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Orlando, FL



SYSTEMS TRAINING

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

FEBRUARY - CDLIS/PDPS

North Carolina to Begin Using AAMVA's State-to-State (S2S) Verification Service

North Carolina will begin using AAMVA's [State-to-State Verification Service](#) (S2S) on Monday, February 25, 2019. Tasks related to on-boarding North Carolina will be conducted during the weekend of February 23, 2019. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there will be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site will be in inquiry-only mode or unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2:00 AM ET to 5:00 AM ET on Sunday, February 24, 2019). AAMVA is taking all steps possible to minimize service interruptions and will be sending alerts notifying states of Central Site availability throughout the process. [Read more here](#).

Michigan Conducts NMVTIS Transactions Online

AAMVA is very pleased to announce that Michigan has completed its re-writes and is now implementing online updates and inquiry in NMVTIS. Michigan is now fully participating online in NMVTIS. Congratulations, Michigan! For more information about NMVTIS federal compliance requirements, please contact [Tom Manuel](#), Senior Program Manager.

2018 AAMVA IDEC Examiners of the Year Announced!

The International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Board and AAMVA are happy to announce the 2018 Examiner of the Year award nominees. Each IDEC member jurisdiction nominates one examiner for outstanding performance as a driver's license examiner. Twenty-one jurisdictions submitted examiners for the 2018 IDEC Examiner of the Year award. The nominated examiners were selected for the exceptional professionalism, integrity, performance and commitment they bring to their jobs! Each examiner will receive an award and certificate thanking them for their dedication and service they bring to the program. [Click here](#) to see the examiners and their nomination letters!

REGION 1 NEWS

State Police and PennDOT Urge Drivers to Review New Traffic Safety Laws (Pennsylvania)

It's Highway safety awareness week. State police urge drivers to review traffic law updates on speeding in work zones, making way for first responders, removing snow and ice from vehicles, driving through closed roads and yielding to pedestrians...'Highway Safety Law Awareness Week is one of our most popular ways to raise state awareness on laws that are very important to our residents' safety,' PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards said in a statement. [Read the article at readingeagle.com](#).

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11 | [SPEXS Batch Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

Area Traffic Crashes and Fatalities a 'Serious Public Health Issue' (Washington, D.C.)

Highway safety in the D.C. area is a 'public health issue,' according to a local leader frustrated by steady year-over-year increases in traffic crashes, and a recent 45.76 percent jump in drunken driving fatalities...Snyder talked about this at last week's Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board meeting where local leaders were being briefed on the 'How Safe Are Our Roads' report, prepared for the Washington Regional Alcohol Program. 'This is a serious public health issue, and the region needs to focus on this more than we have done so far,' Snyder said. 'And it's not just government — it's each and every person out there on the roads.' [Read the article at wtop.com.](#)

DDOT Advances Vision Zero with Rule Changes to Improve Bike Lane Safety (Washington, D.C.)

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) announced a proposed rulemaking, in support of Mayor Bowser's Vision Zero initiative, that will prohibit stopping, standing, parking, passenger loading and unloading, and other obstructions of bicycle lanes. DDOT's rulemaking, drafted in coordination with the Metropolitan Police Department and the Department of For Hire Vehicles, is designed to eliminate and clearly prohibit behaviors that endanger cyclists traveling in the District's bike lane network. 'As the District continues to embrace multimodal transportation, we have to make sure that our regulations and practices protect all users of the roadway,' said DDOT Director, Jeff Marootian. 'These rules reinforce the Bowser administration's commitment to Vision Zero and eliminating traffic fatalities in the District.' [Read the article at news.transportation.org.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Sticking a Neck out for Traffic Safety (Florida)

A lot of drivers who are speeding through one Oakland Park neighborhood are slowing down to get a look at this: a 7-foot-tall giraffe wearing a speed limit sign. Well, it mostly looks like a giraffe. One could argue that it's an alpaca with more neck, but it's enough of a giraffe for us. In any case, the shaggy, stuffed animal on the corner of Northeast Sixth Avenue and 35th Street wears a hand-painted poster board sign reminding drivers that the speed limit is 30 mph. Though he doesn't get thirsty, the giraffe is tethered to a tall jug of water and is accompanied by Bruce Felker, who wears a big smile and waves at passing motorists from the front lawn of his home. [Read the article at sun-sentinel.com.](#)

