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2021 AAMVA Virtual Workshop - Registration Is Now Open!



WORKSHOP & LAW INSTITUTE
VIRTUAL | MARCH 16-18

Registration is now open for the [2021 Virtual Workshop & Law Institute](#), March 16-18. This unique opportunity provides AAMVA members with an intimate and collaborative digital

environment to discuss relevant driver license, motor vehicle, and law enforcement issues. As with every AAMVA conference, the ability to network is one of the most beneficial experiences, and just like AAMVA's in-person conferences, this year's Workshop provides several unique networking and interactive learning opportunities. Unlike in person meetings, this virtual conference allows all employees in the community to participate and we encourage all members to register and take advantage of this opportunity. The three-day schedule is packed with sessions covering hot topics in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community Visit the [2021 Virtual Workshop & Law Institute website](#) for more information and to register online today!

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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

- [Learning To Drive in the Digital Age](#)
- [How Scammers Cash in on DMV Online Services](#)



OUR EVENTS

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

21-22 | [2021 April Board of Directors Meeting](#)

SYSTEMS TRAINING

MARCH - SPEXS

9 | [SPEXS Batch Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

11 | [SPEXS Bulk Load \(intermediate\)](#)

12 | [SPEXS State Procedures Manual \(intermediate\)](#)

MARCH - PDPS

16 | [PDPS State-to-State and NDR-Generated Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

17 | [PDPS Clean File Processing \(intermediate\)](#)

19 | [PDPS Identity Correction \(intermediate\)](#)

AAMVA also offers systems trainings on-demand for members through our new Learning Management System (LMS). [Click here](#) to see

- [Efficiency Gains Arise from COVID-Induced Contactless Delivery](#)
- [TRB Webinar: Visualizing Effects of COVID-19 on Transportation: A One-Year Retrospective](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Connecticut DMV Launches New Portal Expanding Online Services](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [DMV Mails Registration Sticker Out 4 Times but They're Never Delivered \(North Carolina\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Traffic Deaths Rose During the Pandemic as Empty Streets Invited Lawlessness \(Missouri\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [DMV Extends Expiring Commercial Driver's Licenses Through May \(California\)](#)
- [Do You Need a New Printed License After the One-Year Automatic Extension for Those 70 and Older? \(California\)](#)
- [Learn More about Accessing DMV Services Online in 2021 \(California\)](#)
- [Real or Fake? Forged Documents Add Another Headache to COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout \(California\)](#)
- [Nevadans Report Issues Booking DMV Appointments; Department Cites Backlog](#)
- [Redmond Airport Answers Questions About Real ID, Air Travel Amid Pandemic \(Oregon\)](#)
- [DMV Now Online for Utah Person to Person Sales](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

New Hampshire Could Expand 'Stand Your Ground' Deadly Force Law to Include Your Car

The Republican-led New Hampshire House debated two bills Thursday inspired by last summer's massive demonstrations against racial injustice, rejecting one that would have banned police from using rubber bullets or tear gas and approving another that would expand the state's "stand your ground" law to include motor vehicles. [Read more at seacoastonline.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

ALEA: Systems Restored After Outage Impacts Driver License Services (Alabama)

Service has been restored and normal operations have resumed at all the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Driver License Offices across the state after an outage affected certain customer services. The outage occurred due to a failure of communications lines provided to ALEA by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). [Read more at wkrq.com.](#)

available courses.

OUR WEBINARS

MARCH

- 9 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

- 11 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 2](#)

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- 18 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(Web Service Version\) – Part 1](#)

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

- 25 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(Web Service Version\) – Part 2](#)

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

APRIL

- 1 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 1](#)

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Free Georgia Photo ID Card Proposed for Absentee Voting Requirements

House Speaker David Ralston announced a plan Wednesday to offer free Georgia ID cards that could be used for voting, opening bank accounts and traveling on airlines. The ID cards would help voters comply with absentee voting identification requirements included in election overhaul legislation that passed the House on Monday. [Read more at ajc.com.](#)

Texas Thunder Program Enforces Highway Safety

An effort is underway to make Texas highways a safe place for all drivers. The Texas Thunder Program is being led by the Texas Department of Public Safety to crack down on unsafe commercial vehicles, as well as passenger vehicles that drive unsafely on the road. Program coordinators go out a few times a year to check that drivers and their vehicles are following the rules. [Read more at kgns.tv.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

How a Bill Looks To Get Suspended Drivers Back on the Road Legally (Indiana)

