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## OUR EVENTS

## MARCH



## APRIL

2-5 | [2019 April Autonomous Vehicles Best Practices Working Group Meeting](#)  
Washington, DC

10-11 | [2019 April Facial Recognition Working Group Meeting](#)  
San Antonio, TX

24 | [2019 April Industry Advisory Board Meeting](#)  
Arlington, VA

## New Date and Location Announced for 2019 Region 2 Conference!

The 2019 Region 2 Conference is changing dates and relocating to another hotel. The original hotel, JW Marriott, recently informed AAMVA that it will be undergoing highly disruptive construction during the original dates of the conference and this would lead to a less than optimal conference experience for attendees. **The new dates of the Region 2 Conference are June 24-26, 2019 and the new hotel is the Marriott Marquis Houston** located at 1777 Walker Street, Houston, TX 77010, 713.654.1777. Please take note that the new dates have shifted one day earlier. To make hotel reservations at the Marriott Marquis Houston [click here](#) or call 877-622-3056 and reference the AAMVA Region 2 Conference.

## AAMVA's Third Party Agents Working Group Seeks Your Input

The Third Party Agents Working Group has been tasked with developing interim guidance and a best practice document for administering and auditing third parties and vendors who process on behalf of jurisdiction agencies. At their first in-person meeting, the working group determined a survey would be needed to gather some information from AAMVA members. Responses will provide information to help working group members understand the current practices in place and related data. Please take a few minutes to provide your input before the March 29, 2019 deadline. [Click here](#) to access the survey.

## Brandon M. Silk Honored with Hometown Bridge Dedication



Governor Janet Mills, the recently-elected governor of Maine, signed into law the first bill of her Administration honoring veteran Brandon M. Silk, who died in June 2010 in the line of duty while serving in Afghanistan. The resolve names the bridge in his home town Orono, Maine as the "Brandon M. Silk Memorial Bridge." Brandon is the son of Mark Silk and brother of David Silk. Mark is the Chief Detective for the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles, a member of AAMVA's Law Enforcement Standing Committee, the former chair of the DMV Investigator Integration Working Group and a former member of the Vehicle Standing

Committee. His son, David Silk, is a detective for the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Vice-Chair of AAMVA's Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group. "While we can never repay Brandon's sacrifice and service to our country and our state, enshrining his name on this bridge is a tribute to his life, his family,

**24-25 | [2019 April Board of Directors Meeting](#)**

Arlington, VA

**24-25 | [2019 April Foreign Resource Reciprocity Working Group Meeting](#)**

San Diego, CA

**26 | [2019 April State-to-State Governance Committee Meeting](#)**

Arlington, VA

**29-2 | [2019 Leadership Academy](#)**

Arlington, VA

**SYSTEMS TRAINING**

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

**MARCH - CDLIS/PDPS**

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**20 | [CDLIS Reports Data Quality \(intermediate\)](#)**

**21 | [CD90.4.1 Out-of State Transaction as SOR Reports \(advanced\)](#)**

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**OUR WEBINARS**

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

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**27 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution](#)**

and his service to our country. It ensures that all those who enter his beloved home of Orono will know his name and his sacrifice for years to come," said Governor Mills. "I hope that as the people of Orono and Brandon's family drive across it, they will know our deep appreciation and everlasting gratitude for their son, and fellow Mainer's, service."

**REGION 1 NEWS**

**The Wait Has Been Longer at the MVA Than Usual. Here's Why, and How They're Hoping to Fix It. (Maryland)**

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration is extending its hours at several branches and adding more than 2,700 extra appointments per week to accommodate an onslaught of customers seeking to renew their licenses under the new federal REAL ID regulations. The MVA has seen customer volumes roughly 10 times higher than normal as drivers seek to get the new federally mandated REAL ID driver's licenses and identification cards before the Oct. 1, 2020 deadline, said Christine Nizer, the head of the MVA. [Read the article at baltimoresun.com](#).

