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Arlington, VA

2020 Workshop & Law Institute Cancelled

The health and safety of our employees, members, and those who attend an AAMVA event is our top priority. Due to concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus) and travel bans being imposed by many entities that traditionally participate in the event, AAMVA has made the decision to cancel the 2020 Workshop & Law Institute. We will continue to closely monitor the situation for potential impacts to additional events and will communicate promptly if anything changes. **Individuals do not need to take any action to cancel event registration and AAMVA will automatically process a refund of any paid registration fee. Attendees will need to cancel their own hotel and travel reservations.** For questions, please contact Dianne Graham at dgraham@aamva.org or (571) 265-5573 or DeAnna Marcotte at dmarcotte@aamva.org or (703) 908-2985.

FEATURED NEWS

Motor Vehicle Industry Response on COVID-19 Pandemic

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) [declared](#) COVID-19, a novel (new) coronavirus, as a pandemic affecting over 100 locations globally. Today, COVID-19 was declared a [national emergency](#) by President Donald Trump. This is a rapidly-evolving pandemic, with people above the age of 60 and/or with underlying medical conditions (such as diabetes, heart disease, or lung disease) being most at risk. The Centers for Disease control has encouraged many [preventative measures](#), including social distancing and cancelling events, but local and state government officials and public health departments, in consultation with federal officials, have been tasked with making decisions based on [local conditions](#). In response to the emerging situation, AAMVA has cancelled its 2020 Workshop & Law Institute, restricted staff business travel, and mandated a two-week work from home period for all employees. Below are a selection of news reports regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

- [Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration moving to appointments only amid coronavirus outbreak](#)
- [Residents encouraged to use Bureau of Motor Vehicles online services amid COVID-19 \(Maine\)](#)
- [Coronavirus: DMV urged to allow extensions for elderly drivers \(California\)](#)
- [Possible Coronavirus Exposure Forces Woodstock DMV To Close \(Illinois\)](#)
- [Coronavirus prompts changes at Capitol Complex, PennDOT driver license centers, and state prisons \(Pennsylvania\)](#)
- [DMV to limit number of people inside building \(Rhode Island\)](#)
- [Coronavirus: Precautions Taken At Texas Drivers License Offices](#)
- [How the coronavirus spread is affecting air travel, bus service and your Sacramento commute \(California\)](#)

SYSTEMS TRAINING

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

MARCH - CDLIS

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25 | [ACD Advanced \(advanced\)](#)

26 | [ACD Using Specific Codes \(advanced\)](#)

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MARCH - PDPS

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

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

APRIL - CDLIS

1 | [CDLIS Improving Data Quality \(basic\)](#)

2 | [CDLIS Error Detection and Resolution \(intermediate\)](#)

7 | [CDLIS Resolving Duplicate Pointers \(advanced\)](#)

8 | [CD14 Mark Driver Unique \(intermediate\)](#)

9 | [CD10 Delete Master Pointer Record \(intermediate\)](#)

14 | [CDLIS Rules for Driver Withdrawals \(intermediate\)](#)

15 | [CD16 Report Out-of-State Withdrawal \(intermediate\)](#)

16 | [CD17 Negate Out-of-State Withdrawal \(intermediate\)](#)

21 | [CD01 Search Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

[Could the coronavirus outbreak force a Real ID deadline extension? \(California\)](#)

- [In Hillsborough, tax man taking steps to stop the spread of coronavirus \(Florida\)](#)
- [Federal ID Law Drives Long DMV Wait Times as NJ Coronavirus Concerns Mount \(New Jersey\)](#)
- [Don't let licenses, car registrations expire during coronavirus spread, legislator urges \(New Jersey\)](#)
- [Coronavirus: Person Who Tested Positive In Douglas County Visited DMV In Castle Rock \(Colorado\)](#)
- [State DOTs, Transit Agencies Responding To Coronavirus](#)
- [Coronavirus highlights strengths of self-driving delivery vehicles](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Office of Highway Safety Activates Soberlift for St. Patrick's Day (Delaware)

The Delaware Office of Highway Safety is reactivating the SoberLift program, in partnership with Lyft, over St. Patrick's Day weekend, statewide. The program will begin at 8 p.m. March 13 and run through 2 a.m. March 18, and will provide free Lyft vouchers, maximum value of \$15, for individuals who want a sober ride. To participate in the program, text "SOBERLIFT" to 99000 to redeem the discount code. [Read more at doverpost.com](#).

NH House Approves Bill Allowing Voter Registration at DMV (New Hampshire)

New Hampshire's House has approved a bill that would allow residents to register to vote when they get or renew a driver's license. The bill would implement a system named the Secure Modern Accurate Registration Technology Act, or SMART.

