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Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | What can we do when there's a shortage of snowplow drivers?

Townships may use a temporary authorization to have non-CDL employees operate CDL vehicles to remove snow or ice within certain limitations. The temporary driver must have a certificate of authorization from the chairman of the board of supervisors while operating the CDL vehicle and must remain within the boundaries of the township. Click here to catch up on previous Questions of the Week!

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Latest News

Reminder: PSATS Town Halls Today on Final ARP Rule

Don't miss PSATS' Virtual Town Halls on the U.S. Treasury's final rule for the American Rescue Plan funding, scheduled for today at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. [Click here](#) to register for the 11 a.m. Town Hall and [click here](#) to register for the 3p.m. session!

NATAT Provides Overview of Infrastructure Grant Programs

The National Association of Towns and Townships has released a summary of grant programs that will be provided through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The summary includes program eligibility and funding information. [Click here for more.](#)

Today in History...

On January 20, 1981, minutes after Ronald Reagan's inauguration as the 40th president of the United States, the 52 U.S. captives held at the U.S. embassy in Teheran, Iran, are released, ending the 444-day Iran Hostage Crisis.

Legislation & Policy



Yesterday, the Senate passed [SB 696](#), which would require the state and local governments to notify affected individuals within seven days following determination of a breach of personal information. Local governments would also be required to notify the district attorney of the breach within three business days. The bill now goes to the House.

The Senate Judiciary Committee reported out [HB 979](#), which would further clarify the existing prohibition on municipal regulation of firearms and ammunition. The bill would allow persons and organizations adversely affected by a municipal ordinance adopted in violation of existing law to seek damages attributable to the violation in an appropriate court, including the awarding of reasonable expenses by the court if the judgement is against the municipality. HB 979 previously passed the House and is now before the Senate.

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. Others who would benefit from this course include: utility companies working on low volume roads, law enforcement personnel, municipal

managers and elected officials (to understand the importance, and for budgeting purposes).

[Flagger Training - 2/24/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[Flagger Training - 4/27/22 - Pike County](#)



[Webinar - Stormwater Management: An Annoying Requirement, Simplified - 1/26/22](#)

This webinar is designed to provide participants with an overview of the challenges and best practices associated with managing a township's many stormwater-related responsibilities – in a way that is user friendly and easy to understand.



[Webinar - Where We Ride: Bicycle and Pedestrian Networks and Improvements - 2/23/22](#)

Do all streets and roads need to be “complete”? Not all do, but enough to create a network that allows bicyclists and pedestrians to travel to their regular destinations.



[Webinar - What Your Public Works Director Wants You to Know - 3/23/22](#)

Your township's public works staff have unique perspective, knowledge, history and information that greatly benefit elected officials and senior employees. Confronted daily with the challenge of solving problems with finite resources, they are your front line for issues that matter to your constituents.



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