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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | Hey, Move Over!

Here's what motorists are required to do when approaching an emergency response area, and oh, by the way, penalties are now stricter. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:25)

Latest News

Grant Opportunities: Driving PA Forward Initiative

*** *Truck and Bus Fleet Grant Program***

The state Department of Environmental Protection has announced an opportunity to apply for \$3 million in grants offered through the Truck and Bus Fleet Grant Program (*formerly Class 8 Truck and Transit Bus Grant Program*), one of the programs under the Driving PA Forward Initiative. This funding is available for eligible diesel emission reduction projects that will improve air quality and protect the public health and environment by reducing emissions from diesel-powered vehicles and engines. **Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on October 9, 2021.**

*** *On road Rebate Program***

The state Department of Environmental Protection has also announced an opportunity to apply for \$6 million in rebates offered through the On road Rebate Program, one of the programs under the Driving PA Forward Initiative. This funding is available for diesel vehicle replacement and repower projects that will improve air quality and protect the public health and environment by reducing emissions from older diesel vehicles. **The department will close the application period following the issuance of \$6 million in vouchers, or at 4 p.m. on November 12, 2021, whichever occurs first.**

Program guidelines and application instructions are available on the [department's Driving PA Forward webpage](#) or by contacting the Bureau of Air Quality (Bureau) at ra-epvwmitigation@pa.gov or (717) 787-9495.

American Rescue Plan Funds: Going, Going, Gone!

The deadline to apply to DCED for federal American Rescue Plan dollars is the close of business on Monday, August 2. Townships that fail to apply for their funds by August 2 will lose all their funds for 2021 and 2022. All funds that are declined or unclaimed will be reallocated (based on population) to the municipalities with less than 50,000 people that have applied. [Click here](#) to learn how to apply. If you have questions or are having difficulties applying, please reach out to PSATS staff at (717) 763-0930 so that we can help you.

PA Turnpike Makes Final \$450 Million Transit Payment to PennDOT

The PA Turnpike Commission delivered its final \$450 million payment to PennDOT for mass transit systems around the state, as mandated by Act 44 of 2007, bringing the total transferred over the last 15 years to \$7.9 billion. The payments have driven significant annual toll increases and deep cuts to the Turnpike's capital plan to rebuild and expand its aging system.

Under Act 89 of 2013, the commission's payment drops from \$450 million annually to \$50 million at the end of this current fiscal year; at that time, \$450 million for mass transit will come from the state's General Fund.

Before the enactment of Act 44 of 2007, the commission raised tolls only six times in 64 years. Earlier this month, the commission announced a 2022 toll increase of

5% — slightly lower than the 6% increases that have been approved every year since 2016.

Today in History.....

On July 29, 1958, The U.S. Congress passed legislation establishing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), a civilian agency responsible for coordinating America's activities in space. NASA has since sponsored space expeditions, both human and mechanical, that have yielded vital information about the solar system and universe. It has also launched numerous earth-orbiting satellites that have been instrumental in everything from weather forecasting to navigation to global communications.

Join us in Hershey for PSATS' Centennial Celebration Dinner, which takes place in just 12 weeks! [Click here](#) to learn more. Registration opens this coming Monday, August 2!

Learn

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

Flagger Training

This instructor-led flagger training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

[8/11/21 - Berks County](#)

[9/15/21 - Washington County](#)



CDL - Probable Cause Training for CDL Supervisory Personnel - Virtual Training

This workshop addresses these federal requirements by providing supervisory personnel with a working understanding of the federal CDL regulations, including on-the-job probable cause procedures.

[8/25/21](#)
[10/26/21](#)



CMV/CDL Records Management - Virtual Training

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 Clearinghouse; requests for CMV driver's license information from PennDOT; annually reviewing each CDL drivers records in the Clearinghouse; 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.

[8/26/21](#)
[10/27/21](#)



2021 Engineers Fall Seminar

This full-day seminar is designed to meet the educational interests and busy schedules of consulting engineers by providing a focused overview of important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients.

[9/28/21 - East](#)
[10/14/21 - Central](#)
[10/21/21 - Southeast](#)



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