Managing Data Privacy and External Access Working Group Looking for Technical Advisors

AAMVA's Managing Data Privacy & External Access Working Group is inviting qualified industry representatives to join the Working Group as Technical Advisors. There are a limited number of positions available. Organizations can submit more than one application, but only one representative from an organization can serve. Associate members will be given preference in the selection process for technical advisors.

The Managing Data Privacy and External Access Working Group shall develop and identify best practices to reflect the most current methods that should be utilized by jurisdictions to protect driver and vehicle records data, provide access as authorized by law, and apply efficient and effective approaches to audit practices. The Working Group will be working in coordination with the Third Party Agents Working Group. If you would like to serve, please complete the application and send it to committees@aamva.org no later than March 15, 2019. If you have questions about the working group, please contact Julie Knittle at 571-405-1016.

AAMVA Congratulates North Carolina on a Successful S2S Launch

AAMVA congratulates North Carolina on successfully implementing the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) during the weekend of February 23, 2019 and becoming the 22nd participant using the new service. All migration activities have completed on schedule. CDLIS and S2S services are fully operational now. AAMVA would also like to thank volunteer jurisdictions Iowa and Ohio who assisted with North Carolina's migration. Missouri is scheduled to begin using S2S on March 25, 2019. Other jurisdictions will also begin using S2S in the upcoming months and AAMVA looks forward to supporting them during their onboarding process. Read more here.

Connecticut Lawmakers Considering Mandatory Helmet Law

Connecticut lawmakers are considering whether to require motorcycle drivers to wear helmets, as in previous legislative sessions. But this year, the concept is among a host of recommendations from a public safety transition group that's been advising newly elected Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont. The Public Health Committee has scheduled a public hearing on Monday regarding two bills that would impose mandatory helmet use. One proposal would require helmets be worn by motorcycle operators and passengers under age 21. The other bill would require all motorcycle
operators and passengers to wear protective headgear. Currently, anyone 17 and younger must wear a helmet. Read the article at theday.com.

Do Auto Inspections Make Driving Safer? Bills to Scrap Them Reveal a Difference of Opinion. (Maine)
Maine’s motor vehicle safety inspection program came under legislative scrutiny Tuesday at a hearing on several bills, with a Republican lawmaker saying the program should be eliminated for most vehicles because there is little evidence that it improves public safety. But the state official who heads the program disagreed, pointing to data showing that 3 percent of accidents reported in Maine annually involve vehicles that had some kind of defective equipment. ‘If the proponents of these bills could hear the stories and see the faces of the lives that are affected by those involved in defect-related crashes we would not be here today and we could do anything in our power to save one life,’ Maine State Police Lt. Bruce Scott said. The Legislature’s Transportation Committee was presented with five bills on the inspection program, including measures that would narrow, relax or eliminate the requirement for most non-commercial vehicles. Proposals to kill or scale back the program have been introduced in a number of legislative sessions over the past 15 years, but all have been rejected. Read the article at pressherald.com.

M, F or X: Democratic Senator’s Bill Would Allow Gender-Neutral Option for Maryland Driver’s Licenses
A bill is moving forward in the Maryland General Assembly that would give state residents a third option for gender on a driver’s license or identification card: ‘unspecified.’ The measure is meant to be inclusive to people who consider themselves ‘nonbinary,’ or not identifying as either male or female. ‘This is real life,’ said Sen. Will Smith, a Montgomery County Democrat who is sponsoring the bill. ‘This is a way that we can recognize that segment of the population so they can feel like they can move throughout society with a little bit of ease.’ The Senate gave Smith’s bill preliminary approval Wednesday, setting it up for a final vote — and likely approval — by the end of the week. Read the article at baltimoresun.com.

Maryland Could Begin Issuing Digital Driver’s Licenses
State legislation could allow the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration to begin issuing electronic licenses. House bill 180 would begin the implementation of a Mobile Driver’s License, a concept created by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators in conjunction with the Motor Vehicle Administration of the Netherlands. (www.aamva.org/mobile-drivers-license/) The Mobile Driver’s License app would allow its users to provide a digital version of their license for law enforcement and retailers. This app will only provide information pertinent to the person requesting it, according to a representative from the state’s Motor Vehicle Administration. While police will have access to all the information normally on a physical license, cashiers will only be given the person’s name, photo and one of three identifiers: ‘UNDER 18,’ ‘OVER 18/UNDER 21’ or ‘OVER 21,’ according to the Motor Vehicle Administration. Read the article at somd.com.

