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## OUR EVENTS

## JANUARY

21-23 | [2019 January Managing Data Privacy and External Access Working Group Meeting](#)  
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Tampa, FL

## SYSTEMS TRAINING

\*Register for the following training sessions [HERE](#).

## JANUARY

## New Release of the ACD Manual

Release 5.2.2 of the [ACD Manual](#) was published last year with an effective date of November 30, 2018. The sole purpose of publishing the new release was to make available new ACD code U11 to all jurisdictions. ACD code U11 maps to the **No Trafficking on Our Roads Act** ([S. 1532](#)), which became Public Law 115-106 on January 8, 2018, and addresses the United States Department of Transportation's (U.S. DOT) efforts to curb human trafficking. Guidance on the use of ACD code U11 is available in section 3.1.5.22 of the manual: **Using ACD Code U11**.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact the AAMVA Operations Department at 1-888-AAMVA80 option 1 or [helpdesk@aamva.org](mailto:helpdesk@aamva.org).

## International Board of Directors Holds Annual Winter Meeting

The [AAMVA Board of Directors](#) held their annual January meeting last week in Phoenix. The Board received operational updates on key initiatives by AAMVA staff and heard briefings from numerous partners and stakeholders, including federal government agencies. The Board also approved a few key measures, including authorizing a second year of funding for regional roundtable meetings of chief administrators. The Board also approved a new whitepaper on the topic of dockless electric scooters and an update to the Foreign Nationals Roadside Resource Card. Both documents will be made available to members in the coming weeks.

## Members Needed for IDEC Executive Board from Region 2 and Region 3

AAMVA is looking for one Region 2 and one Region 3 jurisdiction representative to serve on the International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Executive Board. The IDEC Executive Board is directly responsible for maintaining and distributing new and revised IDEC materials to the AAMVA members. These include both commercial, non-commercial and motorcycle examiner testing materials. The IDEC Executive Board will meet face-to-face at least twice a year, as well as via conference call or webinar as the work load requires. Applicants need to come from an IDEC accredited jurisdiction and are required to attend and actively participate in all Executive Board meetings, assist in all Board activities, and be the liaison between the AAMVA member jurisdictions in your Region. Applicants should have or have had driver examination experience. If you are interested in applying for the IDEC Executive Board, please [complete the application](#) and return it to [committees@aamva.org](mailto:committees@aamva.org) by **January 31, 2019**. If you have any questions about IDEC, please contact [Denise Hanchulak](#), Program Director, Certification & Standards.

## Law Enforcement Member Needed for Autonomous

22 | [CD01 Search Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

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#### JANUARY

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#### OPEN RFPs

#### JANUARY

[IRP, Inc. RFP for Project Management Consultant Services](#)

February 8, 2019

[RFQ FY19-18017: AAMVA CDL Test Modernization – Pilot Test #1 Meeting](#)

January 22, 2019

## Vehicle Working Group

AAMVA is seeking to fill a vacancy on the [Autonomous Vehicle Working Group](#) with a jurisdiction member with highway safety law enforcement expertise and knowledge of automated and autonomous vehicles. The purpose of the Working Group is to work with AAMVA jurisdictions, law enforcement, federal agencies and other stakeholders to gather, organize and share information with the AAMVA community related to the development, design, testing, use and regulation of autonomous vehicles and other emerging vehicle technologies. Based on the group's research, guidance to assist member jurisdiction in regulating autonomous vehicles will be updated. If you are interested in serving on this Working Group, please [complete the volunteer application](#) and submit to [committees@aamva.org](mailto:committees@aamva.org) by **January 25, 2019**. If you have questions about the working group, please contact [Cathie Curtis](#), Director, Vehicle Programs.

## Foreign Reciprocity Resource Guide (FRRG) Working Group Seeking Volunteer from Region 4

The Foreign Reciprocity Resource Guide Working Group will identify obsolete or out-of-date sections of the Foreign Reciprocity Resource Guide and support the creation and distribution of a new and updated FRRG. The guide will assist in maintaining highway safety standards by providing a recommended process to allow jurisdictions to make informed decisions on recognition of foreign driving privileges.

AAMVA is seeking one jurisdiction member to serve on the Working Group from Region 4. If you are interested in serving on this Working Group, please [complete the volunteer application](#) and submit to [committees@aamva.org](mailto:committees@aamva.org). If you have any questions regarding this working group, contact [Kevin Lewis](#), Director, Driver Programs or [Jessi Ross](#), Program Director, Driver License Compacts & Reciprocity.

