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Latest News

PA Cybersecurity Summit Slated for September 28-29

The Pennsylvania Cybersecurity Summit is being held September 28-29 at Harrisburg University. Join hundreds of leaders and security experts from the federal, state, and local governments, universities, and leading technology companies for this year's hybrid summit.

The theme is "All of State Approach to Cybersecurity." The two-day conference will offer educational opportunities about the many cyber threats and mitigation strategies from some of the best and brightest experts in cybersecurity. The conference will include tracks for non-technical senior leaders, as well as a technical track for cybersecurity practitioners. To learn more and to register, visit the [Cybersecurity Summit Website](#)

Reminder: Traffic Signal Modernization Grants Available

The 2022-2023 state budget includes an additional \$5 million for grants to municipalities to install and maintain traffic signal technologies at traffic control signals that will be connected to a central location at the state Department of Transportation using the Commonwealth Communications Network. The Traffic Signal Technologies Grant program is a reimbursement program authorized by Act 54 of 2022 and administered by PennDOT. No match is required.

The program will be administered similarly to Green Light-Go. Applications will be accepted September 1 to September 30. However, a [pre-application scoping form](#) is required and may be submitted to RA-PDSignalFunding@pa.gov now. To learn more, [click here](#). Guidelines are [available here](#).

Today in History...

On August 22, 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt sets out on a tour of New England by car. The event marks the first time a U.S. president greets the public by automobile.

Editor's Note:

PSATS apologizes for the technical glitch that prevented Friday's Morning News Distribution. Below is the content from August 19, 2022.

Fire Commissioner Relaunches "Academy on the Road" Training

The Office of State Fire Commissioner is relaunching its Academy on the Road (AOTR) training program, which is administered by the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy. These programs, taught by qualified instructors, are available on-site to fire-rescue organizations interested in these courses.

Participating locations must recruit at least 24 qualified students that meet the course prerequisites and provide applications for these students 15 days prior to the start of the course. [Click here](#) for more.

Second Quarter Natural Gas Production Report Available

The state Independent Fiscal Office has released the Natural Gas Production Report for the second quarter of 2022. The report contains analysis of spud well trends, as well as production trends. [Click here](#) to view the report.

PUC Reminds Southeast Pennsylvania of New 835 Area Code Effective September 2

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is reminding southeast Pennsylvania of the effective date of a new 835 area code that will operate alongside 610 and 484 numbers, which are expected to be exhausted in early 2023. The earliest any new numbers would be operational is September 2. New phone numbers will be assigned the 835 area code for counties currently served by the 610 and 484 area codes, which include Lehigh, Berks, Delaware, Chester, and Northampton Counties, along with part of Montgomery County. [Click here](#) for more.

Friday, August 19 in History

On August 19, 1909, the first race is held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, now the home of the world's most famous motor racing competition, the Indianapolis 500.

Learn

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

[Making Inter-Municipal Stormwater Management Work For You - 8/25/22](#)

This webinar will provide an overview of inter-municipal collaborative arrangements that have been used in Pennsylvania and have yielded efficiencies and cost savings.



[Background Screening: Reducing Liability & Maximizing Culture - 9/8/22](#)

In this webinar, Chad Bruckner of Intercounty Investigations & Solutions will review what constitutes a proper employee background screening process, the problems that arise if you don't conduct proper background screening, and the benefits of a quality screening process, including how it positively impacts your municipality's culture and performance.



[Taking Charge: Using Conservatorship To Eliminate Blight - 9/14/22](#)

This webinar will introduce participants to the process of conservatorship, how to evaluate if a property fits the qualifications, and how to bring a property from blight to blessing in just one year.



[Municipal Policing Potpourri - 9/21/22](#)

If your township has a police department, contracts with another department for police services, or is part of a regional police department, you will want to attend this webinar to get caught up on all of the recent laws, as well as proposed legislation, affecting municipal police departments.



[Stormwater Management Practices For Residential Property Owners - 9/28/22](#)

This presentation will discuss small scale practices designed to minimize runoff from residential properties including, rain gardens, rain barrels and cisterns, pervious pavement, lawn to natural area conversions, tree planting, and sustainable turf care.



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