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Latest News

Reminder: Townships May Apply for Local Law Enforcement Grants until October 13

Township officials have **until October 13** to apply for the new Local Law Enforcement Grants that were part of the 2022 budget. These grants provide \$135 million for a Local Law Enforcement Support Program and a \$50 million Gun Violence Investigation & Prosecution Program. Click here for the [press release](#).

The Local Law Enforcement Program provides law enforcement agencies with the necessary resources to implement information technology improvements, purchase or upgrade equipment, cover non-traditional law enforcement personnel costs, support retention and recruitment efforts, and provide necessary training. Priority will be given to areas of Pennsylvania with high rates of violence or law enforcement agencies with low clearance rates. Township police departments may apply for grants based on population, with the smallest eligible for \$1 million. Click here to [learn more about the LLE Support Program](#).

The Gun Violence Investigation & Prosecution program provides district attorneys' offices and local law enforcement agencies with more tools to investigate and prosecute firearm violations and violent crimes committed with firearms. Funds may be spent on multi-agency gun violence task forces, personnel costs, and technology and software to improve investigation or prosecution and increase clearance rates. Click here to [learn more about this program](#).

2022 Archives and Records Management Seminar Slated for October 5

The Pennsylvania State Archives will hold a virtual Archives and Records Management Seminar October 5 at 10:00 a.m. Registration is free.

In 2019, federal agencies were required to transition to a fully electronic or “paperless” government. As of December 31, 2022, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) will only accept electronic records. NARA has developed guidance, digitization standards, and other records management solutions to aid federal agencies in this transition. The speaker, Arian Ravanbakhsh, NARA Records Management Policy Specialist, will discuss these initiatives, the issues encountered, and how they were addressed. He will offer his perspective to ensure that records being created electronically today are preserved for the future. Click here [to register](#).

Three New State Parks to Be Located in Townships

Gov. Tom Wolf announced that three new state parks will be created: Susquehanna Riverlands in Hellam Township, York County; Big Elk Creek in Elk Township, Chester County; and Vosburg Neck in Washington Township, Wyoming County. The new parks all meet criteria that warrants conservation. To [learn more about the new parks](#), click here.

Today in History.....

On September 28, 1965, six years after he led the Cuban Revolution and four years after the failed U.S.-backed Bay of Pigs Invasion, Fidel Castro announces that any Cuban who wished to leave the island was free to do so. With Cuban forces no longer blocking civilians from leaving, a massive wave of emigration ensued, bringing hundreds of thousands of Cuban immigrants to Florida.

Learn

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



2022 PAAZO Fall Seminar

In the PAAZO Fall Seminar, learn from experts on a wide variety of topics pertinent to your duties as a municipal Zoning official.

[10/13/22 - Montgomery County](#)

[11/17/22 - Butler County](#)



[PSATS Zoning Academy - 11/30-12/1 - Butler County](#)

This class will greatly benefit newer zoning officials, those looking to become zoning officials and municipal officials and employees seeking a better understanding of zoning's impact on municipal operations.

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