15 New License Examiners to Help Improve Service at DMV Offices (North Carolina)

As part of the effort to improve customer service at driver license offices statewide, the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles will add 15 new driver license examiner graduates to 14 offices next week. The new employees graduated Friday from DMV's Basic Examiner Training School and will start work Monday, Feb. 18. The 15 new employees bring to 235 the number of positions the DMV has filled since Aug. 1, 2018. Driver license examiners make up 101 of those vacancies. DMV has also instituted express lines, established dedicated road test teams and used additional customer service representatives to help people in line make sure they have the appropriate documents. [Read the article at ncdot.gov.](#)

DMV Will Begin Checking to See If You've Got More Than One Driver's License (North Carolina)

People who have moved to North Carolina and have a state driver's license or plan to get one here should be prepared to have their old one canceled. Starting Monday,

12 | [SPEXS Transactions NIEM \(intermediate\)](#)

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OPEN RFPs

FEBRUARY

[AAMVA RFP FY19-18232: 2019 May Abandoned Vehicle Mechanic Lien Fraud Prevention Working Group](#)

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[AAMVA RFP FY19-18316: AAMVA 2019 June CR43 Face to Face Meeting](#)

February 26, 2019

state Division of Motor Vehicles computers will be patched in to a system that gives the DMV access to an applicant's driving history from another state, including suspensions. The State-to-State Verification Service will help confirm an applicant's identity and prevent someone from holding a license in two states at once. [Read the article at newsobserver.com.](#)

Who Designs Texas License Plates, and How Are They Made? Curious Texas Investigates

According to Texas Department of Motor Vehicles records, license plates were first issued to register horseless carriages, and the fees collected were used to fund highway improvements. The 35th Texas Legislature approved House Bill No. 2 in 1917, establishing the State Highway Department and a Texas motorist license. The department registered 194,720 motor vehicles by the end of that year. Texas' first official license plate was made from sheet iron, with white numbers on a dark blue background, and had the abbreviation 'TEX' on the right end of the plate. This design was used from 1917 to 1922. [Read the article at dallasnews.com.](#)

Teen Develops Tool to Help Hearing Impaired Drivers Communicate with Police (Texas)

Drivers who are hearing impaired can display a special placard, starting Tuesday in Frisco, to let police officers know they may have trouble understanding commands. It's a new approach to improving communication between the public and police – implemented by a 16-year-old. Jack Musser, a junior at Reedy High School in Frisco, designed a special safety placard that tells officers if a driver is hearing impaired or deaf. 'I wanted to make an impact in the community and I thought this was the right thing to do,' Musser said. The project is personal to Musser, who hears with the help of cochlear implants. [Read the article at nbcdfw.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Bad News for DR POOP: MPI's Guidelines on Offensive Licence Plates (Manitoba)

A Saskatchewan man made headlines for his response to having his personalized ASSMAN licence plate rejected – even though the seemingly offensive term is his real last name. David Assman posted a photo to Facebook of an 'ASSMAN' decal on his truck's tailgate, which resembles a Saskatchewan licence plate. But what about in Manitoba? Would an ASSMAN plate be allowed in this province? According to Manitoba Public Insurance, applications for personalized plates (which cost \$100 per vehicle) have to follow a fairly strict set of guidelines. [Read the article at globalnews.ca.](#)

Researchers Teach Self-Driving Cars to Predict Pedestrians' Next Moves (Michigan)

Researchers at the University of Michigan are developing a system that teaches self-driving cars to predict pedestrian movement. When pedestrians and vehicles attempt to occupy the same space, pedestrians lose. Since pedestrians are easily distracted and can't be counted on to act in their own best self-interest, autonomous cars will need to practice both defensive and protective driving. In a study sponsored by a grant from Ford Motor Company and published in IEEE Robotics and Automation letters, Michigan engineers focused on pedestrians at complex urban intersections. In what the study describes as a "biomechanically inspired recurrent neural network," the system cataloged human movements. In more simple terms, vehicles in the study watched people walk near a busy street corner and recorded the data. [Read the article at digitaltrends.com.](#)

No More Horse, Motorcycle Patrols in St. Paul (Minnesota)

The Saint Paul Police Department has used horses as a means of patrolling streets

[AAMVA RFP FY20-18268: AAMVA 2019 December New Admin Orientation, FI&A Committee, All Hands Mtg](#)

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MARCH

[AAMVA RFP FY19-17372: AAMVA Audit and Tax Services](#)

March 1, 2019

[AAMVA RFI: License Plate Verification Program](#)

