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2021 Region 1 and Region 4 Conferences Are Cancelled

The 2021 AAMVA Region 1 Conference scheduled for May 11-13, 2021 in Providence, RI and the 2021 AAMVA Region 4 Conference scheduled for May 25-27, 2021 in Phoenix, AZ have both been cancelled due to health and safety concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus) as well as travel bans being imposed by many entities that traditionally participate in the event. Both regions are making plans to hold future conferences at these locations. For questions about this announcement or any AAMVA event, please contact [Samara Fetner](#) (703.254.7020).

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 Explores Augmented Reality to Enhance Training, Operations](#)
- [UPS Expects 40% Jump in Vaccine Doses Next Week, Peak in May](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [PennDOT Extends Expiration Dates on Commercial Driver's Licenses, Learner's Permits \(Pennsylvania\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [DMV Accelerating No-Contact Road Tests for Young Drivers \(North Carolina\)](#)
- [DMV Adds More Online Service Options Due To COVID-19 \(Virginia\)](#)
- [Learner's Permit Test Available Online in West Virginia](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE



OUR EVENTS

MARCH

16-18 | [2021 Virtual Workshop & Law Institute](#)

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5 | [2021 April AAMVA Combined Standing Committees Meeting](#)

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OUR WEBINARS

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23 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

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- [Kansas Encourages Online Driver's License Renewals](#)
- [Michigan SOS: You Will Be Able To Renew Enhanced Licenses, IDs Online by Mid-March](#)
- [Wisconsin Gives Some Older Drivers More Time To Renew Their Licenses](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Under Bill, New Oregonians Could Get a Driver's License Without Taking Written Test](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Federal REAL ID Modernization Act Streamlines Social Security Card Requirement for Current Customers (Maryland)

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has modified critical requirements for obtaining a REAL ID as a result of the REAL ID Modernization Act passed by Congress last year...At the state level, residents who already have their Social Security number on file and verified with the MDOT MVA are no longer required to provide a Social Security card when presenting documents to obtain a REAL ID. [Read more at southernmarylandchronicle.com](#).

Owners of Truck Company Connected to Fatal NH Crash Indicted on Federal Charges (Massachusetts, New Hampshire)

The owners of a Massachusetts trucking company tied to a crash that killed seven motorcyclists in New Hampshire in 2019 have been charged for falsifying records and lying to authorities. Dunyadar Gasanov, 36, and Dartanayan Gasanov, 35 -- both of West Springfield -- are charged with falsifying driving logs in order to evade federal safety regulations between May and June of 2019. [Read more at nbcoston.com](#).

Governor Cuomo Announces Innovative Partnership With AAA Northeast to Expand Access to DMV Services

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced a partnership between the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles and AAA Northeast to expand access to DMV services. Six AAA branch offices...can now process DMV transactions for AAA members, including vehicle registration renewals and duplicates, driver license and non-driver ID renewals, duplicates and upgrades to a REAL ID or Enhanced ID. [Read more at einnews.com](#).

Replacement Plan for Ontario's New Licence Plates Still in the Works Year After Concerns Raised

It has been more than a year since concerns were first raised publicly about the visibility of Ontario's redesigned blue licence plates, but several months after the plates were ultimately sidelined in favour of the old design the government says a replacement plan is still in development. [Read more at](#)

30 | [Tor, Darknet, and Dark Internet Markets Related to DMV Products & Services](#)

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globalnews.ca.

PennDOT Brings Awareness of Lesser Known Highway Safety Laws (Pennsylvania)

To reinforce the importance of specific state laws, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) urges drivers to review and obey safety laws that may not be well known among the public as part of Highway Safety Law Awareness Week. [Read more at einnews.com](#).

NOGO: RI Vanity Plates Stalled by Federal Court Case (Rhode Island)

The state Division of Motor Vehicles has put the brakes on vanity license plate applications after a U.S. District Court judge ruled that a state law governing plate distribution was unconstitutional. [Read more at providencejournal.com](#).

