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Latest News

USDA Awards Grants, Loans to Townships

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is investing more than \$16 million in 30 essential rural community facility projects and equipment in rural Pennsylvania through USDA Rural Development. Awardees include townships, fire companies, libraries and EMS throughout rural Pennsylvania. [Click here](#) to read more about the projects receiving funding, as well as the program.

Secretary Davin Departs DCED, Neil Weaver Named Acting Secretary

Gov. Tom Wolf announced that state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Dennis M. Davin will resign his position with the commonwealth on February 11. The governor also announced his intention to name DCED Executive Deputy Secretary Neil Weaver to serve as acting secretary. [Click here](#) for more.

Today in History.....

At 11:38 a.m. EST, on January 28, 1986, the space shuttle *Challenger* lifted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, and Christa McAuliffe was on her way to becoming the first ordinary U.S. civilian to travel into space. McAuliffe, a 37-year-old high school social studies teacher from New Hampshire, won a competition that earned her a place among the seven-member crew of the *Challenger*.

Seventy-three seconds later, hundreds on the ground, including Christa's family, stared in disbelief as the shuttle broke up in a forking plume of smoke and fire. Millions more watched the wrenching tragedy unfold on live television. There were no survivors.

Learn

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

[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.



[Webinar - State Police and Municipal Truck Fleets - 3/2/22](#)

During this one-hour webinar, troopers from the State Police Motor Carrier Enforcement Office will discuss a number of important requirements that all municipalities must implement in order to ensure they are conducting safe and legal commercial motor vehicle operations.



[2022 Emergency Management Spring Educational Forum - 4/24/22](#)

Join your EMC colleagues from around the state at this highly-interactive session, and hear informative presentations from local and state emergency management personnel and hear the latest news and information from PEMA and TEMA.



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