March 1, 2019

since 1856. But now, the department will no longer use horses and motorcycles. Spokesperson Steve Linders calls the decision 'incredibly tough.' He cited three reasons for the change: the growing risk of distracted driving, more calls for service and office safety. The department expects to save about \$70,000, but Linders says that's not the main reason behind the change. Instead, it's about officer safety. [Read the article at kare11.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Bill Wants to Require More DMV Offices to Issue Drivers Licenses to Undocumented People (Colorado)

A bill introduced in the state Senate wants to require the Department of Revenue to issue identification documents, such as driver's licenses, to people who are temporarily undocumented, at 10 or more offices throughout the state. Currently, the Colorado Road and Community Safety Act authorizes the state to issue a driver license, instruction permit or identification card to individuals who either cannot prove lawful presence in the U.S. or can only prove temporary residency. This law took effect in 2014. For people unable to prove their permanent legal immigration status, an appointment is required at the DMV. Right now there are only three offices in Colorado who issue identification documents to individuals who are unable to demonstrate lawful presence in the U.S. Senate Bill 19-139 would require at least 10 offices to issue the documents by January 31st, 2020 if approved. [Read the article at koaa.com.](#)

'I Think It's Going to Be Life-Changing': Agencies Team up to Roll out ID Machines in Idaho Prisons

Idaho is now on the cutting edge of helping inmates succeed when they're released back into the community. Talks started a few years ago about putting some form of ID machines in the state's prisons. After recognizing the issue, multiple agencies and community members came together to make it happen. Currently, a pilot program is being rolled out in four state prisons. [Read the article at ktvb.com.](#)

Oregon Driver Licenses and ID Cards Have a New Design

In spring of 2019, DMV will issue a new card design all across Oregon. A limited number of the new cards have already been issued as part of a pilot program that started in December 2018. The card design will be modified slightly in summer 2020 when Oregon starts issuing 'Real ID' cards. The new card design: Meets or exceeds national standards for security and durability. Combines security features with images and symbols that represent Oregon. Uses nation-wide standards for layout and content, which help emergency responders find the information they need. [Read the article at oregon.gov.](#)

SGL's Advice for Dating and for Driving Following Valentine's Day (Saskatchewan)

The love gurus at SGL have come up with some road safety tips that can double as advice for your love life...One of the things that they advise, for both people who are heading onto the road or into a relationship, is to take it slow. 'Moving too fast can be dangerous. Wherever your relationship is heading, if it's really important or special, it's worth it to take things a little slow,' said McMurchy. 'And, when dealing with winter driving conditions, remember to adjust your driving speed to match the road conditions even if it means driving lower than the posted limits.' [Read the article at discovermoosejaw.com.](#)

Did You Lose 138 Hours to Seattle-Area Traffic Last Year? New Report Ranks 5 Other Cities Even Worse (Washington)

A Seattle-area driver who commuted at the slowest time of day would have lost 138 hours last year due to congestion, according to the 2018 annual scorecard by INRIX, the worldwide traffic-data firm based in Kirkland. That makes Seattle-area traffic the sixth most congested among major U.S. cities in INRIX's Annual Congestion Report released Monday night. Boston traffic was the slowest among major U.S. cities, with an average of 164 hours of delays, followed by Washington, D.C., Chicago, New York and Los Angeles, Seattle, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Portland, Ore. [Read the article at seattletimes.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Safety Self-Assessments

Six companies working on automated driving systems have published voluntary safety self-assessments since late 2018, DOT said Wednesday. Apple, Bosch, Mercedes-Benz, Navya, Starsky Robotics and Zoox have joined a list that also includes Ford, General Motors, Uber and Waymo. NHTSA Deputy Administrator Heidi King praised the companies for submitting the self-evaluations and encouraged others to join them. [Read the reports at nhtsa.gov.](#)

Opioid Epidemic Spilling over onto Roads, Study Says

Patients who are prescribed opioids and the clinicians who prescribe them have more to be concerned about than steadily rising rates of opioid overdoses, according to a new study. The research, published Friday in the journal JAMA Network Open, shows that drivers who are on prescribed opioids are twice as likely to be in deadly two-vehicle accidents than those not using the drugs. As the United States struggles with an opioid epidemic, these findings could affect health care providers' decision-making processes, the authors say. Statistics from the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention show that although the rate of opioids prescribed per 100 people decreased from 72.4% to 66.5% from 2006 to 2016, 214 million opioid prescriptions are written each year. [Read the article at cnn.com.](#)

Are Automakers Doing Enough to Curb Distracted Driving?