REGION 2 NEWS

State Traffic Fatalities at Levels From Decade Ago; No Seat Belts in More Than Half (Kentucky)

Highway fatalities in Kentucky increased last year according to preliminary numbers from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Highway Safety. Initial data indicates there were 778 fatalities in 2020, compared to 732 in 2019 – a five percent increase. [Read more at wtvq.com](#).

SCDMV To Hold 2021 Driver Suspension Eligibility Week (South Carolina)

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) will hold the 2021 Driver Suspension Eligibility Week statewide for drivers with licenses suspended for various reasons March 15 – 19. [Read more at abcnews4.com](#).

DMV Reminds Motorcyclists To Gear up for Spring-Like Weather (Virginia)

As spring-like weather starts to roll in, motorcyclists roll out to enjoy the highways and byways of the Commonwealth. To help spread a message of safety, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles has launched a campaign this week urging motorcyclists to wear the proper gear when taking to the road and motorists to be on the lookout for the more vulnerable road users. [Read more at augustafreepress.com](#).

REGION 3 NEWS

Jesse White: Don't Fall for Offer To Upgrade To Illinois Real ID

If you've received a text message offering you the chance to update or "upgrade" your Illinois Driver's License to an Illinois Real ID, let's hope you deleted it and blocked the sender...Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, and Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul have joined forces to warn Illinoisans about text message scams related to upcoming federal Real ID

requirements. [Read more at 1440wrok.com.](#)

Illinois Traffic Deaths up in 2020

Illinois traffic deaths rose in 2020 despite reports of fewer people on roads across the state. Preliminary reports indicate 1,166 people died in crashes around the state last year, an increase of 16 percent from 2019. The overall fatality number hasn't been that high since back in 2007. [Read more at thetelegraph.com.](#)

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles Partners With Hamilton County Clerk of Courts To Offer Convenient Service To Customers

"We know that the federal requirement for providing name change documentation is a burden for Ohioans," said Ohio BMV Registrar Charlie Norman. "We are proud to coordinate with our local partners to remove this hurdle and make the issuance of REAL IDs easier and more convenient." [Read more at einnews.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Ransomware Gang Says It's Selling Data from Cyberattack That California DMV Warned About

A ransomware gang called "Cuba" claims to be selling off data on the dark web belonging to Automatic Funds Transfer Services (AFTS), a Seattle-based financial services and data management firm that suffered a bad ransomware attack in early February. [Read more at gizmodo.com.](#)

Analyst Finds DMV Budget Request Largely 'Reasonable' (California)

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), which delivers fiscal and policy advice to the state Legislature, calls California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) allocations in the governor's proposed budget "reasonable" but recommends a limitation for REAL ID. [Read more at techwire.net.](#)

Idaho Truck Driver Declared 'Imminent Hazard', Ordered Not To Operate Any Commercial Motor Vehicle

The semi-truck driver who allegedly caused a crash on Interstate 15 in Pocatello earlier this month has been declared an "imminent hazard." The declaration was made by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). [Read more at eastidahonews.com.](#)

Dirty Driving: How Nevada Could Close 'Classic' Car Loophole

What makes a car classic? It sounds like fodder for bar trivia, but in Nevada it's a question almost certain to come up in the state Legislature. Classic vehicle license plates issued by the state Department of Motor Vehicles allow vehicle owners to bypass annual smog checks required in Clark and Washoe counties, including in and around Las Vegas and Reno. [Read more at lasvegassun.com.](#)

To the List of Places Testing Driverless Cars, Add Las Vegas (Nevada)

The list of companies testing self-driving cars on American roads is getting longer. On Monday, the automotive technology start-up Motional revealed that its vehicles have been roaming the streets of Las Vegas this month without a driver at the wheel. [Read more at washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com).

OTHER NEWS

Governors Highway Safety Association Report on Distracted Driving Deaths Increase Identifies Need to Strengthen Laws and Enforcement

[GHSA] announced the release of the inaugural Behavioral Traffic Safety Cooperative Research Program (BTSCRCP) report, Using Electronic Devices While Driving: Legislation and Enforcement Implications...Driver distraction remains a major roadway safety concern, and the impact of these preventable crashes are felt every day across the country. [Read more at collisionweek.com](https://www.collisionweek.com).

