AAMVA Seeks New Law Enforcement Program Manager
AAMVA has recently initiated a search for a new Law Enforcement Program Manager. This position is responsible for the development, monitoring and disseminating of information in the broad area of the AAMVA Law Enforcement Program, and more specifically in the areas of DMV Investigations and NMVTIS use by law enforcement. Additionally, this position is responsible for initiating, maintaining, and cultivating stakeholder relationships. Click here to view the full job description and apply.

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

- It's Not Just Your Imagination, Drivers in the Pandemic Have Gotten More Reckless
- Americans Are Keeping Their Cars Longer Than Ever Before, as Used-Car Prices Hit Record Highs
- Teleworking Travel Habits May Offer Insight on Freight Mobility, Expert Says

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- DC Department of Motor Vehicles To Resume Walk-in Service Beginning Week of July 19 (Washington, DC)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- Let's Debate: Should We Get Rid of Driving Tests? (Georgia)
- More Time on REAL ID, but Do It Now (South Carolina)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- Illinois Driver's License Renewal Deadline Approaches
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- **COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE**
  - DMV Offering Free REAL ID Upgrade for Those Who Renewed During the Pandemic (California)
  - REAL ID Deadline Extended, but State Says Now Is the Time To Get One (Oregon)

Visit [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) for more information on COVID-19, guidance, press releases, press kits, and more.

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**REGION 1 NEWS**

**Soon Your Loud Muffler Could Earn You a Fine in New York State**

If you're someone who has a loud muffler because you want it to be not because you're driving a junk mobile and desperately saving for repairs, you might want to reconsider your decision. Soon, New York State could be handing out fines to people with modified or loud mufflers. [Read more at wnbf.com](http://wnbf.com).

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**Nearly 70,000 Tickets Issued During Seat Belt Campaign (New York)**

The Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) recently announced that law enforcement agencies throughout the state issued a total of 69,832 tickets for vehicle and traffic law violations, including 12,573 tickets for seat belt and child restraint violations during the “Buckle Up New York, Click it or Ticket” campaign which ran from May 24 to June 6. [Read more at oneidadispatch.com](http://oneidadispatch.com).

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**Not-So-Sticky Situation: DMV Confirms Faulty Adhesive Causes Inspection Stickers To Fall off (Rhode Island)**

Auto-repair shops in Rhode Island are dealing with a not-so-sticky situation: flimsy inspection stickers that keep falling off windshields..."We are aware of the issue with the inspection sticker adhesive and are working with our vendor, Opus Inspection, to replace this product," said Paul Grimaldi, chief of information and public relations. [Read more at providencejournal.com](http://providencejournal.com).

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**Florida Drivers Can Start Using Hazard Lights in Rain July 1**

For years, Florida has been reminding motorists not to use flashing hazard lights while driving. Well starting soon, feel free to flash away — but only on the highway. And only in heavy rain or fog. Hardly noticed in a 38-page transportation bill passed by state lawmakers last month were two lines that change an often-discussed — and rarely followed — driving law. [Read more at news4jax.com](http://news4jax.com).

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**Attorney Danny Keating Pleads Guilty in Staged Accidents With Trucks (Louisiana)**
A 52-year-old New Orleans attorney, charged last year for his participation in 31 illegal staged accidents, has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. In a court appearance June 17, Danny Patrick Keating Jr., became the first attorney to plead guilty in the sweeping conspiracy arising out of staged automobile accidents with tractor-trailers in New Orleans. Read more at ttnews.com.

New Texas Law Revises Truck Injury Liability Rules
A new Texas law is described as an overhaul to injury liability statute for truck operations. Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law Wednesday a bill that is intended to “ensure a level playing field” in commercial liability cases. Previously HB19, the new rule protects trucking companies from frivolous lawsuits in instances where the driver was not negligent. Read more at landline.media.

Need a Little Vanity? Here Are the Newest Custom Plates Approved by Texas DMV
Texas drivers have several new custom license plates to choose from – but only if enough of you all order. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles approved four new designs for custom plates in 2021. There’s a catch, however. Each plate will only be made if at least 200 people place pre-orders. If not, Texas will give you a refund. Read more at chron.com.

