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Latest News

Reminder: PSATS Town Hall on New Meeting Agenda Law

At 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, PSATS will host a free Town Hall on Act 65, the new law governing meeting agendas. To comply with new Act 65, all local government boards and commissions, including boards of supervisors, are now required to post agendas at least 24 hours before each public meeting. Attend this webinar to learn more and ask questions to make sure your township is in compliance with Act 65 of 2021. [Click here](#) to register.

Townships To Coordinate Damage Assessments from Ida

The Wolf Administration provided an [update on state agency response](#) to the historic weather brought by Tropical Storm Ida. Rainfall totals ranged from 5 to 8 inches, breaking daily all-time records. The National Weather Service is investigating potential tornados on Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery Counties. Several waterways in the southeast shattered previous records, including the Brandywine and Schuylkill rivers. As of late yesterday morning, 389 roads were closed due to flooding, downed trees, and utilities, including 16 major interstates or expressways. While some of these roads have now reopened, others remain closed.

“I want to thank all of the emergency personnel who are worked so hard throughout the storm to keep Pennsylvanians safe,” Gov. Tom Wolf said. “It will take time to complete damage assessments and make assistance and resources available, but we will continue to share information about assistance as it becomes available in the days and weeks ahead. Right now, my administration is continuing to do everything in our power to support local emergency officials as they begin to assess

the damage this storm caused in their communities.”

Township officials and local emergency management coordinators should work with their county emergency management office to assess and document the damage sustained to township infrastructure and the community. This assessment will determine whether each county will qualify for federal disaster funding.

Be sure to join us in Hershey for PSATS’ 2021 Business Meeting, which takes place in just 6 weeks! [Click here](#) to learn more and to register!

Today in History....

On September 3, 1777, The American flag is flown in battle for the first time, during a Revolutionary War skirmish at Cooch’s Bridge, Delaware. Patriot General William Maxwell ordered the stars and stripes banner raised as a detachment of his infantry and cavalry met an advance guard of British and Hessian troops. The rebels were defeated and forced to retreat to General George Washington’s main force near Brandywine Creek in Pennsylvania.

Learn

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

Strategic Planning for Fire Service Operations in Townships

This class will review the top 10 challenges facing volunteer fire departments and identify the responsibilities of the township when it comes to volunteer fire companies. Methods for assessing community expectations will also be discussed.

[9/28/21 - Westmoreland Co.](#)

[10/19/21 - Clearfield Co.](#)

[11/10/21 - Berks Co.](#)



Emergency Management Fall Exercise Forum

This full-day class is designed for everyone responsible for your municipality's emergency management program, including elected officials, municipal managers, road crew/public works personnel, and, most importantly, local emergency management coordinators (EMCs).



[10/28/21 – PSATS \(Cumberland Co.\)](#)

[11/4/21 – West \(Washington Co.\)](#)

[11/9/21 – East \(Montgomery Co.\)](#)

[11/18/21 – Central \(Centre Co.\)](#)

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