Now Available: S2S Driver History Record (DHR) Administration Training

AAMVA is now offering a DHR Administration training course. DHR Administration provides states with new measures to improve the administration of non-CDL driver history (DH). Specifically, DHR supports the electronic exchange of out-of-state convictions and withdrawals; provides visibility of individuals that may have more than one DHR; and sets rules for maintaining DH in a standardized manner, all specifically for non-CDLIS drivers.

It is recommended that attendees have prior knowledge of S2S and/or represent a state that is already participating in S2S. This course focuses on DHR Administration. For other S2S related training courses, please refer to intevista (AAMVA’s virtual classroom).

To enroll in this and/or any other AAMVA training course log into intevista and RSVP using the course calendar.

For additional information on AAMVA training, please visit our website. For questions, please contact trainer@aamva.org.

Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19

Click here to view consolidated information and see how motor vehicle administrations are handling driver licensing and vehicle registration. This document will be updated with the most current information on our homepage.

Motor Vehicle Industry Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Below is a selection of news articles regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

 Covid-19 National News Coverage

- The Pandemic Was the Bloodiest Year for Driving in Over a Decade
- Truck Cargo Thefts Skyrocketed Amid COVID-19

 Covid-19 Region 1 News Coverage

- 'A Lottery That You Don't Want To Enter’ | Crashes Caused By Speeding Increased In 2020 (Maine)
- DC DMV Extends Deadline for License, ID Renewal (Washington, DC)
COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- Lexington's Driver Licensing Regional Office Experiencing Longer Wait Times (Kentucky)
- DMV: Prepare for Long Lines This Summer, Try Online Instead (North Carolina)
- 'Megacenters' Coming To OKC, Tulsa for REAL ID Delays (Oklahoma)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- Michigan Senate Approves Driver's License Extension Bills
- Benson Adds 350k Appointments To Address Backlog at Branches (Michigan)
- Proposal To Make Driver Test for Teens Permanently Waived Receives Mixed Reaction (Wisconsin)

Visit cdc.gov for more information on COVID-19, guidance, press releases, press kits, and more.

REGION 1 NEWS

Passenger Vehicles Play Role in Majority of Commercial Truck Crashes (Maine)
Thus far in 2021, there have been more than 230 car crashes including one of more tractor-trailer or semi-trucks in Maine, according to the Maine Department of Transportation crash unit. Truck drivers...say new technology has made commercial trucks fairly easy to drive, that is, until drivers in passenger vehicles unexpectedly get in their way. Read more at newscentermaine.com.

Deadly Motorcycle Crashes Becoming Common in Western Massachusetts
Three people have died in two weeks from crashes involving motorcycles, serving as a reminder that everyone must be careful while driving on the roads. Motorcyclists are especially vulnerable in crashes since they have much less safety equipment around them compared to vehicles. Read more at wwlp.com.

Showing Your Driver's License in NJ Could Soon Be as Easy as Pulling Out a Phone (New Jersey)
A state Senate bill would allow Jersey drivers to do what motorists in 11 other states are doing or experimenting with, displaying a mobile version of their license or allowing non-drivers to show an MVC identification card to authorities on a digital device. Read more at nj.com.

NJ Transit Promotes National Safety Month, Announces Partnership With Waze (New Jersey)
New Jersey Transit (NJ Transit) is recognizing National Safety Month by brining awareness to a partnership with Waze that identifies locations of grade
AAMVA offers systems trainings on-demand for members through our new Learning Management System (LMS). Click here to see available courses.

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Motorcycle Safety Courses Teach More Than Basics (New York)
Albany Resident Chris Bryant came to Utica to learn how to safely ride a motorcycle, and his decision to take the course at MVCC will benefit him down the road...Instructor Lynne Vandewater says if you successfully complete the course you won’t have to take a road test to get your motorcycle license. Just go down to the DMV and present your certificate of completion along with your permit, and they’ll issue you a license. Read more at wktv.com.