OPD Busts Man, Woman for Selling Texas Buyer’s Tags Under the Table
On Wednesday, Odessa police made two arrests. 22-year-old Danny John and 19-year-old Jimena Nicolas were both charged with Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity, a Felony 1 offense...According to the affidavit, a computer and printer that printed the tags were found, and one of the suspects admitted to the scheme happening for 8 months. So, why buy paper tags under the table? Read more at yourbasin.com.

Governor’s Executive Highway Safety Team Publishes 2020 Crash Statistics (Virginia)
The Governor’s Executive Leadership Team on Highway Safety is announcing Virginia crash statistics for 2020. The final numbers are now available for analysis in the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles’ state-of-the-art automated Traffic Records Electronic Data System (TREDS), the Commonwealth’s central repository for crash data and related information, according to a DMV press release Thursday. Read more at whsv.com.

Nebraska DMV Unveils New Design for State Driver’s License, ID Cards
Driver’s licenses or ID cards in the state of Nebraska will have a new look to them. Wednesday morning, the Nebraska DMV unveiled the new design for the documents. This is the first significant updated design since 2009. According to leaders with the state DMV, the new design represents the elements that make Nebraska unique...The design elements were chosen for aesthetics, but more importantly because they can integrate required security features. Read more at wowt.com.
Waymo Driver Hit a Scooter in San Francisco, No Injuries Reported (California)
A Waymo vehicle struck a person riding a motorized scooter in San Francisco, but the Alphabet-owned autonomous vehicle developer says that a person was driving the car manually at the time of the collision. A senior writer at Wired, Tom Simonite, first shared photos from the scene on Twitter. Read more at cnbc.com.

Department Recruiting for 2 Key Executive Roles (California)
The California Department of Motor Vehicles is recruiting for two key agency roles dealing with technology - a deputy director and a project director...“The DMV is on an aggressive digital transformation journey and is looking to build on the initial success of our mobile and online products and services,” one of the job postings states. Read more at techwire.net.

Lincoln Couple Fined $350 for Car They Sold 5 Years Ago (California)
A Lincoln couple says Sacramento County just fined them for a car they sold five years ago. The $350.08 fine for vehicle abandonment threatened to garnish Tina Greenwood’s husband’s wages or levy his bank account if they don’t pay...It’s unclear if that’s what happened here, but owners should always remember to file a release of liability when selling a car. Read more at sacramento.cbslocal.com.

Colorado Third in the Nation To Pass Sweeping Data Privacy Legislation
With COVID-19 accelerating global digital activity — and amid recent high-profile hacks of major companies — more Coloradans may be thinking about where their personal data lives online. Coincidentally, state lawmakers from both parties helped pass major new data privacy protections this year. With Senate Bill 21-190, Colorado would become the third state in the country to pass a law regulating how companies are allowed to use consumers’ personal information. Read more at coloradonewsonline.com.

Fact Check-Hawaii Has No Plans To Stop Recognizing Out-of-State Driver’s Licenses
Social media posts being shared in June 2021 are falsely claiming the U.S. state of Hawaii will no longer recognize driver’s licenses issued outside the state for visitors and new residents from 2023. The claim originated from a Facebook page impersonating the state of Hawaii. The state’s Department of Transportation confirmed the claim is false. Read more at reuters.com.

DMV Reports a Spike in Recovered Stolen Vehicles (Nevada)
The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles has seen a sharp increase in the number of stolen vehicles recovered at its offices in Las Vegas this year. The department is warning consumers to be extra careful in private party vehicle sales. The DMV has recovered 27 stolen vehicles worth an estimated $1,017,893 in 2021. Read more at mohavedailynews.com.

Calls Arise for Review of Laws Governing E-Scooter Use in Saskatchewan
A recent Regina Police Service (RPS) reminder that vehicles like e-scooters and electric skateboards are only allowed on private property has many users...
calling for a legislative change...According to Saskatchewan's Traffic Safety Act, motorized vehicles like e-scooters or Onewheels, which aren't built to government safety standards, can't be registered or insured and therefore can't be used on public roads. Read more at globalnews.ca.