#### REGION 1 NEWS

## Cuomo to Propose Stretch Limo Ban in New York Following Fatal Crash

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) on Tuesday will propose additional regulations on the state's limousine industry, including a ban on 'stretched' limousines following a deadly crash last year involving one of the vehicles. The Albany Times Union reported that Cuomo will discuss the proposals when he unveils his 2019 budget. The governor is seeking to strengthen oversight of limousine passenger vehicles through the Departments of Transportation and Motor Vehicles. In a statement to the Times Union, Cuomo cited an October crash in Schoharie County that killed 20 people after a remanufactured limousine slammed into a parked vehicle and struck two pedestrians. [Read the article at thehill.com](#).

## Why These 16,000 People Oppose Driver Licenses for Immigrants Here Illegally (New Jersey)

A petition against allowing immigrants in the country illegally to get driver licenses in New Jersey has collected more than 16,000 signatures in just five days. The online campaign was co-lead by Ocean County lawmakers, said state Sen. Chris Connors, Assemblyman Brian Rumpf and Assemblywoman DiAnne Gove. The online campaign also has collected over a thousand comments, many of them passionate in opinion. [Read the article at nj1015.com](#).

## REAL ID Rollout Stalls for Some AAA Members (Rhode Island)

The Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles is in the process of removing a roadblock some residents have encountered while trying to get a REAL ID at

AAA...The issue? Middle names vs. middle initials. [Read the article at wpri.com.](#)

## **Did You Get a Postcard From the Vermont DMV? Here's How Vehicle Inspections Change Jan. 15**

Vermont is changing the rules for annual vehicle inspections so that more motorists will make repairs to emissions systems. Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Wanda Minoli recently sent a postcard informing Vermonters of the change. Vermont has allowed vehicles to receive a 'conditional pass,' even if they failed an on-board diagnostics check, since January 2017. That grace period ends on Tuesday and will be replaced with new rules. [Read the article at burlingtonfreepress.com.](#)

## **Speeding Can Kill; More Could Be Done To Slow Drivers Down, Study Says (Washington, D.C.)**

Speeding is a persistent factor in nearly one-third of crash-related deaths, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association. The group believes more should be done to try to save lives. 'We continue to have a big problem with speeding in this country,' said Russ Martin, director of government relations for the Governors Highway Safety Association. 'Historically, it's been about 1/3 of total fatalities.' Nationally, the 9,717 people killed in 2017 in speed-related crashes represented about 26 percent of all crash fatalities. [Read the article at wtop.com.](#)

### **REGION 2 NEWS**

## **Proposed Bill Would Allow Florida Residents To Use Electronic ID, Registration**

Forgetting your driver's license at home while driving might no longer be an issue for Florida drivers if a proposed bill passes this legislative session. Florida could be one of the first 14 states to accept electronic identification, according to a South Florida Sun-Sentinel report. Tampa Rep. James Grant is expected to sponsor a bill that would allow drivers to use electronic credentials, as opposed to hard copies, for ID and registration during traffic stops, as well as for voting and purchasing liquor, according to the Sentinel. [Read the article at clickorlando.com.](#)

## **New Driver's License Rules Could Cut Number of Organ Donors (Kentucky)**

Kentucky's organ donor registry could shrink under new rules taking effect this spring pertaining to driver's licenses. If you're an organ donor chances are you probably signed up when you first got your driver license or renewed it. When Kentucky begins rolling out new standard licenses and voluntary travel IDs in March, you'll be given a choice if you are 21 years or older of renewing your license every four or eight years. Shelley Snyder with the non-profit group Trust for Life says that will mean fewer people visiting circuit court clerk's offices. [Read the article at weku.fm.](#)

## **Louisiana Enters the Era of the Digital Driver's License**

About 77,000 Louisiana motorists have downloaded the license app since the statewide launch of LA Wallet in July 2018. While law enforcement accepts the DDL as a form of identity, the retail sector remains wary. [Read the article at govtech.com.](#)

## **S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles to Issue REAL IDs at GSP (South Carolina)**

Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, federal law will require a driver's license or identification card to be REAL ID compliant in order to board a domestic, commercial flight, among other federal activities. Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport has partnered with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles to help travelers

prepare for REAL ID changes by bringing one of the agency's mobile offices to the airport on Jan. 16. [Read the article at gsabusiness.com.](#)

## REGION 3 NEWS

### **IDOT Seeking Stories for Life or Death Illinois**

The Illinois Department of Transportation is seeking real stories from people who have lost loved ones or otherwise been affected by poor choices and driving behaviors. The stories will be used as a part of Life or Death Illinois, IDOT's ongoing effort to encourage better driving habits and reach zero deaths on Illinois roads. [Read the article at theherald-news.com.](#)

