

## Commissioner Fink Graduates From Academy for Excellence in County Government

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Armstrong County Commissioner Richard Fink was honored as he graduated from the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) Academy for Excellence in County Government within the Advanced Certification Program.

The Academy is a certificate-training program for county commissioners, chief clerks, administrators, county solicitors and their home rule counterparts. Participants complete required courses in leadership, management and decision-making; county legal issues; innovative approaches to county government; county functions and responsibilities; county financial management; risk management; personnel and labor relations; and personal development; and numerous other elective courses covering a wide range of topics. Candidates for Advanced Certification must complete additional classes beyond the basic course offerings.

“The Academy is an excellent tool in helping to prepare public officials for the important jobs they do by giving them the tools to provide exceptional service to the constituents they serve,” said Joe Giles, Erie County council member and president of CCAP. “The program provides Pennsylvania communities with better-quality leaders who are needed to deal with the challenges of today’s county government.”

Commissioner Rich Fink

The Academy is a voluntary program that began in 1996. More than 100 county officials have graduated from the program and received the certificate since its inception.

CCAP is a statewide, nonprofit, bipartisan association representing the commissioners, chief clerks, administrators, their equivalents in home rule counties and solicitors of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties. Among other activities, the Association provides services and educational opportunities for its members so that they better administer the affairs of their offices to benefit the general public. For more information about CCAP, log on to [www.pacounties.org](http://www.pacounties.org).

~ submitted by County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania

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