Webinar - Updating Your Zoning Ordinances To Address Emerging Trends & Changing Needs - 9/9/20](#)**

Are your existing ordinances giving you the flexibility and authority you need to address emerging challenges like the implementation of 5G technology, the growth of short-term rentals, urban agriculture, and accessory dwelling units? If not, funding is available to update your ordinances, and this presentation will help you craft policy with the flexibility you need to address these issues and the evolving needs of your community. We'll discuss the specific challenges these trends present to planning officials and offer practical advice for how to revise the ordinance to solve those challenges. We'll also walk you through the revision process and tell you how to get outside funding to support it. Qualifies for 1 PMGA Planning/Zoning Point. [Click here](#) to register.



**[CMV/CDL Records Management - Virtual Training - 9/15/20](#)**

This virtual training workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork, including pre-employment inquiries regarding a CDL applicant's records in the FMCSA Clearing House; requests for CMV driver's license information from PennDOT; annually reviewing each CDL drivers records in the Clearing House; 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.

**[PSATS' Regional Forum - Clearfield County - \(Virtual\) - 10/6/20](#)**

In the PSATS (Virtual) Regional Forum – Clearfield, 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, best maint post-COVID HR and employment issues, how to stretch your township public works budget, the Right-to-Know Law, municipal “Jeopardy,” 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.



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