



Adams County Association of Township Officials
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Hello Members,

September 5, 2016

We hope you enjoyed your Labor Day weekend and a much awaited long weekend at that!! Road projects are done or winding down, Kids are back at school, road crews will be meeting soon with school officials for the upcoming winter months collaborations and all is "Well with the World", we hope.

Penn Dot Mandated Flagger Training

Both a morning and an afternoon class were held this year on July 14, 2016. Both classes were full !! President Stephanie at Hamilton Township plans to set another class in the spring of 2017 for those townships who could not attend the 2016 classes and will need training for their crew members. So watch for the dates at the beginning of 2017.

Secretaries Luncheon and Roundtable:

Wednesday July 27, 2016 at the Adams County Emergency Services Center from 11:00AM – 2:00 PM we **celebrated the 5th ANNUAL Secretaries Luncheon and Roundtable**. This has become one of our most successful trainings to date and continues to help renew the knowledge of Township office staff. Judy Chambers, Adams County Penn State Extension Office and Melissa Morgan, PSATS Legislative Analyst brought us up to date on the news and movements in the legislature. These two ladies have been regulars with our Roundtable since its inception and continue to help us bring the most timely topics to the table for discussion. We certainly appreciate their time and dedication to this event as well as our ACATO Programs Committee. Please put our 2017 date on your calendar now. It is always held the fifth Wednesday in July when we have that fifth week. 2017 has only four weeks so please **mark Wednesday, July 26, 2017** in preparation to attend.

November ACATO Convention:

DON'T FORGET the date of Wednesday, November 9, 2016 for our convention dinner. The Township information with dates and needs are in the mail! Coleen was at Keystone Ford in Chambersburg on Thursday. They had just received their Vendor Registration packet that day and were happy to tell me that they would be attending and displaying this year. Nelson in commercial/municipal sales always lets me know who he has been to see about a new vehicle and they have been really busy this year! So if you have a Vendor that you would like to see at the show, please notify Diane Groft in Mount Pleasant so we can get them there. It will again be held at the SAVES Social Hall, 5865 Hanover Road, Hanover, PA 17331.

Legislative News

The Legislative Committee did not receive any response to our request from members to submit their number one legislative issue for the remainder of this session in Harrisburg. If you have a bill that you want your association to lobby for on your behalf, please send to BGordon1162@comcast.net, Thank You.

We work in conjunction with the Council of Governments (COG) on these and other important issues but need your input. Most of you are also members of the COG so you know the importance of keeping a connection with legislators. Help us to do that by responding to our call.

ACTPO – Adams County Transportation Planning Organization

The 2017-2020 TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) lays out the expected transportation projects for Adams County over the next three years. The ACTPO Committee will vote to adopt the Plan at our **October 26, 2016** meeting at the Adams County Emergency Services Building, held from **1:00 PM until 3:00PM**.

If you have a transportation issue that you would like addressed in the future please consider attending the ACTPO meetings which are open to the public and any representative of local government. We have three representatives from the County Association that sit on the Board to assist with Township needs. ACTPO will be adding a Bicycle/Pedestrian component to the Plan and have asked for participation by municipal Parks and Recreation Commissions. Please contact Chris Caba at ccaba@adamscounty.us if you have a representative interested in attending. Your input means a lot in this NEW process.

An electronic copy of the full TIP package is available on the Adams County website. The direct link to that page is: <http://www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Planning/Pages/TIP.aspx>

Reminder: You can get updated information on which Adams County bridges will be addressed for repairs by checking out ACTPO minutes and distributed documents found at www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Planning.

This and That:

- Please refer suggested topics for training issues and seminars to President Stephanie Egger at Hamilton Township.
- Note that Washington Township Transfer Station in Franklin County accepts electronic recycling at a 45 cent per pound fee.
- Note that Township Emergency Management Plans update on a two year cycle with Adams County EMA and this is the year to update those plans with your EOC.
- Remind your residents to VOTE in November!
- Don't forget about the many contests and free services offered by PSATS to assist your township.
- LTAP course sessions will soon be sent out by ACOPD so keep an "eye" out for them. I hear that a new Salt and Winter materials course is being added for selection this year.

The next Executive Meeting will be held at Hamilton Township on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 12:00 PM. Any interested Township Representatives are welcomed to attend.

Distribution List: Please distribute this newsletter to all of the Township Officials that are listed in this letterhead. If there is anyone that wishes to be added to or deleted from the direct mailing please contact Coleen Reamer!

Thank you very much for your participation and support,
Stephanie and the Executive Committee

The ACATO Township Association newsletter is written and distributed by Coleen Reamer of Hamiltonban Township. If you have information that you feel should be included in the newsletter, please contact me at cnairemer@embarqmail.com. The newsletter is distributed every other month on odd numbered months.

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