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**Warning Signs That Your Senior Should Stop Driving (Washington)**
For most, driving means independence. The ability to get behind the wheel of a vehicle and take yourself from point A to point B exudes liberty, but what happens when you begin to lose your edge and driving modifications need to be made? The United States expects the number of drivers over the age of 65 to double within the next fifteen years, which means accidents for seniors could be on the rise. Read more at westsideseattle.com.

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**Whether Bicycle Riders Will Still Get Conked by Car Doors Being Opened Even in an Era of AI Self-Driving Cars**
A bike rider was cruising along on a nice sunny day. Riding a bicycle while in city traffic is always a dicey proposition. Cars often inadvertently weave directly toward bike riders or veer precariously into reserved bike lanes and pinch or endanger the cyclists therein...There is though another menace awaiting the unsuspecting bike rider. In one word: Dooring. Read more at forbes.com.

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**Piloted Driving Features in Level 2 and Level 2+ Autonomous Vehicles To Grow Exponentially by 2025**
Frost & Sullivan's recent analysis of the global autonomous driving industry finds that original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and value chain partners are streamlining their strategies, capital investments, and product roadmap to develop and deploy region- and segment-specific partial and highly automated vehicles. Read more at prnewswire.com.

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**Funding Is Pouring in to Companies Trying to Crack Self-Driving Tech**
The self-driving software firm Embark Trucks said Wednesday it plans to go public in a deal that would raise more than $600 million and value the company at more than $5 billion. Then there's Alphabet's Waymo, which just raised $2.5 billion in fresh funding as it tries to expand its self-driving taxi fleet outside of Phoenix. And General Motors has increased its planned investment in autonomous vehicles. Read more at marketplace.org.

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**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.

**Governor Ned Lamont @GovNedLamont | View the Tweet**
Our efforts to get people out of line at the @CTDMV and online are paying off as online transactions continue to grow and even surpass in-person.

It's important to me every CT resident has confidence that their state government and tax dollars are working hard for them.

Iowa State Patrol @iowastatepatrol | View the Tweet

Thanks for sharing Trooper Gardner. It's amazing what drivers - young and old - think they can control while under the influence. #Prevention #SaveLives #ISPPublicResourceOfficers

Trooper Paul Gardner @TrooperPaul103: Jun 23
This morning @aignaccd, driver ed students got to see what it's like driving while impaired...

golf cart + drunk goggles + traffic cones 😳/trunk

MD_MVA @MD_MVA | View the Tweet
If you don’t see a service listed in this video, it can be completed from the comfort and safety of home! Visit our eStore to get started --> bit.ly/2Q5qiEF. #MDOTsafety youtu.be/262HQDIlmacM.

**Nebraska State Patrol @NEStatePatrol | View the Tweet**

Time for the finals in the NSP Cruiser Tournament! The winner of this vote will be our entry into the national #CruiserCalendar contest!

150 - Night Sky (Trooper Jaramillo of @NSP_TroopE in Scottsbluff)
594 - Bridge (Trooper Hicken of @NSPTroopANights in Omaha)

Poll below 🚔 🚔

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**Ontario Ministry of Transportation @ONtransport | View the Tweet**
Road tests for G1/G2 licences resume on Monday, June 14.

Road tests are by appointment only – please do not visit a DriveTest centre without an appointment for your road test.

Road tests already booked will be honoured.

You can book a road test at DriveTest.ca.

OSHP_NEOhio @OSHP_NE Ohio | View the Tweet

Load securement is important for the safety of everyone on the road. Fortunately, no one in this vehicle was injured when a board came through the windshield! This incident occurred June 17 on I-80 in Portage County. The at-fault driver was unaware he had lost part of his load.

PA Department of Transportation @PennDOTNews | View the Tweet
Parallel parking may be the most dreaded part of the driver's license road test. With some practice and helpful tips, you can be a parallel parking pro!

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