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Latest News

Law Enforcement Officer Complaint Database Opens Today

A new database begins operation today for use by law enforcement agencies, including municipalities, when hiring officers. Established and maintained by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, the database will contain information on law enforcement officers who have a history of criminal charges or discipline for actions ranging from excessive force to discrimination. It will be used to augment the enhanced background investigation process when hiring enforcement officers.

In addition, all law enforcement agencies must now maintain and provide officer employment records, including performance evaluations and reasons for separation for previously employed law enforcement officers to a prospective hiring agency.

Townships or regional departments with police employees can learn more, including how to register and use the database, by [clicking here](#).

Today is Deadline to Purchase a PSATS Centennial Ad!

Today is the deadline for reserving an ad in PSATS' commemorative centennial book, which will be unveiled at the association's Centennial Celebration Dinner in October in Hershey.

We are inviting townships and county associations to be a part of this historical book with an ad wishing PSATS your very best on this tremendous milestone. There are three options for ad sizes with an easy online reservation/payment process at www.psats.org/centennial-book-ad-sales/. The deadline for all ad

purchases is today, July 21. PSATS will even design the ad for you. For more information, contact Ginni Linn at (717) 763-0930, ext. 127, or glinn@psats.org.

And in case you were wondering, here is some helpful information for the Centennial Celebration and the commemorative book:

The Second Class Township Code authorizes townships to expend funds for centennial observances as follows:

*53 P.S. § 66540 – Observances and celebrations
The board of supervisors may appropriate moneys for the observance of holidays, centennials, or other anniversaries or for township celebrations or civic projects or programs.*

National Award Honors Small-Town Civic Volunteers

Communities depend on civic volunteers, especially firefighters and emergency medical services personnel. Townships rely on residents to serve on volunteer boards, commissions, and committees. If your township has a **population under 25,000**, you can nominate outstanding civic volunteers through the national Small Town America Civic Volunteer Awards. Municipalities represented by the top three winning honorees will receive cash awards of \$20,000, \$10,000, and \$5,000, respectively.

The awards focus national attention on volunteer shortage and supports innovative local volunteer retention and recruitment strategies. Municipalities and counties represented by the top 100 nominees will qualify for a free volunteer management module and a year of free support services for the module from CivicPlus, sponsor of the program.

[Click here](#) to nominate an outstanding volunteer in your township and fill out the online application. The deadline is **October 15**.

Today in History.....

On July 21, 1899, Ernest Miller Hemingway, author of such novels as “For Whom the Bell Tolls” and “The Old Man and the Sea,” is born in Oak Park, Illinois. The influential American literary icon became known for his straightforward prose and use of understatement. Hemingway, who tackled topics such as bullfighting and war in his work, also became famous for his own macho, hard-drinking persona. He later followed in his father’s footsteps committing suicide at his home in Idaho in 1961.

Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar

In the PAAZO Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics pertinent to your duties as a municipal Zoning official. Specific agenda items will be updated when finalized.

[2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar - 10/19/21 - Central](#)

[2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar -10/21/21 - West](#)

[2021 PAAZO Fall Seminar -11/9/21 - East](#)



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