Township Video News

TVN’s Training Tuesday | End-of-Year Help (3:03)
Townships have two important events on the horizon: their annual organization meeting and audit. Instead of stressing, plan to attend PSATS’ two new classes in December. Both are designed to make your first meeting of the year and the audit that follows go smoothly.

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Latest News

Reminder: Commission Accepting Municipal Applications for Boating Facility Grants
The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is offering Boating Facility Grants to help communities capitalize on the increase in new boating activity. Townships and other
municipalities may apply for these grants, as well as certain nonprofits, **by December 30, 2020**.

The program is designed to help local governments and nonprofits improve public recreation boat access facilities in their communities that are open and available for general use. Applications will be accepted from anywhere in Pennsylvania; however, special consideration will be given to projects that provide boating access in the Delaware River watershed. [Click here](#) for more about this grant opportunity.

**Funding Provides Emergency Shelter, Heating Assistance**

The commonwealth has awarded Emergency Solutions Grant funding from the CARES Act to entities that provide services across 20 counties. The funds will be used to provide emergency shelter in preparation for the winter months. Assistance is also available until April 2020 for home heating bills through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. [Click here](#) for more.

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**A Conversation with PSATS President Marvin Meteer**

In this month’s Township News, PSATS’ newly elected president Marvin Meteer shares his thoughts on the upcoming year and what he hopes is a return to more normal times for the Association and its members.

Other articles in this issue include features on how townships are using drones, how surplus programs can save taxpayer dollars, and what lessons emergency responders have learned about flooding. Also, check out how PSATS is planning to celebrate its centennial at the 2021 Conference slated for April 18-21 in Hershey.

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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.

Flagger Training - 12/8/20- Luzerne 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). Click here to register.

Right-To-Know Law, Sunshine And Ethics, Oh My! - Virtual Class - 12/8/20
Has your township received bad publicity because of a misstep involving the Right-to-Know Law, Sunshine Act or Ethics Act? Not sure whether you or your township officials/employees are complying with your obligations under any of these laws? Or are you an experienced township official/employee just looking for a refresher? If you answered yes to any of these, you should take this class, which will provide best practices on how to more efficiently handle tricky (and common) RTKL requests, ensure smooth, and legal, public meetings (including remote meetings), avoid tripping yourself up with conflicts of interest and
other Ethics Act problems, and much more. This course is eligible for 3 PMGA Administration points and 3 CLE credits (separate fee required for CLEs). Click here to register.

The ABCs For Elected Auditors - Virtual Class - 12/15/20
In this virtual class, you will learn about the responsibilities of elected auditors under the Second Class Township Code, the nuts and bolts of conducting a thorough audit of the township’s finances, how to best navigate DCED’s online financial reporting requirements, and ways to ensure a healthy working relationship between the elected auditors and the township. This class will benefit not only elected auditors, but also those township employees who are responsible for coordinating the audit from the township’s side. The presenters will be Lisa Myers, a CPA from Boyer & Ritter with substantial experience with municipal finance, Scott Coburn, PSATS’ Counsel and Education Director, and Michael Williams with DCED’s Municipal Statistics Office. Eligible for 1.5 PMGA Administration Point. Click here to register.

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

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