A bill that recently advanced out of the Indiana House looks to get people back on the road legally by focusing on the most charged misdemeanor crime in Indiana: driving with a suspended license and a prior conviction. About 330,000 Hoosiers had an active driver's license suspension in 2019, according to Chris Daniels of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council. [Read more at indystar.com.](#)

Minnesota Proposal Would Tax Electricity as Fuel

Gas tax revenue in Minnesota will decline as more people buy electric vehicles. That means the state needs to find a way to replace the gas tax money it uses to pay for roads and bridges, said Central Minnesota Sen. Jeff Howe, R-Rockville. Howe proposed a bill this week that would tax electricity as fuel at charging stations for electric vehicles. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

Text Message Scam Circulating Ohio Contains Malicious Link

A text message scam that's circulating Ohio is claiming to be from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Authorities are advising anyone who gets a text message that looks like the one above to immediately delete it and not click on the malicious link in the text. The text message states that action is required and that Ohio BMV's REAL ID requirements will be effective Jan. 1. [Read more at wwt.com.](#)

Milwaukee Police Department Implements New Traffic Safety Unit To Combat Reckless Driving (Wisconsin)

Police Wednesday, March 3, announced the city of Milwaukee saw 51% more fatalities in 2020 due to reckless driving than in 2019...A new Traffic Safety Unit is together now, and Milwaukee police hope efforts can prevent tragedies like this 2019 Christmas Eve hit-and-run that took the life of James Hanson.

22 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(Web Service Version\) – Part 2](#)

[Read more at cbs58.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

No Driver Needed: Waymo Rolls Out Fully Autonomous Vehicles in Chandler, Tempe, Mesa Areas (Arizona)

You can now be a passenger in a fully autonomous Waymo car, right here in the Valley. Odds are you've probably seen these vans if you frequent the Chandler, Tempe or Mesa areas -- but you probably saw someone sitting in the front seat. [Read more at fox10phoenix.com.](#)

California DMV Warns of Text Message Phishing Scam Asking for REAL ID Information Update

The California DMV issued an alert this week about a text message phishing scam related to REAL ID compliance. Several people have reported receiving a text message that says "Our records indicate that your contact information must be updated for REAL ID Compliance. Provide an Up-to-date Mailing Address and Phone Number." [Read more at losangeles.cbslocal.com.](#)

Colorado Announces New Driver's License Designs

After more than 400 entries, a new Colorado driver's license design was chosen Monday after more than 55,000 Coloradans placed their votes. Glenwood Springs resident Matt Nunez's design will be featured on the front of the license, while 19-year-old Wellington resident Gabriel Dupon's will be displayed on the back. [Read more at denverpost.com.](#)

Road Safety, Public Art Project To Debut in Kahului (Hawaii)

County agencies are working with a local artist to create road safety improvements and a public art project in Kahului that will beautify the area, encourage walking and biking and improve road safety. [Read more at mauinews.com.](#)

DMV Urging More Idahoans To Get Their Star Card

More Idahoans have gotten a Star Card in recent months but state transportation officials say we still has a long way to go before the October 1st deadline. The Idaho Division of Motor Vehicles is working to raise awareness about the importance of obtaining a Star Card - Idaho's REAL ID. [Read more at ktvb.com.](#)

Montana Lane-Sharing Legislation Becomes Law

Montana has become the third state to recognize lane filtering, with the Gov. Greg Gianforte's signature on a bill legalizing filtering of motorcycles under certain conditions. "We applaud the efforts of Montana's motorcycling community and the state's legislators, and thank Gov. Gianforte for signing this legislation into law," said Russ Ehnes, chair of the AMA Board of Directors. [Read more at blog.motorcycle.com.](#)

Nevada DMV and DOT Warn of Text Scam Asking Drivers

to Update Their Information

The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles and Department of Transportation are warning drivers of a texting scheme circulating in Nevada. These illegitimate messages ask recipients to update their driver's license contact information with the Nevada Department of Transportation. Similar fraudulent texts have been reported in other states. [Read more at mohavedailynews.com.](#)

DMV Now Online for Utah Person To Person Sales

Utah's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is announcing some new online customer services. On March 1, DMV Director Monte Roberts says it's how they are continuing to evolve, "We are excited to offer ways to serve the public more efficiently." [Read more at abc4.com.](#)

Wyoming House Looks to Require ID at the Polls, Exclude Student, Out-of-State IDs

