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## Latest News

### **Township Officials May Attend Digitizing Municipal Records Class**

The Pennsylvania State Archives (PSA) invites township officials to attend a free Zoom session, Digitizing Municipal Records: a Practical Discussion, which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, from 10:00 a.m. – noon.

This session was developed due to overwhelming interest expressed by municipal staff following PSA's recent Archives and Records Management Seminar session: Becoming a Digital Government.

PSA has assembled speakers who will present a broad overview of regulations and best practices for digital conversions, as well as provide first-hand experiences from municipal staff who are currently in the trenches, as they share both success and failures with records conversion.

The session is free for interested parties but does require registration. For more information and to register for the Zoom session, [click here](#). Any questions, please contact Josh Stahlman at [jostahlman@pa.gov](mailto:jostahlman@pa.gov).

### **More Than \$31 Million in Fire Company and EMS Grants Awarded**

Acting Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner Thomas Cook announced the approval of grant awards totaling more than \$31 million to 2,336 applicants who sought funding for the Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grant Program (FCEMSGP).

"Our office is pleased to see the level of interest in the FCEMS grant program increase year over year," said Cook. "This state support is much needed for our responders and the communities they work tirelessly to protect."

All fire companies, emergency medical services, and volunteer rescue squads are eligible to apply for this annual grant program. [Click here](#) to see if your fire and EMS service applied and received funds.

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## Legislation & Policy



### **Special Election Update**

Tomorrow will be the special election to fill the three vacant House seats in Allegheny County. The seats were vacated by the pre-election death of Representative Anthony DeLuca and the resignations of Congresswoman Summer Lee and Lt. Governor Austin Davis.

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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.

### **[More Than Water: Other Benefits Of Stream Restoration - 2/8/23](#)**

Unfunded MS4 requirements....The need to preserve land and protect against encroaching development....Rising demand for recreational amenities....Can a township address all of these competing challenges with limited funds? They have in Conewago Creek!

### **[Operational And Financial Considerations For Electric Vehicles - 2/15/23](#)**

This webinar will focus on the operational and financial issues that municipalities must consider with respect to the use of electric vehicles within their fleets, as well as choosing providers for EV charging stations for municipal and public use.



**The Anatomy Of Limiting Municipal Liability - 2/16/23**

In this webinar you will learn about the core areas of municipal risk and ways in which you can achieve the most benefit for a minimal investment in time and money.



**Using GIS To Solve Local Economic Development Questions - 2/21/23**

Using a case study of sewer capacity and solar farm development in Berks County, planning experts will illustrate the importance and value of integrating GIS into decision-making when engaging in economic development projects.



**Preparing For A DEP MS4 Inspection - 2/22/23**

In this session, a township manager and township engineer will share the experience of one Pennsylvania township when DEP inspected its MS4 program. They will also provide tips so that you can be better prepared if and when DEP shows up at your municipal building.



**Understanding The Sunshine Act - 2/23/23**

This webinar will take a deep dive into the Sunshine Act. Sam Wisner of Salzman Hughes will review and discuss what there is to understand, what agencies, boards and commissions must comply with the Sunshine Act, public meeting requirements, exceptions to "Open Meetings," penalties, public comment, and much more.



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