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AAMVA Seeks CDS Subcommittee Representatives

AAMVA is seeking three new jurisdiction members for the [Card Design Standard \(CDS\) Subcommittee](#). Preference may be given to applicants from Region 4 and/or applicants with law enforcement experience. The CDS Subcommittee attempts to standardize the means, whether physical or electronic, to confidently identify a person and to confirm identity. Applicants must have experience working with physical document security and card design. Preference may also be given to applicants with mobile driver license (mDL) knowledge/experience. If you are interested in applying for this position, please review the [Subcommittee Charter](#), complete the [application](#) and email it to committees@aamva.org no later than **Friday, March 5, 2021**. If you have questions about the CDS Subcommittee or the Joint mDL Working Group, please contact [Mindy Stephens](#).

FEATURED NEWS

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

- [Trucking Failures Surged Last Year Under Pandemic](#)
- [Canada Tightens Border Restrictions Further. Will Require Negative COVID Test](#)
- [Speeding on U.S. Roads Is Taking Thousands of Teenagers' Lives](#)

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- [Texas Truckers Can Expect a Vaccine in Spring](#)

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- [With Speeding Drivers Treating 'Roadway Like It's a Raceway' During Pandemic, Law Enforcement Cracking Down \(Minnesota\)](#)



OUR EVENTS

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- [NDDOT Expands Kiosk Services Across the State \(North Dakota\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Pandemic Takes Toll on Wisconsin Transportation Fund Revenues](#)

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- [DMV Services Offered Online Due To COVID-19 \(California\)](#)
- [Waymo and Cruise Dominated Autonomous Testing in California in the First Year of the Pandemic](#)
- [As People Drove Less During the 2020 Pandemic, Car Thieves Preyed on Parked Cars \(Colorado\)](#)
- [Use of Self-Service DMV Kiosks on Oahu Skyrockets During COVID-19 Shutdown \(Hawaii\)](#)
- [Why the Lines Are So Long at the DMV and How Police Say They're Cutting Some Slack \(Nevada\)](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont Proposes Mileage-Based Fee on Trucks

In his recent budget address, Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont proposed a mileage-based fee on tractor-trailers estimated to raise \$90 million annually. Lamont delivered his biennial budget address, which takes into account fiscal 2022-2023, on Feb. 10. The mileage fee would apply only to heavy trucks, which can cause damage to infrastructure, he said. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

Nearly 100 Maryland Officers Designated as Traffic Safety Specialists

Nearly 100 officers were recently honored for their commitment and contributions to traffic safety with designation as a Level I or Level II Traffic Safety Specialist (TSS). [Read more at southernmarylandchronicle.com.](#)

NYS DMV, Niagara County Clerk Warn of Phishing Attacks (New York)

The Niagara County Clerk and state DMV officials are warning about a new scam aimed at stealing your personal data. The state DMV issued a fraud alert after customers reported receiving a text message, asking drivers to update their contact information. [Read more at spectrumlocalnews.com.](#)

DMV Tightens Data Disclosures (Vermont)

Thirteen months ago VTDigger broke the news that the Department of Motor Vehicles had for years been quietly selling Vermonters' personal data... That report came out in mid-January. On Thursday, DMV Commissioner Wanda Minoli explained to lawmakers how new protocols and standards have been set for data disclosures. [Read more at vtdigger.org.](#)

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Vision Zero Program Aims To Reduce Traffic Deaths in Tampa (Florida)

It's a statement we hear it all too often; one traffic fatality is one too many, and every time it holds true. Alana Brasier with the City of Tampa said the city is not immune to statistics behind that phrase. [Read more at abcactionnews.com.](#)

Inmate Program Set up To Provide KY REAL ID To People Getting Out of Jail (Kentucky)

On Friday, the Kentucky Department of Corrections announced a partnership with state agencies to provide state inmates with identification cards. Only one jail is participating in the new pilot program and that is the Warren County Regional Jail. Three state prisons are also participating. [Read more at wnky.com.](#)

MHP: Spike in Teen Driving Fatalities Prompts New Safety Campaign (Mississippi)

State police are kicking off a new traffic safety campaign targeting teenagers after a deadly year on Mississippi roads. The Mississippi Highway Patrol (MHP) says 70 teenagers lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2020 compared to 49 the year before. [Read more at wlb.com.](#)

NCDMV License and Theft Bureau Kicks off Centennial Celebration (North Carolina)

To celebrate 100 years of service to the citizens of North Carolina, N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles License and Theft Bureau kicked off a yearlong series of events today. The event was a virtual presentation, honoring the 250 members of the agency with a challenge coin and a commemorative badge to be worn by sworn members for the duration of the centennial year. [Read more at wnct.com.](#)

Legislators Send Letter To Gov. Stitt Asking for Order To Speed up Licenses, REAL IDs (Oklahoma)