The Wyoming House of Representatives passed House Bill 75 on first reading on Monday, March 1 which would require people to show identification when voting at the polls. At question is which forms of identification would be acceptable should the legislation become law. [Read more at oilcity.news.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Rising Death Toll from Distracted Driving Prompts Action

The fallout from distracted driving is not pretty...Crashes involving a distracted driver killed 3,142 people in 2019, nearly 10% more lives lost than the year before. Those are the highlights of a new report that examined distracted driving laws, enforcement and public educational practices across the U.S. and Canada at a time when deaths continue to be a major road safety concern. The report, "Using Electronic Devices While Driving: Legislation and Enforcement Implications," calls attention to elements of the most effective laws and efforts, and offers resources to policymakers on how best to enact or strengthen them. [Read more at forbes.com.](#)

Americans Want Self-Driving Cars, but Want Safety First

Americans are not known for prioritizing road safety. No state currently bans all cell use phone behind the wheel, and two states still allow drivers to text. In addition, the United States consistently lags behind other developed nations, according to the Paris-based International Transport Forum, an intergovernmental organization within the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. [Read more at forbes.com.](#)

UMD Collaborative Study Finds That Fuel Efficiency of One Car in Household May Be Cancelled Out by Next Car Purchase

A recent collaborative study led by researchers from the University of Maryland (UMD) College of Agriculture and Natural Resources found that consumers tend to buy something less fuel efficient than they normally would for their second car after buying an eco-friendly vehicle. While this sounds like an all-too-logical conclusion, the study reports a 57% reduction in the benefits of driving the fuel efficient car for carbon emissions purely based on the purchase of the second vehicle. [Read more at greencarcongress.com.](#)

Inside the Brain: How Cellphones Lead to Distracted Driving

Years ago, as psychiatrist Allan Reiss, MD, was bicycling on campus, his cellphone rang. He answered it and kept cycling, then a car in front of him stopped. "I squeezed the hand brake with my only available hand, which was my left hand," he said. "Of course, that's the front tire of the bike. I went right over the top." [Read more at scopeblog.sanford.edu](http://scopeblog.sanford.edu).

Study: Smartphone Use by Young Drivers One of Many Risky Behaviors

Young drivers who cruise down the highway with a cellphone in hand probably exhibit other risky behind-the-wheel behaviors, a new study suggests. Talking or texting on a smartphone while driving correlates with a whole range of dangerous driving practices for many young, novice drivers — from intoxicated driving to speeding, unsafely passing other vehicles or running red lights, said researchers from Lero, the Science Foundation Ireland Research Centre for Software. [Read more at kmjnow.com](http://kmjnow.com).

Microsoft's Dream of Decentralized IDs Enters the Real World

For years, tech companies have touted blockchain technology as a means to develop identity systems that are secure and decentralized. The goal is to build a platform that could store information about official data without holding the actual documents or details themselves. Instead of just storing a scan of your birth certificate, for example, a decentralized ID platform might store a validated token that confirms the information in it. [Read more at wired.com](http://wired.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.

Alaska State Trooper Captures Photo of Northern Lights | [View the Post](#)

A trooper with Alaska State Troopers snapped this picture of the Northern Lights while on duty last weekend in North Pole. The photo was posted to the Alaska State Troopers Facebook page and has received thousands of likes and shares.



CO Dept. of Revenue @CO_Revenue | [View the Tweet](#)

#ICYMI: Check out Colorado's brand new driver license! Thanks to @denverpost for the informative article.



Iowa State Patrol @iowastatepatrol | [View the Tweet](#)

We are thankful that we were able to help where we were needed most that day and look forward to the news story at 10:00 - when troopers and first responders are reunited with the family.



Drive Safe Kansas - KDOT @DriveSafeKansas | [View the Tweet](#)

Thank you all so much for the lifesaving work that you do!



SCDMV @SC_DMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Congratulations to #SCDMV's Executive Director Kevin Shwedo, recognized here for more than 10 years of outstanding service to the State of South Carolina. The Department of Motor Vehicles and the citizens of South Carolina thank you for your contributions and dedication.



Trooper David SCHP @SCHP_Troop1 | [View the Tweet](#)

Tragic! Unimaginable! Completely avoidable if that driver had just got a designated driver!



A Mother's Anguish: Midlands woman talks about devastating car crash
COLUMBIA, SC (WACH) -- Nearly 30 people in the U. S. die in drunk-driving crashes each day, according to the Centers for Disease Control. For one woman,...
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