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DOT Updates NHTSA's Policy Statement on Autonomous Vehicles, Commits Nearly \$4 Billion for Research and Development

Yesterday, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx [unveiled new policy](#) that updates the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) [2013 preliminary policy statement](#) on autonomous vehicles. [This announcement](#) was made at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in conjunction with a commitment of nearly \$4 billion over the next 10 years to accelerate the development and adoption of safe vehicle automation. AAMVA was specifically mentioned in the announcement as a partner, along with NHTSA, states, and other stakeholders, to develop a model state policy on automated vehicles. The new policy is designed to facilitate and encourage the development and deployment of technologies with the potential to save lives. Within six months, NHTSA will propose guidance to industry on establishing principles of safe operation for fully autonomous vehicles (vehicles at Level 4 on the scale established in NHTSA's 2013 preliminary policy statement). For more information, see the Special Alert on AAMVA's Website. USDOT's announcement generated quite a bit of press coverage, much of it also mentioning AAMVA:

[Transportation Department Clears Way for Self-Parking Cars](#)

January 14, 2016

By Rene Marsh

CNN

[U.S. Seeks to Clear Autonomous-Car Hurdles](#)

January 14, 2016

By Ryan Beene

Automotive News

[Obama Administration Ready to Put \\$4B Toward Self-driving Cars](#)

January 14, 2016

By Brent Snively and Nathan Bomey

Detroit Free Press and USA TODAY

[Obama Administration Devoting \\$4B to Jump-start Driverless Cars](#)

January 14, 2016

By Greg Otto

OUR EVENTS

FEBRUARY

2-3 | [DMV Investigator Integration Working Group Meeting](#)

Phoenix, AZ
By invitation only

OUR WEBINARS

JANUARY

12, 19, 26 | [NMVTIS State Web interface \(SWI\) 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Elements](#)

2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

20 | [Yeah We Do That](#)

2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

21 | [New CDLIS Timeliness And Ecuracy - Summary Workbook](#)

2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

FEBRUARY

2, 9, 16 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Elements](#)

2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Wisconsin, Florida, Kansas, Alberta, Illinois, and Georgia.

[REAL ID Residency Documents](#)

(Ends 02/08/2016)

[Paperless DMV](#) (Ends

02/12/2016)

[CDL Driver Improvement Program](#) (Ends 01/29/2016)

[Third Party Testing for Non-Commercial DL](#) (Ends 01/26/2016)

[Driver Licence Requests from Outside Jurisdiction](#) (Ends

Fedscoop.com

[Department of Transportation Spending \\$4 Billion to Test Connected Cars](#)

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By Nick Jaynes

Mashable

[White House Pushes to Make Driverless Cars a Reality](#)

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By Heather Caygle

Politico

[Google Releases Self-driving Car Performance Report as U.S. Proposes \\$4 Billion in](#)

Funding

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By Bill Snyder

CIO.com

[Federal Government Invests \\$3.9 Billion Into 10-year Plan for Autonomous Driving](#)

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By Hope Reese

TechRepublic

[President Obama Injecting \\$4 Billion Into Self-Driving Cars](#)

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By Kyree Leary

IGN.com

[U.S. Government to Invest \\$4B in Self-driving Cars. DOT to Set Nationwide Rules for](#)

Public Testing

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By Collen Kriel

SiliconAngle

[Obama's FY17 Budget Proposal Invests \\$4B in Autonomous Vehicles. DOT Announces](#)

January 14, 2016

By Greg Watry

R&D Magazine

[US To Spend \\$4 Billion To Fill Roads With Autonomous Vehicles](#)

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By Bryan Lufkin

Gizmodo

AAMVA Awards Submission Deadline is February 1st

AAMVA's Awards Program is a great way to recognize individuals, teams and organizations in the motor vehicle administration and law enforcement community for their commitment and hard work. With a February 1st submission deadline quickly approaching, you'll want to act now to give credit where credit is due. View the [2016 Awards Promo Video](#) to learn more about the awards, and visit the [Awards Page](#) on AAMVA's Web site to download the 2016 Submission and Nomination Packet and Entry Form.