A bunch of House Republicans and some Democrats, too, asked Gov. Kevin Stitt on Tuesday to do something about the long waits for driver's licenses and driver's tests their constituents are enduring. Forty House Republicans and four Democrats signed a letter asking Stitt to issue executive orders to expand the use of third-party driving examiners and allow Career Techs and other schools to administer written tests. [Read more at tulsaworld.com.](#)

Group Calls on South Carolina, Other States, To Ban Confederate Flag From License Plates

The nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization called on Southeast states, including South Carolina, to ban the use of confederate symbols on vehicle license plates. The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is asking eight other states to follow the lead of North Carolina, who recently decided to ban the symbol on new license plates. [Read more at abcnews4.com.](#)

DMV Data Legislation Currently Under Consideration by

State Senate (Virginia)

A bill making its way through the General Assembly would prevent drivers' private information from being accessed by law enforcement agencies, including key identifying information belonging to people who lack legal immigration status. [Read more at wvtf.org.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Grundy Sheriff's Office Claims First Place in Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge

The Grundy County Sheriff's Office was recognized with a first place award in the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge during the Grundy County Board meeting on Tuesday. Presenting the award was Illinois Department of Transportation Law Enforcement Liaison Supervisor Scott Kristianson. [Read more at wcsjnews.com.](#)

Bill Would Ditch Iowa's Requirement for Front Bumper License Plates

Two Republican senators are working on a bill that would end the requirement that Iowa license plates be attached to the front as well as the rear of passenger vehicles. The owners of sports cars and vehicles with large front grills complain that license plates ruin the appearance of the vehicle. [Read more at radioiowa.com.](#)

Nearly 200 Arrested in Michigan During Drunk/Drugged Driving Crackdown

Nearly 200 people were arrested for impaired driving during the end-of-the-year holiday crackdown in Michigan. Officers from 90 police departments, sheriff's offices and Michigan State Police posts increased patrols across the state during the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, from December 11, 2020 to January 1, 2021. [Read more at radio.com.](#)

Dewine Seeks To Prohibit Use of Holding Cell Phones While Driving (Ohio)

With limited exceptions, the Hands-Free Ohio provisions announced in Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine's budget proposal will make driving while handling any electronic wireless device a primary offense for adult drivers and will increase fines for drivers who continue to use devices while driving. [Read more at wfmj.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

CA DMV Issues Autonomous Vehicle Testing Permit To Vietnam's VinFast (California)

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has issued an Autonomous Vehicle Testing Permit (with a driver) to VinFast (a division of Vingroup). VinFast—a Vietnamese company (earlier post)—is the 57th company to be issued such a testing permit. [Read more at greencarcongress.com.](#)

Steamboat DMV Has State's Highest Percentage of Organ Donors (Colorado)

Routt County ranks first in the state for organ, eye and tissue donor designation for 2020, according to the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles and the Donor Alliance. "Donors save lives," said Andrea Smith, director of communications for the Donor Alliance. "It's that simple. Their act of graciousness saves the life of someone else." [Read more at steamboatpilot.com](http://steamboatpilot.com).

Carrier Placed Out of Order After Letting Teen Drive Interstate (Montana)

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has ordered any motor carriers operated by Matthew Tabner, including two Belgrade, Mont.-based companies, to immediately cease all interstate and intrastate transportation operations. [Read more at landline.media](http://landline.media).

Vehicle Theft Numbers Rising as Temperatures Fall (Saskatchewan)

Vehicle theft is down this year compared to last, but the recent deep freeze is causing this year's numbers to rise, according to the Regina Police Service (RPS). [Read more at cjme.com](http://cjme.com).

OTHER NEWS

Digital ID Bill To Make a Comeback

A bipartisan pair of House lawmakers is planning to revive a bill in the coming weeks that would revamp the government's approach to personal digital identification for U.S. citizens. The legislation — dubbed the "Improving Digital Identity Act" — was introduced last year but expired at the end of the 116th Congress without being acted on. Now, the measure's main boosters — Reps. Bill Foster (D-Ill.) and John Katko (R-N.Y.) — intend to reintroduce it in the next four to eight weeks. [Read more at politico.com](http://politico.com).

Automakers Push for Movement on 'Critical' Rules for Self-Driving Cars

A group of nearly four-dozen automakers, industry advocacy groups and corporations sent a letter to Congressional leaders Wednesday urging action on legislation that would allow for greater deployment of autonomous vehicles. [Read more at detroitnews.com](http://detroitnews.com).

Electric Vehicles Are Improving So Fast, Data on Using Them May Be Obsolete

This week, group of economists released an analysis that attempts to answer how much the average American drives their electric vehicle. While it shows people drove electric cars fewer miles than gas-powered ones, the results might not reflect the rapidly changing electric vehicle landscape. [Read more at earther.gizmodo.com](http://earther.gizmodo.com).