**Lower Speed Limits Part of City Plan to Improve Traffic Safety with 'Vision Zero' (New York)**

Between 2008 and 2017, there were 182 serious injury crashes and five fatalities in the City of Ithaca. This week, the city embraced the 'Vision Zero' strategy and set the goal to reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries to zero. One way the city is hoping to move toward that goal is by lowering speed limits. Ithaca Common Council passed a resolution Wednesday embracing the internationally recognized Vision Zero strategy that follows the philosophy 'that everyone has the right to move safely in their communities.' Read the article at [ithacavoices.com](#).

**PennDOT Addressing Waiting Times for REAL ID Customers (Pennsylvania)**

A steady stream of customers during the first five days that the REAL ID program has been available in Pennsylvania has created long lines at some driver's license centers and prompted the state to shift personnel to keep wait times reasonable...PennDOT is monitoring all locations on an hourly basis and shifting employees from less busy centers to address the waiting times, Kurt Myers, deputy secretary for driver and vehicle services, said Thursday. In addition, 30 new employees will finish training this week and be deployed around the state by Saturday. [Read the article at post-gazette.com](#).

**REGION 2 NEWS**

**Road Roundup: Distracted Driving a Unifying Issue in NC, Poll Says (North Carolina)**

A new poll identifies an issue that brings North Carolinians together -- distracted driving. Nearly 80 percent of North Carolinians surveyed said that distracted driving is such a big issue that the legislature needs to take action to control it, according to a Meredith College poll. It finds that 83 percent of those polled agreed that the state needs a hands-free law. Lawmakers filed a bill last month that would make it illegal to operate a motor vehicle with phone in your hand. Another interesting finding: About 30 percent of respondents admitted to using their phone while driving some or almost all of the time. [Read the article at wral.com](#).

**Study: Tennessee Number 1 State for Distracted Driving Fatalities**

A new study published by ValuePenguin claims that Tennessee ranks number one--

[for Online States \(Web Service Version\) – Part 2](#)

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OPEN RFPs

## MARCH

[AAMVA RFP FY20-18433: AAMVA 2019 October Combined Standing Committee Meeting](#)

March 19, 2019

[AAMVA RFQ FY 19-380: Website Consulting Services](#)

March 22, 2019

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[AAMVA RFP FY19-18459: CDL Skills Test Revision Project Data Collection, Analysis, Reporting](#)

in distracted driving, WTVF reported. The company used data from national highway traffic administrations from 2015 to 2017. Between that time, over 1,400 fatalities were attributed to car crashes involving drivers that were distracted by their phones. Tennessee, according to the study, has the highest rate for distracted driving fatalities. Megan Cooper, an AAA representative, says the company did their own traffic study. It revealed 88 percent of drivers believe distracted driving is happening more often. [Read the article at wvltv.](#)

## Most Driver's License Suspensions in Texas Are Because Drivers Can't Afford to Pay Their Fines

Seven out of 10 driver's license suspensions in Texas are due to drivers' inability to pay fees and surcharges from courts and the Texas Department of Public Safety, according to a new study from nonprofits Texas Appleseed and Texas Fair Defense Project. Of the 2.3 million suspensions in Texas, the bulk of them, 1.5 million, come from DPS' Driver Responsibility Program, which imposes surcharges on top of fines for traffic citations, often leading to a suspension. Those surcharges recur annually for three years and can create financial hurdles for drivers looking to reinstate their licenses, the study argues, because they can't afford them. [Read the article at kut.org.](#)

## TxDOT Joins Statewide Effort to End Human Trafficking (Texas)

As part of a statewide effort to raise awareness, increase vigilance and report signs of human trafficking, the Texas Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Office of the Governor, law enforcement and industry partners, is launching its 'On the Road to End Human Trafficking' initiative. 'Human trafficking is a horrific crime that knows no boundaries and, sadly, affects hundreds of thousands of women, children and men across our state and around the world,' said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. 'We are proud to work with the Governor's Commission for Women and other partners to bring an end to this modern-day slavery.' Similar to a neighborhood watch program, the initiative encourages everyone to know, watch for and report signs of trafficking. [Read the article at txdot.gov.](#)

