

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Executive Director's Report – April 2023

Air Quality Workshop – On April 19, 2023 the Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP) will be conducting a free virtual workshop intended for local governments to discuss how municipalities can impact air quality at the local level. The seminar will include a quick refresher on all things air quality, as well as discussions regarding available grants, model ordinances, partnerships, and other resources available to interested local governments. Interested participants may register by visiting <https://www.gasp-pgh.org/event-details/virtual-workshop-clearing-the-air-air-quality-workshop-for-local-governments>

Letter to Regional Representatives – At its March 15th meeting the QVCOG Board of Delegates unanimously voted to direct that a letter outlining the concerns of residents in member communities on the topic of railroad safety be sent to regional elected officials (both state and federal). A draft of the aforementioned letter is being reviewed. Once finalized it will be sent to the offices of each of the following officials (Rep. Valerie Gaydos – PA 44, Rep. Arvind Venkat – PA 30, Rep. Emily Kinkead – PA 20, Sen. Wayne Fontana – PA 42, Sen. Devlin Robinson – PA 37, Congressman Chris Deluzio – PA 17, Senator Bob Casey, & Senator John Fetterman).

Railroad Safety & Emergency Response Training – Norfolk Southern will be coming to the Pittsburgh region to provide free hands-on training with their "Safety Train". The event is intended for fire departments, law enforcement, emergency medical services, hazmat response teams, and emergency management personnel. The following topics will be addressed at the training: Safety Around the Railroad; Understanding Rail Shipping Documents; Tank Car Identification; Tank Car Valves & Fittings; Locomotive Emergencies; Responding to Railroad Emergencies; and the AskRail Mobile App. The event will take place at the Norfolk Southern Pitcairn, Yard (701 Wall Ave, Wall, PA 15148). The event will be offered in 4 hour sessions between October 10 - 12, 2023 with various time slots available. To register please contact Mr. Scott Deutsch via email at Scott.Deutsch@nscorp.com or by phone at 412-439-2880.

SPC EV Event – The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) is hosting an Electric Fleet Exposition on May 24, 2023 at the UPMC Events Center (6001 University Blvd, Moon Twp, PA 15108). This free event will be a great opportunity for municipal officials to see the latest electric vehicle (EV) models available for their local government fleets, hear about funding opportunities and best practices for transitioning to an electric fleet, and engage with experienced vendors concerning fleet charging. While there is no cost to attend, registration is required because space is limited. Interested participants are encouraged to register early by sending an email to electricvehicles@duqlight.com.

Important Dates

April 10, 2023 – Easter Monday (QVCOG Office Closed)

April 14-16, 2023 – Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) Spring Conference

April 19, 2023 – QVCOG Board of Delegates Meeting – 7:00 p.m. - Bellevue Borough Building

April 26, 2023 – QVCOG Managers and Secretaries Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m. - Aleppo Township Municipal Building