Under Buttigieg's Leadership DOT Aims To Transform

More Than Just Transportation

The country's transportation secretary is stuck at home, quarantining for two weeks just one week into his new job. Gray T.V. Washington Bureau reporter Kyle Midura digitally connected with Sec. Pete Buttigieg to discuss the path ahead over the next four years. [Read more at kcrq.com.](#)

New Data Expands on Why Women Have a Greater Risk of Injury in Car Crashes

Women are more likely than men to be injured in car crashes, and a new report from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) exposes additional reasons beyond the lack of a crash test dummy that represents an average female body—including that men tend to drive heavier vehicles, and are more likely to cause front-to-rear crashes. [Read more at consumerreports.org.](#)

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.

Utah Highway Patrol @UTHighwayPatrol | [View the Tweet](#)

All UHP Troopers received similar training last Summer/Fall. It has been well received and we are looking forward to Phase II to begin this year. Learning to understand others' lived experiences has already gone a long way in our enforcement efforts.



Utah Law Enforcement Begin Diversity Training

Law enforcement across the state are getting a new course in diversity training that was spurred by the death of George Floyd in police custody last year and th...
[ksltv.com](#)

↻ Nevada DPS Retweeted

Zero Fatalities NV @ZeroFatalNV | [View the Tweet](#)

The 10 year anniversary of our #ZeroFatalities program is being featured tonight on @FOX5Vegas.

Tune in to the 4pm, 5pm or 6pm broadcast to watch the special report.



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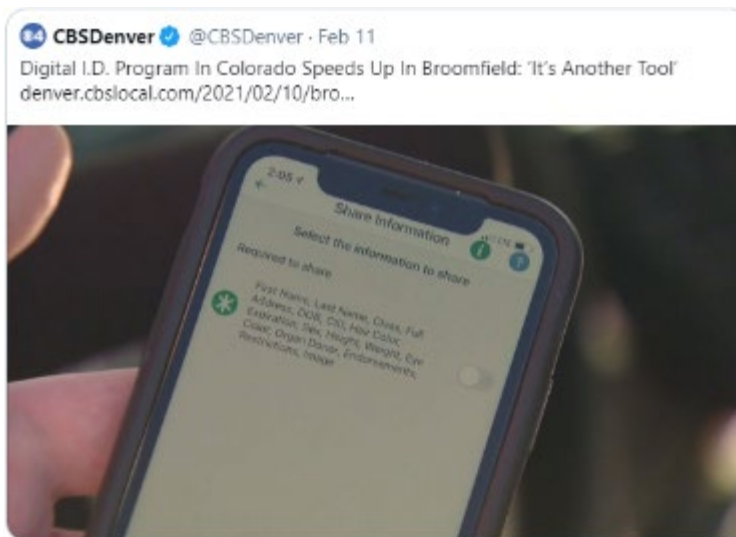
Safe Roads Alliance @Safe_Roads | [View the Tweet](#)

Show the love! Download the #RoadReady app this #valentines2021 to help your teen navigate the supervised driving process. #newdriver #learntodrive #drivingtest #teendrivers #learnerspermit



Colorado State Patrol @CSP_News | [View the Tweet](#)

Have you downloaded your digital ID yet? Take a look at this story to see why it's a great idea!



CA DMV @CA_DMV | [View the Tweet](#)

In HONOR of BLACK HISTORY MONTH we recognize Doris V. Alexis.
Doris was the FIRST black director EVER APPOINTED to the #CADMV.
After 28 YEARS of service, she left behind a LEGACY!
Watch to learn MORE

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Tune in now to watch your @TxDMV board meeting.
<https://txdmv.gov/about-us/txdmv-board-meetings>



Georgia DDS (DMV) @GeorgiaDDS | [View the Tweet](#)

One mask a day, helps keep the germs away! #WeAreInThisTogether
#GADDSCares



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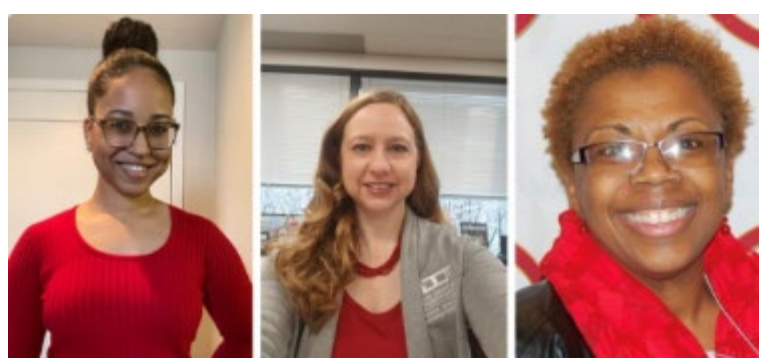
A Tallahassee citizen sent us this heartwarming video – a great reminder that no act of kindness is too small

Florida Trooper Matt Croy stopped traffic to assist an elderly citizen cross the road. As the citizen made it to the curb, Trooper Cory assisted him into his vehicle.



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