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These jurisdictions appreciate your assistance with their research. If you need a Web password or have any questions about using the survey tool, please send an e-mail to webportalsupport@aamva.org or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842.

All online surveys can be found [on the AAMVA Web site here](#).

2016 Workshop & Law Institute



AAMVA's 2016 Workshop & Law Institute is scheduled to take place in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 9-10, 2016. [Watch the promo video](#) to learn more, and visit the [Workshop & Law Institute Web site](#) to register today

REGION I NEWS

Maryland May Soon See Strict New Drunk Driving Laws

A Montgomery County police officer was struck and killed by a drunk driver while he was on DUI patrol. His death has led to a major push for strict new laws about drunk driving in the state of Maryland. [Read the full story at Baltimore.CBSLocal.com](#).

New Jersey Considering Move to Electronic Driver's License

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security provided the state of New Jersey with a nine-month extension to update its driver's license requirements in compliance with the federal Real ID Act, a post-9/11 measure passed in 2005 to enhance security, authentication and issuance procedures for state identification cards. [Read the full story at PhillyVoice.com](#).

Man Arrested for Bribing DMV Representative (New York)

The New York State Police, in conjunction with the New York State Dept. of Motor Vehicles Investigations Unit, arrested Homero Rodriguez, age 64, of New York, NY, on January 7, 2016, for Bribery 3rd Degree. [Read the full story at HudsonValleyNewsNetwork.com](#).

State Agencies Push App to Help Prevent Drunk Driving (Pennsylvania)

State agencies are promoting a free mobile app meant to keep drunk drivers off the roads. Called SaferRide, the easy-to-use software allows users to find a taxi service or call a friend for a ride home if they've had too much to drink. It also allows them to find a map of their location by selecting the app's "Where Am I?" button. [Read the full story at MyInforms.com](#).

REGION II NEWS

Three Arrested in Sarasota for Craigslist Car Scam (Florida)

Three people are behind bars in Sarasota after being accused of manipulating car odometers to make the vehicles appear more valuable. [Read the full story at WTSP.com](#).

State Delegates Proposing Laws that Could Stiffen Fines for Slow Drivers (Virginia)

Two Virginia State Delegates are proposing laws that could stiffen fines for slow drivers. It's a law already on the books in Virginia, but many drivers don't realize that they can be fined for driving slow in the left lane. In fact, drivers in the commonwealth can be slapped with a \$250 fine for driving in the left lane, if they're not passing other vehicles. [Read the full story at WTVR.com](#).

DMV email Now Available for Customers Should Decrease Wait Time (West Virginia)

Attention licensed drivers and motor vehicle owners. Do you have a question for the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles and would prefer not to wait in queue? Until now, the direct line to DMV has been through the DMV Call Center number, 1-800-642-9066. In an effort to better serve customers and decrease wait times on the phone, you may now email your questions directly to DMVCallCenter@wv.gov. [Read the full story at Theet.com.](#)

REGION III NEWS

New Specialty Plate Aims to Decrease Distracted Driving (Indiana)

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, distracted driving kills nine people a day in the United States and some of those are a result of people using a cellphone while driving. Thursday morning, state leaders unveiled a new specialty license plate that aims to decrease that statistic by spreading awareness. [Read the full story at WFLI.com.](#)

Manitoba Plans to Combine Drivers' Licences, Health Cards

The Manitoba government is planning to combine drivers' licences and health cards into an all-in-one identification card. [Read the full story at Winnipeg.CTVNews.ca.](#)

Wisconsin State Patrol Recruit Class Begins Training

The Wisconsin State Patrol welcomed 49 recruits to the State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy on Sunday, Jan. 10, to begin an intense 25-week training program that will culminate in their graduation as troopers or inspectors on July 1, 2016. [Read the DOT press release.](#)