Tiger Woods' Accident Comes as New (IIHS) Study Released on Crash Tests, Safety

Tiger Woods' car accident Tuesday comes as a new study was released on crash tests and safety. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety performs a number of crash tests to determine if a car is safe...This year, a record 90 new vehicles earned a Top Safety Pick or Top Safety Pick Plus Award, up from 64 last year. [Read more at philadelphia.cbslocal.com](https://www.philadelphia.cbslocal.com).

New Postal Service Delivery Vehicle Unveiled. It's a Pretty Radical Change

Few things have changed less during the course of this century than this nation's fleet of postal delivery vehicles...But their days are finally numbered. On Tuesday the US Postal Service unveiled a concept for its next generation delivery vehicle, or NGDV. And when they start hitting the road in 2023, they may take some getting used to. [Read more at cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com).

Young Drivers Need Music While Driving, States Study

Most parents worry about their teenagers anytime they're on the road, and rightly so...However, a new study published in the American Psychological Association's Psychomusicology: Music, Mind and Brain came back with a major find: Teens find driving "absolutely impossible" without music. [Read more at moms.com](https://www.moms.com).

Drugged Driving Is on the Rise According To Study

Reasonable people don't question if it's a good idea to get behind the wheel if you've had a few drinks as data around drunk driving have been around for a while. But researchers at the University of Cincinnati have discovered that the number of drugged drivers is increasing. [Read more at thedenverchannel.com](https://www.thedenverchannel.com).

Passports May Soon Include a New Option for Gender Identity

Passports, social security cards, residence permits and other federal identification documents may soon offer a third gender option: X. Already, at least a dozen states and Washington, D.C., have amended their laws to offer an X gender designation on some identifying documents, including driver's licenses and birth certificates. [Read more at nytimes.com.](#)

Climate Change To Dominate Highway Policy, Top Transportation Lawmakers Say

This year's update of the nation's premier highway policy law will focus heavily on climate change initiatives, two congressional lawmakers central to passing that legislation told state officials Feb. 24. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

Secretary Pete Buttigieg Suggests Usage Charge as Sustainable Funding Solution

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg acknowledged the lack of sustainable transportation financing sources, but suggested an increase to the federal fuel tax rate would not offer a long-term solution. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

Safety Is a Priority for Policymakers Pursuing Highway Bill

Transportation policymakers in Congress aiming to produce comprehensive highway legislation this year pledged to boost safety policies across the mobility grid. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

How Drivers Are Using Mobile Apps To Make Life on the Road Easier

Today's professional truck drivers are using mobile apps to help manage many facets of work and life on the road — everything from finding and booking loads to communicating with customers and brokers, planning routes that include stops with open parking and places to eat, and processing documents so they can receive timely payment. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

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.

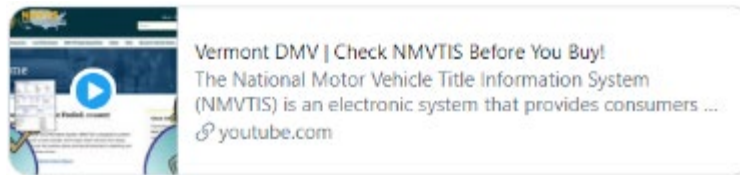
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In honor of Black History Month, some of our talented MDOT MVA team members came together to share their rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing". #BlackHistoryMonth #MDOTCares



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William A. (Drew) Marsh, III serves as the #NCDOT Sr. Deputy General Counsel to the #NCDMV and @GlobalTransPark.

Providing guidance on contracts, policies and HR actions, Marsh is invaluable to our team.

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Can you spot the violation in these photos? Follow Cpl. Goff on Instagram for the full explanation and for more looks behind (or under) the scenes with STP.



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Visibility 101: Don't do this! Before driving be sure to clear ice and snow from ALL of your vehicle's windows, front and rear lights, hood and roof. #SafetyMonday



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