When someone applies for or renews a driver's license at the state Division of Motor Vehicles, they would automatically be registered to vote. A person could opt out of being registered. [Read more at wcax.com](#).

DMV Adds Offices for LI, NYC to Handle Driver's Licenses (New York)

The state Department of Motor Vehicles has opened two new offices on Long Island and three in Queens, Brooklyn and Manhattan to serve people who make appointments online to apply for driver's licenses or to renew licenses. The action follows weeks in which people living in the country illegally jammed DMV offices to secure driver's license under the state's new Green Light Law. [Read more at newsday.com](#).

Workshops on Firearms Law, REAL ID Scheduled for Central PA Residents (Pennsylvania)

Residents of the 82nd District who want to learn more about firearms laws and requirements related to Real ID are invited to a pair of seminars hosted by Rep. John Hershey (R-Mifflin/Juniata/Franklin)...The Tuesday, April 21, seminar on Real ID will cover who needs the new form of identification and when they need it, according to the release. [Read more at pennlive.com](#).

REGION 2 NEWS

Arkansas State Police Wins Two International Awards,

22 | [CD02 Verification Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

23 | [CD05 AKA Data Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

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30 | [CD15 Update AKA Data \(intermediate\)](#)

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APRIL

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Honorable Mention for Driver License Practice Test

Arkansas State Police (ASP) received two international awards and an honorable mention in the 2020 AVA Digital Awards for its online Driver License Practice Test. The Arkansas Driver License Practice Test won in multiple categories, receiving a Platinum Award for Mobile App for Government, a Gold Award for Interactive Communication Voice App, and an Honorable Mention for Government Website. [Read more at businesswire.com.](#)

Kennedy Requests Another REAL ID Extension (Louisiana)

Sen. John Kennedy (R-Louisiana) is asking President Donald Trump to grant a one-year extension to the REAL ID deadline. Starting on October 1, all Americans will be required to have a REAL ID to fly domestically. In a letter to the president, Kennedy says the deadline could cause significant disruptions to the nearly 125 million Americans who have obtained the more stringent identification. [Read more at katc.com.](#)

Are You Ready? Oklahoma REAL ID Checklist

Officials say in a little over a month, the state will begin offering REAL IDs to Oklahomans ahead of the October deadline. The REAL ID Act was put in place in 2005 to improve the reliability of state-issued ID's, making it harder for terrorists to obtain fake identification...Officials with the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety told KFOR that they are still on track to begin issuing REAL IDs on April 30, 2020 at select locations in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. [Read more at kfor.com.](#)

Tennessee State Library Providing Records to Get REAL IDs

The Tennessee State Library and Archives says it is providing people with older marriage, divorce and death records that they could need to get a Real ID. Library and archives officials say they are helping provide records prior to 1970 and birth records prior to 1920 that could be essential to prove name changes over the years. [Read more at wkrr.com.](#)

At Last, KGAF Gets Custom License Plate (Texas)

Gainesville's local radio station has gotten its custom license plate after all. Although KGAF was twice denied a license plate with its call letters, the station this week received the license plate after State Rep. Drew Springer (R-Muenster) intervened on its behalf. [Read more at gainesvilleregister.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Upcoming Speaker Series to Address Indiana REAL ID Law

What is a REAL ID? How can Hoosiers obtain one? These questions and more will be discussed during a speaker series, 'REAL ID: What You Need to Know,'...During the series, Lake Circuit Judge Marissa McDermott will explain the REAL ID law; the correct documents needed for the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles; and what to expect if one has to file and appear in court. [Read more at nwitimes.com.](#)

Indiana Attorney Says Non-Binary Option for Drivers License Is Not Legal

Indiana agencies are not allowed to use an "X" gender designation on identification documents for residents who don't identify as male or female, the state attorney general said. On Monday, Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill Jr. said in an official opinion that agencies must have strict direction from the state legislature to adopt the nonbinary identifier, The Times of Northwest Indiana reported. Republican Sen. Jim Tomes requested Hill's opinion. [Read more at wtky.com.](#)

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OPEN RFPs

MARCH

[AAMVA RFP FY20-22410 2020 April Imported Vehicle Core Working Group Meeting](#)
March 16, 2020

[AAMVA RFP FY22-22295 2021 October Combined Standing Committee](#)
March 20, 2019

Michigan to Give Break on Driver's License Suspension Fee

Despite a favorable court decision that would allow the Secretary of State to continue to suspend driver's licenses for failure to pay court fees, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel and Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson joined with Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget McCormack to help people avoid suspension. [Read more at clickondetroit.com.](#)