REAL ID in Pennsylvania
PennDOT is excited to announce that in March, REAL IDs will be available to Pennsylvanians who want them. As a result, the look of Pennsylvania driver’s license and photo ID cards will change. There is no change to card security features. Read more here.

D.C. Reinstates Nearly 66,000 Driver’s Licenses After Law Change (Washington, D.C.)
The D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles has reinstated nearly 66,000 people’s licenses, after previously revoking them for failing to pay certain traffic fines or failing to show up in court for a moving violation, according to a DMV report released earlier this month. The reinstatements come as the result of a new law which
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prevents the District from suspending licenses for failure to pay fines. The Washington Post was the first to cover the DMV's new report and the number of District residents who have licenses again. 'On October 30, 2018, DMV's licensing system was programmed to no longer suspend driver licenses (D.C. resident) or driving privileges (non-D.C. resident) due to failure to pay a moving violation, failure to pay a moving violation after being found liable at a hearing, and failure to appear for a hearing on a moving violation' as a result of the new law, the report reads. Read the article at dcist.com.

REGION 2 NEWS

How Florida Weeds Out Questionable Personalized License Plates

South Florida is a place where it seems everyone wants to stand out. For many drivers, one way to do that is with a personalized license plate. But not all requests for unique individual tags get the green light from Florida's Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Local 10 News reviewed the list of Florida's hundreds of requests for personalized tags that state reviewers denied. Read the article at local10.com.

A Proposed Bill Would Force NC Drivers to Put Down Their Phones

Texting and driving is already illegal in North Carolina. The Hands Free NC Act would make it illegal to talk on your phone or have it in your hand for any reason while driving...On Thursday, lawmakers in the General Assembly introduced House Bill 144, known as the Hands Free NC Act, which would add even more regulations to how electronic devices are used while driving. Texting while driving is already illegal in the state, but the new bill wouldn't allow people to have their phone in their hand for any reason while driving. Georgia passed a similar law last July. Read the article at wcnc.com.

Local Students Participate in Teen Driving Safety Awareness Program (Tennessee)

Two schools in Rutherford County, Riverdale and Stewarts Creek High Schools, have students serving as leaders in a yearlong campaign to empower teens to initiate teen motor vehicle safety awareness programs in their schools and communities. It's all part of a campaign called 'Be in the Zone — Turn Off Your Phone' led by Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt. Student leaders from 14 high schools, representing eight counties in Tennessee, attended seminars to learn how they can initiate teen motor vehicle safety awareness programs at their schools and in their communities. Be in the Zone — Turn Off Your Phone, which focuses on the dangers of texting and driving, is spearheaded by the Pediatric Trauma Injury Prevention Program at Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt with the help of a $60,000 award from the Allstate Foundation. Read the article at rutherfordsource.com.

TxDOT Kicks off Annual 'Be Safe Drive Smart' Safety Campaign (Texas)

Booming energy production has brought jobs and economic gains to communities throughout Texas, but also an unintended consequence with a rise in traffic fatalities and injuries. The Texas Department of Transportation reminds drivers in those regions to Be Safe. Drive Smart when sharing the road with increased traffic, work crews and heavy, commercial trucks. Motorists can expect to see a variety of reminders in the coming weeks as TxDOT kicks off its annual 'Be Safe. Drive Smart' safety campaign. This campaign urges drivers to take precautions when sharing the road with heavy trucks and work crews in energy-producing regions that cover more than half of the state’s 254 counties. Read the article at kristv.com.
REGION 3 NEWS

Ask Hutch: License Plates and Real IDs (Kansas)
This week, readers had questions about license plates and new drivers licenses.
Q: What do the three vertical letters 'PWR' on the left-hand side of the Kansas vehicle tags stand for? The vertical PWR appears on certain commercial license plates in Kansas. The plates lack a yearly registration decal — marking the month and year the plates expire — and identify vehicles that are registered as 'power units.'

Q: I have been noticing ads in the paper informing everyone that they will need a Real ID in the future. Could you provide more information about this upgrade in our drivers licenses? Read the article at hutchnews.com.

Division of Vehicles Opens New Driver's License Office in Dodge City (Kansas)
Beginning Monday, February 25th, a new office in Dodge City will be available for Kansas residents to obtain their driver's licenses. The opening of this office is part of the 'Driver's License Office Refresh Project' which started in 2018 to upgrade or create new driver's license office locations across the state. The new office is located at 2601 Central, Suite 10, in Dodge City. 'The opening of this office will help us to effectively and efficiently serve the community with its driver's licensing and identification needs,' Director of Vehicles David Harper said. 'One of the biggest improvements is that it will be located on the main floor to provide easy access for everyone we serve.' Read the article at ksrevenue.org.