### **Study: More Than Half of Michigan Medical Marijuana Users Admit to Driving While High**

More than half of medical marijuana users in Michigan reported that they've driven under the influence of cannabis within two hours of using, according to a new study published in the journal Drug & Alcohol Dependence. One in five said they drove while 'very high' at least once in the past six months, according to researchers from the University of Michigan Addiction Center. Nearly 270,000 people in the state of Michigan have state approval to use medical marijuana, as of May 2018. [Read the article at wxyz.com.](#)

### **Minnesota Legislators Renew Push for Hands-Free Cell Use, Tougher Penalties for Texting While Driving**

Minnesota legislators and advocates unveiled a new effort Monday to ban cellphone use without a hands-free device and increase penalties for texting while driving, in the face of rising concerns about distracted motoring. 'I pray you do not have to go through what I've had to go through this past year,' Joanne Lofgren Ploetz said at a Capitol news conference, wearing her husband's military jacket. Her husband, John Ploetz, was killed in December 2017 by a woman who was texting when she hit his car. Between 2013 and 2017, distracted driving contributed to 20 percent of Minnesota crashes, killing 53 people every year on average, according to the Department of Public Safety. [Read the article at startribune.com.](#)

## REGION 4 NEWS

### **Road Safety Advocates Push for Rear Seatbelt Law in Arizona**

It takes no more than two to three seconds to strap-in, and it is the single most action you take that can save your life in the event of a crash -- yet they are still many people who refuse to buckle-up before taking off in their cars. While the Governor's Office of Highway Safety touts a high-rate of seatbelt usage in Arizona, the numbers only account for drivers and passengers buckling up in the front seats of the vehicle. The number of people buckling up in the back seat is much lower than those buckling up in the front seat. [Read the article at abc15.com.](#)

### **REAL ID Extension for Guam Ends**

The extension for REAL ID enforcement on Guam ended on Jan. 10, which means residents looking to get into federal facilities like military bases and boarding commercial flights without a passport will need to have a REAL ID. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in its website, stated that Guam had an extension which allowed Guam IDs that weren't REAL ID compliant to be used for those purposes. [Read the article at guampdn.com.](#)

### **Utah Teen Drove Blindfolded for 'Bird Box Challenge', Why**

## You Should Not

Here are some safety tips when driving a car: maintain a safe following distance, always use your turn signals, and oh, don't drive blindfolded. Two of these things are explicitly listed on the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) Driving Etiquette & Safety Tips website. The third is technically not listed alongside the 'things you should try to avoid while operating a vehicle' such as talking on hand-held devices, texting, eating, reaching for items, applying makeup, shaving, operating music devices. Keep in mind, though, that this list is far from exhaustive. After all, the list also does not include things such as cooking dinner, taking a nap, going to the bathroom, and playing the clarinet. Therefore, not driving while blindfolded is kind of implied. [Read the article at forbes.com.](#)

## SGI Considering More Photo Radar Sites and Traffic Safety Grants (Saskatchewan)

The committee responsible for deciding where photo radar is set-up in Saskatchewan is taking applications for more locations. In a news release issued Wednesday, SGI said the Photo Speed Enforcement committee is taking applications from city or band administrators who are looking to make their roads safer. 'New [Photo Speed Enforcement] technology sites will not be selected randomly, nor for the purposes of revenue generation,' the statement from SGI read. 'Approval for use will only be on a rigorous safety-based criteria.' [Read the article at cbc.ca.](#)

### OTHER NEWS

## Study: The Cost of Teen Driving Hits Low-Income Families Hardest

The Zebra, the nation's leading car insurance search engine, today released results of a nationwide study detailing the divide between teens who can afford to drive and those who can't. Driving-age (16-18) teens from wealthy families are 51 percent more likely to drive than their low-income peers. [Read the article at digitaljournal.com.](#)

## Self-Driving Car Startup Zoox Gets a New CEO

According to Zoox co-founder and CTO Jesse Levinson, he and the board of directors believed 'that to take the company through the next stage and to scale the company, we thought finding someone with executive and operational experience would be helpful to the company,' he told TechCrunch. That's where, Aicha Evans...comes in. Evans is Intel's now-former chief strategy officer, and will join Zoox as CEO and member of the board of directors on February 26. [Read the article at techcrunch.com.](#)

