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## Township Video News



### **TVN's Question of the Week | Is the township required to provide workers' compensation coverage?**

Find out more information on how the township is required to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for volunteer emergency service providers.

Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

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## Latest News

### **Pennsylvania Receives \$25.4 Million for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure**

Gov. Tom Wolf has announced that Pennsylvania will receive \$25.4 million to invest in electric vehicle infrastructure from the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The federal funding is part of a new [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure](#) (NEVI) Formula Program that will provide Pennsylvania with \$170 million over five years. There are more than 31,000 EVs registered in Pennsylvania, nearly triple the roughly 9,700 that were registered in March 2019. [Click here](#) for the press release.

### **Reminder: Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program Application Period Ends 9/30**

The new 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 until **September 30**. Please note that a [pre-application scoping form](#) is required and may be submitted to [RA-PDSignalFunding@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PDSignalFunding@pa.gov). [Click here for program guidelines and more](#). Please direct any questions about this grant program to Michael Centi, Senior Traffic Control Specialist, at (717) 787-5313 or [GLG@pa.gov](mailto:GLG@pa.gov).

### **Today in History....**

On September 15, 1858, the new Overland Mail Company sends out its first two stages, inaugurating government mail service between the eastern and western regions of the nation. With California booming, thanks to the 1849 Gold Rush, Americans east and west had been clamoring for faster and surer transcontinental mail service for years. In March of 1857, the U.S. Congress passed an act authorizing an overland mail delivery service and a \$600,000 yearly subsidy for whatever company could succeed in reliably transporting the mail twice a week from St. Louis to San Francisco in less than 25 days.

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## Legislative & Policy



[HB 1178](#) was amended and reported out of the House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee. As amended, the bill would **eliminate the 10-year limit on additional funding for merged fire companies** from the Fire Company and EMS Grant program. In addition, the bill now includes authorizing legislation for the programs funded by the fireworks tax in Act 74 of 2022. This includes

a loan forgiveness and tuition assistance program for active volunteer firefighters and volunteer EMS providers; scholarships for EMS personnel; fireworks danger education; and capital and operational grants for municipal fire departments and EMS training centers. The bill would address PSATS resolutions.

[SB 1027](#) was reported out of the House Labor & Industry Committee as committed yesterday. The bill **would allow a 17-year-old to train for an interior firefighting module with live burns** if they have permission to engage from a fire chief and a parent or guardian. The minor would be required to be under the supervision of a credentialed Pennsylvania State Fire Academy Instructor. This bill would address a PSATS resolution.

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## 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.

[9/26/22 - Venango County](#)

[9/28/22 - Montour County](#)

[10/4/22 - Erie County](#)

[10/5/22 - Franklin County](#)

[10/24/22 - Potter County](#)

[11/1/22 - Union County](#)

[11/8/22 - Bradford County](#)

[11/9/22 - Cumberland County](#)

[11/15/22 - Centre County](#)



**[Virtual Class - Stormwater 101 - 9/23/22](#)**

This half-day, in-person, introductory class will educate you on the basics of municipal stormwater management, including the effects of stormwater runoff, the impacts of new development and redevelopment within your municipality, and best practices that your municipality can implement to efficiently manage stormwater without breaking your budget.



**CDL - Probable Cause Training For CDL Supervisory Personnel**

Participants will learn what to do if they suspect or verify that a CDL employee is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol while on duty.

- [9/28/22 - Cumberland County](#)
- [10/12/22 - Bucks County](#)
- [10/19/22 - Butler County](#)
- [11/18/22 - Berks County](#)



**CMV/CDL Records Management**

This workshop will review CMV/CDL employee and vehicle paperwork.

- [9/28/22 - Cumberland County](#)
- [10/12/22 - Bucks County](#)
- [10/19/22 - Butler County](#)
- [11/18/22 - Berks County](#)



**[2022 PSATS Fall Engineers Virtual Seminar - 10/27/22](#)**

This full-day virtual seminar is designed to meet the educational interests and busy schedules of consulting engineers by providing a focused overview of important issues of interest to municipal engineers and their local government clients.



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