Bill Would Allow Undocumented Immigrants to Get Minn. Driver's Licenses (Minnesota)
Democratic Minnesota House lawmakers on Thursday, Feb. 21, introduced a plan to allow undocumented Minnesota residents — those in the country illegally — to get driver's licenses. But it wasn't just Democrats. Business leaders, clergy, some in the law enforcement community, and at least one Republican lawmaker stood inside the Capitol Thursday to espouse the idea. Gov. Tim Walz, a Democrat, supports it as well, and its passage looks promising in the Democratic-Farmer-Labor-controlled House. But the leader of the Republican-controlled Senate said he doesn't think it'll happen. Read the article at brainerddispatch.com.

Snowmobile Riders: Enjoy Great Conditions, Leave Booze at Home (Minnesota)
Conditions for snowmobile riding in many parts of the state are as good as they've been in a long time, prompting what Department of Natural Resources conservation officers call the biggest number of riders in years to hit the state's 22,000 miles of snowmobile trails. While zipping around on a sled is a great way to experience Minnesota's snow-covered outdoors, enforcement officials remind riders to leave the booze on the shelf or in the refrigerator until after they're done riding. Alcohol is a factor in more than 70 percent of snowmobile-related fatalities in Minnesota. And it isn't just intoxicated drivers who pay the price for their bad decisions. Read the article at dl-online.com.

North Dakota Tops List in Study for Percentage of Drivers With a DUI History
Perhaps due to harsh winters or a prevalent drinking culture, North Dakota finds itself at the top of a study looking at the percentage of drivers reporting a history of DUI. About 5.73 percent of North Dakota drivers report a DUI in their history in a seven-year period, according to the study, conducted by Insurify, a website that helps users compare auto insurance quotes. The study collected data from the last seven years of more than 1.6 million people who signed up to use Insurify's service between 2016 and 2019 to compile a list of the top 10 states with the highest...
percentage of drivers with a DUI history, said Nick Behn, content specialist at Insurify. The data sample is representative of the nation as a whole, Behn said. Along with North Dakota, the other nine states are Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming. Read the article at grandforksherald.com.

Is the American Autobahn Next? How States Are Pushing Highway Speeds Past the Limit (California)
After years of seeing posted highway speeds creep up around the country, perhaps it's no surprise that a California legislator would propose the ultimate in motoring freedom: no limits at all. State Sen. John Moorlach's vision for a Golden State version of Germany's famed Autobahn — a stretch of pavement where you can drive as fast you want — is just the latest in a series of moves by states to put the pedal to the metal when it comes to speed limits. It's happening even as safety experts try to throw on the brakes on speeds that have now reached legal levels they view as somewhere between risky and downright dangerous. Read the article at usatoday.com.

CA Lawmakers Propose Biennial Vehicle Registration, Allowing Credit Card Payments at DMV Field Offices (California)
As California continues to look for ways to curb long wait times at Department of Motor Vehicle offices, state lawmakers are introducing a series of proposals to help out motorists, including one that would permit vehicle registration every two years instead of annually. Under Senate Bill 460, the DMV's director would be authorized to permit biennial registration beginning on Jan. 1, 2020...Two other DMV-related bills have also been proposed in the state Assembly. One of them, Assembly Bill 867, would allow motorists to use their credit cards to pay for fees in all field offices. It would also allow motorists to pay their vehicle registration fees in monthly, bimonthly or semiannual installments. Read the article at ktla.com.

House OKs Bill to Improve Highway Safety for Tow Trucks (Idaho)
Legislation requiring motorists to slow down and move over when approaching tow trucks and maintenance vehicles parked along roadways with lights flashing has passed the House. The bill sent to the Senate with a 55-13 vote on Monday also requires motorists to slow down and move over when approaching a parked passenger vehicle with emergency hazard lights activated. The law already applies to police vehicles and other emergency responder vehicles. Read the article at usnews.com.

Oregon Governor Calls Automatic Voter Registration a 'Phenomenal Success'
Oregon Gov. Kate Brown (D) on Friday called her state's switch to a system that automatically registers voters a 'phenomenal success,' adding that the move has led to a more diversified electorate in the state as well as an increase in voter registration among minorities...'Voting is a fundamental right of being a citizen, and people across the country should have the ability to access this fundamental right without barriers like registration,' she said...Brown said her administration is already exploring other ways automatic voter registration can be carried out by other agencies in her state in addition the Department of Motor Vehicles, where the system is currently being implemented. Read the article at thehill.com.