REGION IV NEWS

Tiny License Plate Proposed for Drones (California)

A wave of laws aimed at drone users has struck in the last year. In the city of Los Angeles, for example, you can't fly your drone within 5 miles of an airport like LAX without permission. And the Federal Aviation Administration requires you to register your drone if it weighs a little more than half a pound, even if you bought it at Toys"R"Us. [Read the full story at LAWeekly.com.](#)

California Received a Federal REAL ID Extension

Transcript: Your California driver's license is an essential key to get through TSA airport screening. But KTUV has learned that the department of homeland security has added California to 11 other states whose citizens may be required to present another form of acceptable id such as a passport to clear security. [Read the full story at TVEyes.com.](#)

Autonomous Car Makers Hand Over Data on Glitches and Failures to California DMV

If you want to build a self-driving car and test it on public roads in California, the state's Department of Motor Vehicles says that every year you have to submit a disengagement report—basically a list of every time the human driver had to take

over for the car. This year, Bosch, Delphi, Google, Nissan, Mercedes-Benz, Tesla, and Volkswagen Group were required to submit disengagement reports, and the results are largely what you'd expect from a novel and complicated technology. [Read the full story at ARSTechnica.com.](#)

Sacramento-Based Dealers Group Continues to Pursue Legal Action Against TrueCar

The Sacramento-based California New Car Dealers Association, which bills itself as the nation's largest state association of franchised new car and truck dealers, continues to pursue legal action against a popular Golden State car-buying site. [Read the full story at SacBee.com.](#)

Number Of ID Theft Investigations DROP After California Allows Illegals Driver's Licenses

New figures show that the number of identification theft investigations collapsed by 30 percent in California after a program allowing illegal aliens to apply for driver's licenses was implemented in 2015, according to a FOIA request obtained by The Daily Caller News Foundation. [Read the full story at DailyCaller.com.](#)

New Law Gets More Oregonians to Vote Via the DMV

A trip to the Oregon DMV will now automatically register you to vote, if you are not already. The brand new law started on Jan. 1. Oregonians believe in the ballot, with participation among the highest in the country. It helps that we have a vote-by-mail system. But there were up to a million of us eligible to vote, who just were not registered. [Read the full story at KATU.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

DOT, Automakers Agree on Proactive Safety Principles

This is a very exciting time for the auto industry, maybe even historic. Yesterday, I announced DOT's efforts in 2016 to support the safe deployment of autonomous vehicles that carmakers have been developing. And today, DOT and the 18 automakers below took a strong stand --together-- for a new proactive, collaborative approach to safety... [Read the full blog post on the DOT blog.](#)

Military Bases No Longer Accepting Driver's Licenses from 5 States

Federal facilities no longer accept driver's licenses from five states as valid identification for individuals seeking entry without an escort, but some military bases are offering workarounds, granting grace periods, or continuing with current access rules that require more than an ID. [Read the full story at ArmyTimes.com.](#)

Google Cars Crash Less than Conventional Vehicles: Report

A latest study shows that it is safer to travel in one of Alphabet Inc.'s (NASDAQ:GOOG) Google Cars, which has been involved in fewer accidents as opposed to human driven vehicles. This finding can prove essential, as currently a number of tech giants and automakers strive to establish self-driven cars as primary mode of road and highway transportation. [Read the full story at Bidnesstc.com.](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

On Twitter

@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.).

Stay on top of "Twitter-town talk". You may be surprised at what you're missing! Follow @AAMVAConnection. (<http://twitter.com/#!/AAMVAConnection>)

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Even better for #consumers than yesterday's #automatedvehicles announcement? Today's #safety principles! <http://1.usa.gov/1WeFbwX>
- **TransportationGov @USDOT | [View the Tweet](#)**
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