REGION 2 NEWS

Alabama Ranks No. 2 State With the Most Distracted Drivers in US, Tennessee Ranks One of Best, Study Shows
Road safety is on the top-of-mind for many as summer road trips are coming up, and it should be. According to WhistleOut and We Save Lives, June 9-Sept. 12 are the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer, according to their study...In the press release they said that over 60% of teen crashes are caused by distracted driving. The state of Alabama ranks 2nd in the nation in worst states for distracted driving. Read more at whnt.com.

Local Authorities Encourage Emergency Contact Feature for Alabama Driver’s Licenses
A somewhat new feature from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency allows you to add an emergency contact to your driver’s license record. Jonathan Archer, the Chief of ALEA’s Drivers License Division, says it can be a big challenge for law enforcement and first responders to find a person’s loved one during a dire situation. Read more at wkrq.com.

Tag Agencies Ask REAL ID Applicants for Patience (Oklahoma)
Tag agencies are asking for patience and preparedness when it comes to the Oklahoma REAL ID license or identification card...Brenda Brooks, Cherokee County tag agent, said they used to operate by appointment only for those needing to renew or obtain a driver’s license or identification card, but have since stopped. Read more at tahlequahdailypress.com.

Texas Road Deaths Surge in First Five Months of 2021
More people died on Texas roads in the first five months of the year than during the same period in 2020, according to a database maintained by the Texas Department of Transportation. The 1,636 people killed in crashes through May represent a 14% increase over the same time period last year. Read more at kut.org.

J.B. Hunt, Waymo Partner to Test Self-Driving Trucks in Texas
J.B. Hunt Transport Services has partnered with autonomous vehicle developer Waymo to move freight with self-driving trucks in Texas. Through this limited pilot program, Waymo’s autonomous trucking unit, Waymo Via, will transport loads along Interstate 45 between facilities in Houston and Fort Worth.
Worth for an unidentified J.B. Hunt customer, the companies announced June 10. Read more at ttnews.com.

VSP Urges Motorcyclists To Sign up for Motorcycle Safety Course (Virginia)
Virginia State Police announced they are once again offering its “Ride 2 Save Lives” motorcycle self-assessment course. VSP officials say the free motorcycle self-assessment course allows current riders the opportunity to learn and practice rider safety, how to handle hazards, special situations, interstate highways, curve negotiation and much more. Read more at whsv.com.

Time Saver Auto Title & Notary Closes; DMV To Assist Customers (West Virginia)
Time Saver Auto Title & Notary has four locations across the state of West Virginia, and abruptly closed its doors recently. The West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles says that customers who left vehicle titling and registration paperwork at one of the four locations in the area, will have their paperwork processed. The DMV was notified of the abrupt termination of their license on Tuesday, June 1st at the same time as customers and says they are committed to helping those stuck in a bind. Read more at wsaz.com.

REGION 3 NEWS

Iowa State Patrol Conducting Traffic Safety Project Due to Recent Spike in Fatalities
In response to the recent spike in roadway fatalities, Iowa State Patrol and Linn County Sheriff’s Office will be conducting a safety project. The traffic enforcement project is aimed at changing driving behaviors and saving lives. Read more at cbs2iowa.com.

Highway Patrol Troopers Preach Boating, Water Safety This Summer (Missouri)
With the weather heating up a lot of people are likely going to be heading out to local pools and lakes. Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers hope people will take the time to learn proper boating safety before getting out on the water. Read more at kshb.com.

Driving Experts Warn Parents About 100 Deadliest Days for Teen Drivers (Wisconsin)
Traffic fatalities increased 7% in 2020, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration — meaning 38,680 people died nationwide from fatal car crashes...Steve Davis, a driving instructor with Easy Method driving school said his classes are starting to ramp up, as more teens are out of school. Read more at tmj4.com

REGION 4 NEWS

DPS Receives Over $1M in Funding To Combat Marijuana-impaired Driving (Arizona)
The Department of Public Safety has been given over $1 million in grant funding to address drug-impaired driving in Arizona...The Highway Patrol Division will use some of the funding for special enforcement of marijuana-
impaired driving. This will help the division to buy portable breath-testing equipment, along with speed enforcement equipment, including lidar and radar. Read more at azfamily.com.