224 Impaired Driving Offences During January Traffic

Safety Spotlight (Saskatchewan)
January kicked off a new year with a familiar focus on impaired driving. During January’s Traffic Safety Spotlight, police across the province reported 224 impaired driving offences, including 194 Criminal Code charges and 30 roadside administrative suspensions. Planning a safe ride home or deciding to drive sober is easy. What’s never been harder: getting away with driving impaired. Last fall, new provincial legislation took effect that included zero tolerance for drug-impaired driving. Then, on December 18, 2018, new federal law enabled police to demand a roadside breath sample from any driver they’ve pulled over. On top of that, police officers have been trained to determine driver impairment using Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and Drug Recognition Evaluations and roadside saliva testers that detect marijuana and cocaine are in the hands of police across Saskatchewan right now. Read the article at sgi.sk.ca.

Ethical Issues With Facial Recognition Addressed by Legislature (Washington)
Washington state may impose restrictions on law enforcement’s use of facial recognition technology. House Bill 1654 would require state and local government agencies to have a warrant if they are monitoring public footage, and states that agencies cannot use facial recognition to analyze footage obtained from a police-worn body camera. Any facial recognition data obtained by agencies could not be used as evidence in court. It also requires the Legislature to conduct a report on the accuracy of facial recognition systems with variation in race, skin tone, ethnicity, gender, and age... Opponents of the bill argued that since the Department of Licensing needs facial recognition technology to be in compliance with federal Real ID Act requirements, the department would need to be exempted under the bill. Read the article at chinookobserver.com.

Washington State Mulls Bill to Provide Homeless With Free ID Cards
Washington state lawmakers are considering a bill that would give the state’s homeless population a free ID card. The bill would require the state’s Department of Commerce and the Department of Licensing to develop a program that would provide homeless individuals with a so-called identicard. The ID cards would be free to homeless people who do not already have an ID... If passed, the program is expected to cost the state’s Commerce Department and Department of Licensing about $460,000 between 2019 to 2021 in operating expenses, the paper noted. According to the state’s Office of Financial Management, the cost would decrease to $355,200 from 2021 to 2023, the bill’s supporters told the Times. Read the article at thehill.com.

Emerging Practices for Addressing Motorcycle Crashes at Intersections
This project identifies emerging practices for infrastructure treatments that show promise in reducing motorcycle crashes at intersections. Intersections are a dangerous space for motorcycling and our hope in pursuing this work was to find quantitative proof that infrastructure treatments like increased surface friction, improved signage, and changes to signals (and other possible treatments) can reduce the frequency and severity of motorcycle crashes. There are, however, few examples of intersection infrastructure treatments designed and implemented specifically to improve only motorcycle safety. This report examines case studies of several treatments that State and local agencies implemented to improve general safety in intersections and which may have had a benefit for motorcycle safety as well. FHWA encourages the use of these examples to help transportation safety practitioners design and implement treatments at sites where motorcycle safety is of particular concern. Read more here.
How to Spot Odometer Rollback Fraud on Your Used Vehicle

'There is a significant rise in the number of cars that are out there on the road that have an odometer rollback,' says Chris Basso with Carfax. Basso says his company currently knows of 1.6 million cars on the road or for sale that likely have odometer rollbacks. It costs a victim an average of 4,000 in value and maintenance. 'The average person loses about $4,000 when they're buying a car with a rollback odometer unknowingly,' Basso explains... 'People, unfortunately, don't realize that odometer fraud is on the rise,' Basso says. 'They think it actually has gone away with the introduction of the digital odometer, and that's not the case. Those odometers can actually be easy, easier to manipulate.' Read the article at thedenverchannel.com.

Pedestrian Crash Avoidance Systems Pass Tests, With One Notable Exception

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety tested pedestrian crash avoidance technology in 11 small SUVs against common pedestrian collision scenarios. In the vast majority of tests, the SUVs either stopped in time or slowed down significantly to limit the impact of the vehicle/pedestrian collision. But two models had some difficulties, the 2019 Mitsubishi Outlander and the 2018-19 BMW X1. The tests come as pedestrian fatalities in the United States are close to a record high. Read the article at cnbc.com.

Self-Driving Cars Can Now Read What?

Waymo has been teaching its self-driving vehicles to read hand signals since 2016, and their efforts have just paid off. The company’s YouTube channel recently released a video from one of its Chrysler Pacifica self-driving minivans that shows the car effortlessly navigating an intersection with a broken stoplight. The video shows the car approaching the intersection and stopping when it doesn’t detect any light coming from the stoplight. It then identifies a police officer out in the middle of the intersection directing traffic and monitors their hand movements until it detects the signal to go. Easy as that. Read the article at govtech.com.