State Marks 20 Years Since Passage of Seat Belt Law (Michigan)

20 years ago this week, Michigan passed its primary seat belt law, which has since gone on to save more than 3,400 lives. However, Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning spokesperson Kendall Wingrove says not all are following the law. [Read more at wsjm.com.](#)

Lawmakers Push Bill to Expedite REAL ID Process (Minnesota)

As the deadline for the new federal-compliant REAL ID driver's license and state ID is approaching, Minnesota lawmakers and public safety officials are concerned about the low numbers of Minnesotans who have signed up...Rep. Frank Hornstein (DFL-Minneapolis) sponsored a bipartisan bill that would aim to expedite the transition and help Minnesotans get their REAL ID. [Read more at wahpetondailynews.com.](#)

House Passes Bill to Allow Spanish-Language Driver's License Tests (South Dakota)

The House has approved legislation allowing Spanish-language driver's license written tests. The House passed Senate Bill 70 in a 42-24 vote on Monday. House members amended the bill to clearly state that the written test can be taken in Spanish or English, but the driving skills test is in English only. The amended version also changes the bill's effective date to Jan. 1, 2021. [Read more at rapidcityjournal.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

How Much Freedom of Speech Can Your License Plate Have? New Suit Could Decide (California)

After an honorable discharge following four oversea tours, Paul Ogilvie bought a car and wanted to combine two of his nicknames to create a personalized license plate...But the California Department of Motor Vehicles rejected Ogilvie's application because his request didn't meet the agency's criteria. [Read more at latimes.com.](#)

Senator Patricia Bates Authors Measure to Clarify DMV Voter Registration Process (California)

While Senate Democrats suppressed Senator Patricia Bates' (R-Laguna Niguel) bill that would have restored "opt-in" voter registration at the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) last January, she has introduced a new bill that she hopes they will support: clarifying the existing DMV voter registration process to reduce confusion. [Read more at oc-breeze.com.](#)

Idaho License Plates Good for 10 Years Under New Law

Idaho motorists will have three additional years before having to replace a vehicle's physical license plates. Republican Gov. Brad Little on Tuesday signed into law legislation extending from seven to 10 years how long the metal license plates are

valid. Currently, plates must be replaced after seven years regardless of their condition. [Read more at ktvb.com.](#)

SGI Celebrates 10 Years of 'Report Impaired Drivers' Program (Saskatchewan)

This month marks the 10 month anniversary of SGI's Report Impaired Driving program. Joe Hargrave, the Minister responsible for SGI, explains how the RID program works. "What you do is, we ask you to do is, we ask you to call 911 and report it to the police, the suspected driver. You wanna give as much information as you can; you wanna give the car, the license, and what they're doing. Are they driving all over the road? What are they doing, so the police have as much information as possible." [Read more at westcentralonline.com.](#)

Utah Senate Approves, Tables Ban on Driver Cellphone Use

The Utah Senate voted for preliminary approval of a bill to ban hand-held cellphone use while driving. The bill received majority support in the 19-8 vote, but was tabled before final passage because the legislation would impact the budget, The Salt Lake Tribune reported. The bill sponsored by Republican Sen. Don Ipson is on hold until funding is found for the estimated \$70,800 price tag due to increased court costs. [Read more at apnews.com.](#)

Automakers Required to Sell More Electric Vehicles Under New Legislation in Washington State

Legislation passed Monday in Olympia will require automakers to make more electric or other zero-emission vehicles available for sale in Washington. State advocates of electric cars have been trying for years to get the measure approved, but in the past were unable to overcome opposition that included a trade association representing major automakers. [Read more at seattletimes.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Study: Nearly 17% of Vehicles on Road Have Open Safety Recalls

Hopefully, you moved your clocks forward an hour on Sunday. You probably rely pretty heavily on your alarm clock or phone to ensure you wake up on time, but the thing that gets you from point a to point b. When was the last time you checked to make sure it was up to date on its safety standards? [Read more at easttexasmatters.com.](#)

REAL ID Guide: Necessary Documents, Cost and What Else You Need to Know

Come Oct. 1, Americans will need a Real ID driver's license or state ID to fly anywhere inside the United States. But as of mid-February, about 34% of all driver's license holders – about 95 million Americans – had licenses or state ID cards that were Real ID compliant. With more than 276 million Americans who have yet to obtain a Real ID, multiple states and leaders at several of the nation's major airports have called on the White House to postpone the Oct. 1 deadline – warning of a potential travel crisis if the date isn't pushed back. [Read more at nbccchicago.com.](#)

Research Finds Only 12 Percent of Drivers Would Feel Safe Riding in a Self-Driving Car

A new AAA survey on automated vehicles reveals that only one in ten drivers (12%) would trust riding in a self-driving car. Even more Americans – 28% – don't know how they feel about the technology, signaling consumers are stuck in neutral on the road to accepting self-driving cars. AAA believes consumers want more information

and experiences with this type of technology. [Read more at thenewsguard.com](#).