## Digital License Plate Maker Adds Charity to Display at CES

Digital license plate maker Reviver Auto has partnered to create a Susan G. Komen-branded license plate to help support the organization's fund raising for ending breast cancer. As part of the arrangement, specific Rplates will be sold in California with the Susan G. Komen of Los Angeles branding and messaging, with a portion of each sale going to the organization. The digital license plate is a high-definition display that goes in place of the traditional car license plate and is continually connected. The connected license plate platform ultimately is expected to allow registration renewals and display messages such as a child's academic achievements or eventually even messaging from marketers. [Read the article at mediapost.com.](#)

## What CES 2019 Told Us About the Future of the Auto

## Industry

It has been said for several years now that CES in Las Vegas contains its own auto show; that away from the halls of televisions, speakers and smart home devices, there is also an entire car event happening as well. For 2019 this was no different, as a wide range of car makers — including startups and industry veterans — descended on Vegas to show us a glimpse of the future, and a clearer look at what's just around the corner. [Read the article at gearbrain.com.](#)

## Top 12 Ways People Could Prank a Fully Driverless Vehicle

People have been raging against the machine in Chandler, where Google-affiliate Waymo has been testing self-driving cars for the last couple of years. According to a popular New York Times article, which pilfered material from an Arizona Republic article by Ryan Randazzo, Chandler police have recorded more than 20 incidents in which people have thrown rocks at autonomous Waymo cars, punctured a tire, swerved toward them, and in one case even pointed a gun at one. But one thing all these Waymo cars had in common: They all had backup drivers behind the wheel, if not passengers. [Read the article at phoenixnewtimes.com.](#)

## Troublesome Increase in Commercial Motor Vehicle Fatalities; FMCSA Says Unbelted Drivers Still a Major Reason

There has been a significant increase in commercial motor vehicle fatalities over the past two years, and lack of seat belt usage was cited by a leading federal official as a continuing key reason. Jack Van Steenburg, the assistant administrator and chief safety officer of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), says you can look at the data and conclude that about half the occupants of commercial trucks that are killed in crashes die because they weren't wearing seat belts. Van Steenburg made his presentation before the annual FMCSA-led session at the Transportation Research Board in Washington. [Read the article at freightwaves.com.](#)

## TWITTER NEWS

@AAMVAConnection has been watching the twitter feed and decided to highlight some of the tweets here. Links are provided within most of the tweets, and we have also provided a link to each tweet as well. Note that you do not have to have an account or sign in to Twitter to view the message posts, images associated with the post, and the reach of the message (retweets, favorited, etc.).

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- Friendly Staff
- Accessible Online Info
- Technological Advances

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Properly inflated tires are important during winter weather. Same goes for the footballs.

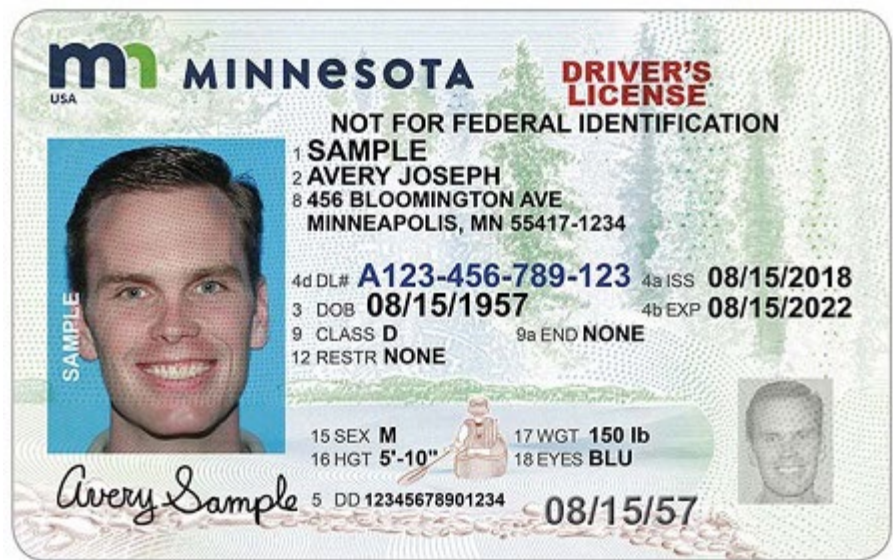


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**MN Public Safety @MnDPS\_DPS | [View the Tweet](#)**

My new license says "NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION." What does that mean? Learn more in the latest #DPSblog: <http://ow.ly/5s2P30njHR>



**SD Highway Patrol @SDHighwayPatrol | [View the Tweet](#)**

Seat belts really do work! This is what happens if you choose not to wear them and are involved in a crash. The driver of this vehicle put his head into the window after striking the tree! A seat belt would have prevented this! #buckleup





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The same is true in #SC! Follow the lead of our friends in Virginia - wipers on, lights on. It's the law. #SCDMV



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