All New Cars To Have Speed Limiters Fitted, Rules European Parliament

Speeding kills, but even though speed limiting technology has existed for motor vehicles since the early 1900s national governments have never mandated their use. However, a new ruling by the European Parliament could result in the mandatory installation of Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) in all new cars within three years. Some cars – such as the new Ford Focus – already feature this technology, but it can be easily turned off. The proposed new rules would make sure motorists had to use ISA technology, when fitted... Many buses and trucks already feature such technology, but private motor vehicles had so far been exempt from stricter rules for 'professional' drivers. MEPs also green lighted the requirement for motor vehicles to be fitted with aviation-style 'black box' Event Data Recorders, which record critical information on the status of a motor vehicle in the moments before a collision. Read the article at forbes.com.

AAA Study: Drivers Are Spending More Time on the Road

U.S. motorists are spending more time on the road these days, adding about 20 minutes per week of drive time since 2014, according to a study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. Released this week, the study compares results of two editions of the foundation’s American Driving Survey, from 2014-15 and 2016-17. It concludes that the average American driver’s daily time behind the wheel jumped during those years by more than 6 percent — from 48 minutes to 51 minutes. 'Several factors could be contributing to the increase in time spent behind the wheel, such as higher vehicle ownership and lower gas prices,' said Mark Sisson, vice
Australia Is Letting People Use Emojis as an Official Part of Their Car License Plates

Australia is letting drivers add an emoji to their official government issued license plates. Drivers in the state of Queensland are able to add one of five emoji to the end of their usual state issued license plate numbers from March 1. People can choose 'laughing out loud,' 'winking face,' 'cool sunglasses,' 'heart eyes,' and 'smiley face' emojis. The government's personalization service, Personalised Plates Queensland, have been advertising sample plates, like these below on their Instagram page in the run up to March 1. Read the article at businessinsider.com.

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**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.).

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community. You may be surprised at what you’re missing! Follow @AAMVACOnneCtion.

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We're pleased to announce that Bongi Magubane will be joining our team as the commissioner of @CTDMV. A business executive who has served within Fortune 100 companies, her career has focused on delivering enterprise solutions to business needs.


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Got your license? Celebrate by taking a selfie at our new selfie wall currently available at the following branch locations:
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#NCDMV is kicking off its first #REALID Express Day in Fayetteville this Saturday!
This initiative will be offered in select driver license offices statewide. Click the link to find the list of required documents. https://bit.ly/2UiTT1h
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Here's your #Wednesday #REALID reminder ...today, it's from former @ClemsonFB #QB Tahj Boyd and SCDMV Deputy Dir. of Field Services Courtney Saxon. Have you purchased your REAL ID? If not, take a cue from Tahj and buy yours now! Read more: http://scdmvonline.com/Driver-Services/Drivers-License/REAL-ID …

Iowa DOT @iowadot | View the Tweet
We're proud to collaborate with Iowa Workforce Development to share space for the IowaWorks expansion office in Ames. The office opened yesterday (2-17-19) at 903 Lincoln Way, collocated with the Iowa DOT's conference center.
Trooper Tod @TrooperTodKHP | View the Tweet
My dirty car and I are leaving Kansas for a while! I will be meeting up with @OHPDPS to assist them with bus safety.
I’m also going to talk to them about our awesome #USEOW Workshop so they can benefit from our knowledge and we can benefit from theirs!

Youth of Virginia Speak Out About Traffic Safety
@_YOVASO_ | View the Tweet
We have exciting news! The Mallory's Movement Against Drunk Driving Logo Design Contest has been extended! Submit your entries by March 15! :)
LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

MALLORY’S MOVEMENT AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING
IS LOOKING FOR YOU TO DESIGN THEIR ORGANIZATION’S LOGO!

**Goal:** To Create a logo that Mallory’s Movement can use on business cards, t-shirts, and promotional items that shows the organization’s mission to prevent drinking and driving.

**Who Can Enter?**
Anyone ages 14-20
Can work individually or in groups of up to 5

**PRIZE:**
A t-shirt featuring YOUR logo design and a certificate.
In addition:
Individual: $50
Groups: $50 plus a surprise!

**Contest Deadline:**
Due by 5:00pm on March 15, 2019

For more information and details on how to submit visit: YOVASO.ORG

Mallory’s Movement was started after Kristen Mallory and her mother were involved in a 2013 drunk driving crash which left Kristen with serious injuries that still affect her today. Kristen was 10 years old and in 10th grade when the crash occurred. Since then, Kristen has made it her mission to educate others about the dangers of drinking and driving.