Cruise Can Now Give Passengers Rides in Driverless Cars in California
Cruise, the autonomous vehicle subsidiary of GM that also has backing from SoftBank Vision Fund, Microsoft and Honda, has secured a permit that will allow the company to shuttle passengers in its test vehicles without a human safety operator behind the wheel. Read more at techcrunch.com.

DMV Seeks Help With Documentation Authentication (California)
The California Department of Motor Vehicles is looking for an IT company to assist it in authenticating documents, as it continues to work on getting millions of Californians their Real IDs...In a Request for Quote (RFQ) released June 2, the California Department of Motor Vehicles indicates it is looking to purchase document authentication devices to enhance its abilities in document verification. Read more at techwire.net.

KOAA Survey: Do You Think There Should Be More Safety Requirements for Motorcyclists? (Colorado)
Now is the time of year when we’ll see more and more of our neighbors and even visitors out on the road enjoying some two or three-wheel freedom. There are always those commuters who share the road everyday, but the summer weekends are the most popular times for those looking for a break from the everyday. Read more at koaa.com.

Maui Police Issue 465 Citations, Arrest 21 During Week-Long Driver Safety Campaign (Hawaii)
The Maui Police Department (MPD) issued 465 citations and conducted 21 arrests over a week-long enforcement effort through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration “Click it or Ticket” national Occupant Protection awareness and enforcement event. Read more at khon2.com.

At Las Vegas Airport, Officials Tout Innovation Checkpoint’s Screening Technology (Nevada)
The process in which some travelers go through security at the Las Vegas airport is being enhanced, and officials say the new technology will make the process more efficient. One of the notable changes: Passengers won’t need a boarding pass when going through the Innovation Checkpoint...Rather, they’ll be asked to insert their driver’s license, identification card or passport into a machine that assesses their credentials. Read more at lasvegassun.com.

Saskatoon Could See Party Bikes This Summer Under Pilot Program (Saskatchewan)
The Standing Policy Committee on Transportation has given the green light for a pilot program to allow a business to operate party bikes to operate this summer. Party bikes often have multiple passengers, usually eight or more riders, and are often used as transportation on a predetermined route, sometimes involving stops at bars or other establishments. Read more at saskatoon.ctvnews.ca.
You’ll Soon Be Able To Use Your iPhone as ID at the Airport
Apple has announced a forthcoming update to its Wallet app that will allow you to use your iPhone as digital identification in select US airports. The company showed how you’ll be able to scan your driver’s license or state ID in participating US states, which will then be encrypted and stored in the iPhone’s secure enclave. The company says it’s working with the TSA to enable the iPhone to be used as identification at airport security checkpoints. Read more at theverge.com.

Globe Wins Pulitzer Prize in Investigative Reporting for Series on States’ Failure To Keep Dangerous Drivers off the Road
The Boston Globe has won a Pulitzer Prize for a series of stories that uncovered the deadly consequences of the failure by states across the country to track and keep dangerous drivers off the road. The 2021 award for investigative reporting, announced Friday by Columbia University, was the 27th Pulitzer for the Globe. Read more at bostonglobe.com.

Speed Limiter Debate Starts Anew With New Bill Controlling Heavy Trucks
The latest issue in trucking is actually a renewal of a 15-year-plus battle against truckers who go too fast. It pits safety advocates and large trucking interests on one side against owner-operators, who would be pinched financially because they are paid by the mile. Reps. Lucy McBath, D-Ga., and John Katko, R-N.Y., have introduced a bipartisan measure to limit the speed of heavy trucks and support efforts to improve safety, enhance fuel efficiency and reduce the occurrence of often-fatal truck crashes. Read more at logisticsmgmt.com.

Why Do Motorists Continue To Engage in Distracted Driving?
Despite the fact that it is widely known that distracted driving is dangerous and is one of the top causes of serious car wrecks in the United States, people continue to talk on the phone, read or send text messages, adjust the radio or navigation system, and engage in other behaviors that take their attention away from the road. Read more at blogs.lawyers.com.

