

## QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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### Executive Director's Report – May 2022

**Flagger Safety Training** - On May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. the QVCOG in partnership with Municipal Risk Management (MRM) will be conducting a Flagger Safety Course. The event will take place at the Avalon Borough Public Works Garage - 629 New Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15202. The training consists of a classroom PowerPoint presentation (approx. 2 hours) which will be facilitated by Mr. Tyler Lukart of MRM. Below are a few examples of what the training will consist of:

- Flagging Attire
- Duties/Responsibilities
- Situational Awareness
- Positioning
- Work Zone Components
- Equipment

Following the training, attendees will be issued a 20-point quiz that each participant must take. Upon completion and reception of a “passing” score, certification will last for 3 years. Communities which are members of MRM’s Workers Comp Trust can attend and receive certification free of charge. For those interested in attending, but that do not work for a MRM municipality, the cost is \$45 per participant. Please RSVP for this event via email by May 19<sup>th</sup> and indicate the number of attendees from your municipality (first and last name) as well as if you are an MRM Workers Comp Trust member community.

**Second Glass Recycling Center Set to Open** - The QVCOG will be adding an additional Glass Recycling site for our fifteen member communities. Beginning Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> users will be invited to use the additional site located in Avalon Borough (629 New Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15202). The Rules and Regulations remain the same as for the glass dumpster within Sewickley Borough’s Riverfront Park. For more information please visit [qvcog.org](http://qvcog.org).

**Cyber Security Training** – In an effort to provide a proactive solution for an increasingly important workplace environment, the QVCOG has purchased access for a Cyber-Security webinar that will be hosted by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs which will take place on June 15, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. Attendees will learn how to spot fraudulent emails, links, or texts and how to recover from a ransomware attack as well as what insurance policies will and won't cover. All member communities are encouraged to take advantage of this free webinar. Those who are interested in attending the webinar are asked to request the login credentials via email ([pconners@qvcog.org](mailto:pconners@qvcog.org)). A recording of the webinar will also be available upon request.

**SHACOG Estimated Salt Purchase Requirement Survey** - In an email dated May 2, 2022 the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) sent out a survey for the 2022 Rock Salt Bid. This survey is to be completed online and is accessible through the Purchasing Alliance portal at [www.shacog.com](http://www.shacog.com). Please note that the QVCOG is a member of the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance. All QVCOG member communities are included within this consortium. The deadline to complete the survey is June 1, 2022. Municipalities that do not complete the survey cannot participate within the new salt purchasing agreement.

**WM Facility Tour** - Due to weather and flooding, the Waste Management Material Recovery Facility (MRF) tour originally scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The address for the Greenstar Recycling Facility is 4100 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15225.

**Municipal Intern Program** - The QVCOG is proud to announce that Ms. Anna Richard of W & J College will be serving as our Municipal Intern for the summer. Over the course of the 12-week program she will be conducting an analysis of the QVCOG’s programs and services as compared to our contemporary organizations in the region and abroad. During the project Anna will be conducting site visits to member communities and will be in attendance at our Managers and Secretaries and Board of Delegates meetings.

**Police Chiefs Meeting** – After a directive from the Board of Delegates at its April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, the QVCOG will be facilitating a discussion with the region’s Police Chiefs to review the most recent Mutual Aid Agreement which was approved in 2009. The meeting will take place at the Kilbuck Township municipal building on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.