Study: Cannabis Users Make for the Most Dangerous Drivers

Driving and cannabis consumption do not go well together, a new study finds. The key finding is that recreational marijuana use impacts driving ability even when users are not intoxicated with the drug. The research, from McLean Hospital, reveals that cannabis users tend to experience more accidents. This is related to users tending to drive at faster speeds, and having a tendency to jump red lights (based on figures for the general population). This applied whether regular cannabis users were 'high' or not. [Read more at digitaljournal.com](#).

Tires Cause 1,000 Times More Pollution Than Exhaust Fumes, Study Claims

With returns from tightening tailpipe emissions laws diminishing by the year, it may be time to look elsewhere for ways to reduce transportation-generated air pollution. We may already have some idea of where to look, too, as a Britain-based emissions testing group has identified a previously unsuspected culprit for modern air quality woes: Tires. [Read more at thedrive.com](#).

Deep Dive: Digital Driver's Licenses Hit the Road

Digitized national identities are becoming popular around the world, with countries such as Australia, Estonia and Sierra Leone working to provide them. These initiatives are successful only when central governments already issue traditional identification credentials, however, something that is notably lacking in the U.S...More than a dozen U.S. states are currently developing, implementing or passing legislation to adopt DDLs. Wyoming is the most recent state to head in this direction. [Read more at pymnts.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.).

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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Thank you for the @AAMVAConnection mentions!

CT DMV @CTDMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Women and Girls Day at the State Capitol! What a great experience meeting so many #futureleaders. A special thank you to our Teen Advisory Group who spoke to fellow students about the importance of #safedriving. Thank you @GovNedLamont and @LGSusanB for having us!



MD_MVA @MD_MVA | [View the Tweet](#)

MDOT MVA and our partners at @NSCSafety have been reminding drivers all week to check for recalls. @GovLarryHogan proclaimed this week Vehicle Safety Recall Week and 18% of MD vehicles currently have an open recall. Visit <http://CheckToProtect.org> to get started. #MDOTSafety



New Jersey MVC @NJ_MVC | [View the Tweet](#)

In keynote, MVC Chief @SueFulton invites outreach assist from NJ Coalition of Latino Pastors & Ministers as MVC prepares for status neutral driver licensing & #saferoads. MVC honored to participate in 2nd annual NJ Latino Faith Leadership Conference luncheon @SetonHall



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

Preparing to obtain your Pennsylvania learner's permit? Use our app to practice for your knowledge test! The app can be found on the App Store and Google Play. Learn more about driver services at <http://DMV.pa.gov>.



FLHSMV @FLHSMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Due to COVID-19, we're encouraging all Floridians who can complete their eligible driver license or motor vehicle transactions online to do so, rather than in person at a driver license office. <http://GoRenew.com> #SkipTheTrip



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

Congratulations to our 2020 Fastest Typist Participants and Winners! These Team Members love to #ExceedExpectations #EveryCustomer #EveryTime. During the competition, they served 168 customers in 1 hour and 20 minutes. The average customer serve time was 3 minutes and 7 seconds!



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

Last Friday, on February 28, 2020, #SCDMV employees participated in the Directors' Walk in recognition of National Heart Month! This monthly walk provides an opportunity to get outdoors and celebrate health and wellness.



VirginiaDMV @VirginiaDMV | [View the Tweet](#)

FALSE. #REALID is optional in VA & you don't need one if you never fly or need to access secure federal facilities or you have another federally acceptable form of ID. See <http://dmvNOW.com/REALID> for the full list. #AskAboutREALID



Indiana BMV @INBMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Need an idea of what fees or taxes you'll pay on your next trip to the BMV? Finding out is simple! Just visit <http://ow.ly/gRfk50yGPmh>



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Lieutenant Governor Husted and BMV Registrar Norman made a stop in Lima Tuesday afternoon to announce a new feature designed to cut down waiting times at the BMV.



"Get In Line, Online" designed to cut down BMV wait times
Lieutenant Governor Husted also made a stop in Lima Tuesday afternoon to announce a new feature designed to cut down waiting times at the BMV. Husted...
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