Virginia is in the process of outlawing the use of hand-held cellphones while driving. If the bill passes, the state will join 16 other states and the District of Columbia; text messaging is banned for all drivers in 47 states and the District of Columbia. And what are automakers doing to curb distracted driving? Manufacturers have added as much tech as seems possible into vehicles to keep occupants safer in a crash, with ABS brakes and other safety measures now standard as well as assorted airbags and side curtains, crumple zones, alerts on all four sides if your ride comes close to an object, seat belt warnings, automatic braking, the muting of the sound system if you're backing up, rings on standard shifts which must be lifted to put the car in reverse, having to step on the brake to start the car, and the list goes on. But the use of cell phones in cars is now estimated to be involved in 26 percent of all motor vehicle crashes, according to a report from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. [Read the article at forbes.com.](#)

Canada's Answer to Tesla: A \$15,500 Electric Three-Wheeler Called the Solo

It's all-electric like a Tesla. It's priced like a Ford Fiesta. It's one of the oddest-looking vehicles you've ever seen -- and it may just redefine the commuter car. As General Motors Co. prepares to shut the plant near Toronto that got car-making started in Canada more than a century ago, a new model is taking shape in a tiny production facility in Vancouver's outskirts. Meet the Solo -- a one-seater vehicle made by Electra Meccanica Vehicles Corp. that costs \$15,500. By December, 5,000 will be zipping around the streets of Los Angeles, with an additional 70,000 to be delivered over the next two years across the West Coast. Electra Meccanica may

have a market value of just \$80 million, yet it has \$2.4 billion in preorders. The stock almost doubled Wednesday in New York. [Read the article at dailyherald.com.](#)

Self-Driving Cars Might Kill Auto Insurance as We Know It

Dan Peate, a venture capitalist and entrepreneur in Southern California, was thinking of buying a Tesla Model X a few years ago—until he called his insurance company and found out how much his premiums would rise. 'They quoted me \$10,000 a year,' Peate recalled. For all the concern over accidents involving driverless cars, including Tesla's troubles with its limited self-driving Autopilot mode, it's easy to forget one of the supposed virtues of autonomous vehicles: They will make the roads safer. A sophisticated array of lidar, radar and cameras is expected to be more adept at detecting trouble than our mortal eyes and ears. And computers never get drunk, check Tinder or fall asleep at the wheel. [Read the article at bloomberg.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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Congratulations to the NJMVC's Brian Sholer, honored by @AAMVAConnection with its 2018 Int'l Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) of the Year award. Brian is the ultimate pro in CDL training and auditing, focused on #safety, #customerservice & leading by example. #Congrats Brian!



PA Department of Transportation @PennDOTNews | [View the Tweet](#)

#DYK Harsher penalties went into effect for drivers convicted of a DUI? A 4th DUI in 10 years is now a felony. A 3rd DUI offense in 10 years may also be a felony, depending on the driver's BAC. #PATrafficLaw CC: @PAStatePolice

**Driving Under The Influence (DUI)
Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Change**



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We took the pleasure of looking the definition up for y'all.

#YoureWelcome #ItsALimit #NoMas #NoMore
#QuitAskingForWarningsFor112MPH

speed limit noun

Definition of *speed limit*

: the maximum or minimum speed permitted by law in a given area under specified circumstances

Examples of *speed limit* in a Sentence

// The *speed limit* here is 55 mph.

// She got a ticket for breaking the *speed limit*.

Wisconsin DOT @WisconsinDOT | [View the Tweet](#)

With another snowstorm sweeping into Wisconsin, the State Patrol is using this recent crash video to remind drivers to slow down and give snowplows extra room. This video shows how snowplows often create a cloud of snow that can obscure visibility.



Montana Highway Patrol @MTHwyPatrol | [View the Tweet](#)

Here's the puzzle this driver ended up solving: Rubik cube + driving= a conversation with us that you may not like the result of. Make better choices!
#YouCantMakeThisUp

Trooper Amanda Villa @TrooperAVilla

Things you wish you could make up: today I stopped a car on the highway that drifted into my lane. Driver was busy trying to solve a Rubik cube, holding it in his hands above the wheel and steering with his wrist.
#ReallyDude #JustDrive

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It's National Margarita Day! If you are planning on celebrating, make sure you also plan to have a designated sober ride home. #BuzzedDriving #NationalMargaritaDay



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