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Latest News

Reminder: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Applications Due December 17

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is accepting applications for the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program until December 17. The AFG provides critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognize standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience. Eligible applicants include fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations.

Applicants are encouraged to work with their FEMA Regional Fire Program Specialist. [Click here](#) for the AFG Notice of Funding Opportunity.

PUC Assigns New 835 Area Code to Southeast Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has assigned a new 835 area code for the southeastern Pennsylvania counties currently served by the 610 and 484 area codes, which includes Lehigh, Berks, Delaware, Chester, and Northampton Counties, along with part of Montgomery County. The remaining 610/484 numbers are expected to be exhausted in early 2023, which is when numbers will begin to be assigned to the new 835 area code. [Click here](#) for more.

Today in History....

In a letter dated December 3, 1776, General George Washington writes to Congress from his headquarters in Trenton, New Jersey, to report that he had transported much of the Continental Army's stores and baggage across the Delaware River to Pennsylvania. His famous crossing of the Delaware would come less than one month later.

Learn

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

[Webinar - Everything You Wanted to Know About Your VFD - But Were Afraid to Ask - 1/5/22](#)

This conversation will outline some of the forces converging on today's volunteers and will focus on offering solutions for the community and its first responders to move forward together towards adequate and affordable public safety services.



[Webinar - How to Handle Claims under the Heart and Lung Act - 2/2/22](#)

Many public employers do not understand their rights and liabilities under the Heart and Lung Act. As the result, improper benefits are provided and municipalities expend significant costs that may have been avoided.



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