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Sign Up Now for 2019 LTAP Courses

They're informative, they're free, they can help make your neighborhood safer and they may even save your community some money.

In its 10th consecutive year of partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the LVPC is offering a slate of 12 Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) courses that run from February to November. The 2019 schedule includes two new courses to help municipalities devise plans to make their roadways safer and public facilities more accessible to people with disabilities.

ADA Transition Plans and Self Evaluation, to be held in August, is a half-day class designed to give municipal workers, elected officials and code enforcement officers the knowledge they need to not only identify barriers that might make public facilities difficult for some to access, but build a plan to eliminate those barriers.

Local Roads Safety Plans, scheduled for September, is a half-day class that gives municipal workers, planners, police and elected officials instruction on identifying problem areas in the road network and devising a plan to make them safer.

While the primary objective of the all of the courses is to keep local road crews and municipal workers up to date on their training, some make the worker, elected officials or municipality eligible for cheaper insurance rates.

All of the classes are held at the 961 Marcon Boulevard offices of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, where the 22.5 student per course attendance is the highest in Pennsylvania. And perhaps the best part of the deal is that all classes are free.

"The workers in our region have come to realize the value of these courses. We actually get a lot of people who travel from outside the region, in some case, several counties away," said Brian Hite, LVPC Senior Planning Technician. "Many states charge for this training, but PennDOT keeps it free because they think it's important that as many municipal workers as possible attend."

Registration and more information about the full schedule of classes is available at <http://lvpc.org/ltap.html>