Self-Driven Women Take the Wheel in Autonomous Tech Industry
The self-driving vehicle industry may be young, just a bit over a decade old, but already a meaningful trend is taking shape: it’s proving to be more open to women CEOs and founders—including women of color—than the broader tech industry and for U.S. companies generally...three out of 12 leading autonomous technology companies in North America are now led by women. Read more at forbes.com.

From the Driver’s Seat: Truck Safety Perspectives
Rather than teaching commercial vehicle operators to solely depend on a truck’s safety technology, two commercial drivers and driver trainers emphasize the importance of staying one step ahead on the road. Read more at trucker.com.
Representatives Cohen and Rice Introduce Multiple Substance Impaired Driving Prevention Act
Representatives Steve Cohen (TN-09) and Kathleen Rice (NY-04) today introduced the Multiple Substance Impaired Driving Prevention Act to address an under-reported cause of many serious and fatal vehicle accidents. The measure would increase investment in technologies for detecting multiple-substance impairment and improve reporting on the phenomenon. Read more at cohen.house.gov.

Volkswagen Weighs Offering Autonomous Driving on a Pay-per-Use Basis
Volkswagen is considering offering autonomous driving on a pay-per-use basis, one of the brand's board members said in a newspaper interview. "Regarding autonomous driving we can imagine to offer it on an hourly basis," Klaus Zellmer, in charge of sales, marketing and after-sales at the Volkswagen brand, toldDie Welt. Read more at carandbike.com.

Study: Rideshare Services Reduce Drunk-Driving Convictions, Injuries From Crashes
The availability of rideshare services such as Uber and Lyft in Houston reduced the number of convictions for impaired driving in the city by 24% during a six-year period, a study published Wednesday by JAMA Surgery found. Over the same period, the city saw a similar drop in the number of injuries from motor vehicle crashes, the data showed. Read more at upi.com.

Twitter News

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community on social media. You may be surprised at what you're missing! Here are a few highlights of last weeks' activity.

MD_MVA @MD_MVA | View the Tweet

Introducing: Conversations with Chrissy!

In this update, Administrator Nizer discusses summer travel safety, motorcycle safety, and more! https://youtu.be/5f_VMwFHQrw #MDOTSafety

VT State Police Traffic Safety @VSP_Traffic | View the Tweet

It was a miracle of physics on Rt 7 in Rutland as a suspected drug-impaired driver drove over & across this Corvette leaving the 2 occupants relatively unscathed.

Life is fickle: One second you're out for a drive. Then, an SUV drives across your head & you live to tell about it.
TN Dept. of Safety @TNDepTofSafety | View the Tweet

It's been great conducting training with our 3rd party CDL examiners from across Tennessee this week. Training continues into next week as well. We value our strong partnerships.

MoDOT @MoDOT | View the Tweet

Close call involving our friends @MSHTrooperF a couple of days ago. Be safe when traveling out there and please don't drive under the influence! #DriveSoberOrGetPulledOver
North Dakota Highway Patrol @NDhighwayPatrol | View the Tweet

Another driver choosing to exceed the speed limit. The #NDHP trooper clocked the driver going 109 in a 75 zone. Nearly 200 people died in speed/aggressive driving crashes in ND over this five year period (2015-2019). https://visionzero.nd.gov стратегий SpeedAggressiveDriving/

Montana Highway Patrol @MTHwyPatrol | View the Tweet

In honor of National Secure Your Load Day, we encourage everyone to take a few moments to make sure that their cargo is safely tied down before traveling. This can be accomplished in a few simple steps:
SECURE YOUR LOAD IN 5 SIMPLE STEPS:
1. Tie down load with rope, netting or straps.
2. Tie large objects directly to the vehicle or trailer.
3. Cover the entire load with a sturdy tarp or netting.
4. Don’t overload the vehicle.
5. Always double check load to make sure a load is secure.

WA State Patrol @wastatepatrol | View the Tweet

Join us today, via YouTube livestream, for the unveiling of our Fallen Heroes Memorial Wall.

The livestream will be on our YouTube channel, or at this link: https://youtu.be/SndzgCKmv8

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