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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | I can't get everything done at the township office. May I take township work home and get paid for it?

Here's what your township needs to know about employees working from home, especially if they can't get all their work done during normal business hours. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week. (1:26)

Latest News

Opioid Disaster Declaration Ends After 4 Years

Gov. Tom Wolf's opioid disaster declaration ended after the General Assembly declined to extend the declaration under the new provisions of the Pennsylvania Constitution. Previously, the declaration had been renewed 15 times. Wolf continues to press for renewal.

Many efforts to fight the opioid epidemic will continue. For more on how the commonwealth is fighting the epidemic, [click here](#). The state Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs recently highlighted its success with a warm handoff program aimed at providing a direct referral from the emergency room to a substance use disorder treatment provider following an overdose. [Click here](#) to learn more about warm handoff programs.

Commonwealth Highlights Efforts to Combat Litter

Both the state Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania State Police have made concerted efforts to cut down on littering through education, enforcement, cleanups, and volunteering.

PennDOT crews have expanded litter pickup operations, focusing on higher-traffic roads. The agency spends \$14 million a year on anti-litter efforts, diverting funds from road improvements. Townships may choose to designate litter enforcement corridors or partner with PennDOT to identify potential state-owned corridors.

Meanwhile, the Pennsylvania State Police initiated Operation Clean Sweep this summer to reinforce zero-tolerance of litter enforcement and anti-litter messaging. In Litter Enforcement Corridors, fines are doubled.

To learn more about the commonwealth's anti-litter efforts, [click here](#). To learn more about litter enforcement corridors and PennDOT beautification programs, [click here](#).

Reminder: FHWA Form 536 Due September 15

Township officials are reminded that the Federal Highway Administration Form 536 is due September 15. Forms may be submitted online through the state Department of Transportation's web form by visiting [PennDOT's FHWA Form 536 Reporting website](#). Once on the website, click on the "Forgot Password" link and enter your township's "DOT code," which PennDOT recently emailed to you. Please provide data for the 2020 calendar year. The form may be submitted by email to RA-PDFHWAMUNIFORM@pa.gov.

This form helps Pennsylvania comply with the FHWA requirement to provide annual data on local government highway-related revenues and expenditures from all funding sources, not just the liquid fuels funds you receive. The state also uses the data to reflect statewide trends and identify local highway needs and funding strategies.

If you have questions, please contact Kristen Sims at (717) 214-6161 or krsims@pa.gov.

Today in History.....

On August 26, 1939, the first televised Major League baseball game is broadcast on station W2XBS, the station that was to become WNBC-TV. Announcer Red Barber called the game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, New York.

Be sure to join us in Hershey for PSATS' Centennial Celebration Dinner, which takes place in just 7 weeks! [Click here](#) to learn more. Registration is open!

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.

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



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](#)



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.

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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.

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