## DOT to Consider Raising W.Va. Interstate Speed Limit to 75 MPH (West Virginia)

The speed limit could hit 75 miles per hour on interstates in West Virginia. Lawmakers gave that authority to the state's Department of Transportation to raise the maximum limit on Friday. Most drivers WSAZ spoke to, like Hailey Adkins and Joe McNamara, like the idea...Others, like Bob Garber and truck driver Rob James, tell us, not so fast. Curves, hills and even the road itself are reasons why the limit should remain right where it is. [Read the article at wynt.com.](#)

## REGION 3 NEWS

## Indiana Driver's Licenses Now Offer 'X' Gender Option for Non-Binary Hoosiers

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles has begun issuing Indiana driver's licenses and state identification cards with a third, non-specified gender option for Hoosiers who identify as neither male nor female. The non-binary licenses, first made available this month, use an 'X' for the sex identifier, instead of the traditional 'M' or 'F.' [Read the article at nwitimes.com.](#)

## Latest Transportation Bill Proposes Eliminating Front License Plates, Hiking Registration Fees (Ohio)

If the current version of Ohio's transportation budget becomes law, it will mean the elimination of the front license plate. Lawmakers proposed several changes to

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Governor DeWine's transportation budget bill. Among them is a provision to require motor vehicles to only display one license plate. House Finance Committee Chairman Rep. Scott Oelslager told Cleveland.com the measure would save the state \$2.5 annually. [Read the article at wwt.com](#).

### **County Board Committee Passes Resolution for Undocumented Immigrants to Have Driver's Licenses (Wisconsin)**

Milwaukee County supervisors Thursday passed a resolution approving Gov. Tony Evers' plan to allow undocumented immigrants to have driver's licenses, but not without some debate. By a vote of 3-2, a County Board committee said it wants immigrants, in this country illegally, to get Wisconsin driver's licenses or ID cards. [Read the article at wisn.com](#).

## **REGION 4 NEWS**

### **Alberta Implements the Driver Safety Initiatives as of March 1, 2019**

Alberta became the second Canadian jurisdiction requiring mandatory entry-level training (MELT) for new commercial drivers. As of March 1, 2019 all prospective Class 1 (Semi) and Class 2 (Bus) commercial drivers must take a Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Program in order to obtain a new commercial driver's license. As of March 1, 2019 all road tests for all license classes will be conducted by Government of Alberta employees thus ensuring increased oversight and standardized testing with our driver examinations. Finally, as March 1, 2019 all new Alberta based commercial carriers must take a mandatory National Safety Code standards and compliance course and pass a knowledge test in order to receive their Safety Fitness Certificate. In addition all new carriers will have to undergo a review of their compliance with safety regulations within the first year of operations. Read the articles at alberta.ca [here](#) and [here](#).

### **ADOT Mixes Billy Joel Songs with Highway Safety Messages Before Phoenix Concert (Arizona)**

The Arizona Department of Transportation used the song titles of rock-legend Billy Joel to urge driver safety on Saturday. The state agency posted messages on its highway signs such as 'No need to be a big shot drive safely' and 'Use a seat belt we love you just the way you are,' playing off Joel's songs 'Big Shot' and 'Just the Way You Are.' [Read the article at azcentral.com](#).

### **DMV Anticipates 'Summer Surge,' as Millions Still Don't Have Real IDs (California)**

California's Department of Motor Vehicles is telling lawmakers it expects a substantial increase in customers at its offices this summer, potentially leading to longer wait times. Kathleen Webb, the DMV's acting director, said Tuesday that she expects a 'summer surge' as travelers realize they will need a federally mandated Real ID card. Starting Oct. 1, 2020, people across the country will need the special card to board airplanes and enter other federal facilities, unless they bring a passport. 'As more people become aware that they need a Real ID as we get closer to the deadline, we'll continue to see an increase in people coming to the office,' Webb said. [Read the article at sacbee.com](#).

### **El Paso County Official Warns of DMV Scam Sites (Colorado)**

A new scam is making the rounds in El Paso County. The county clerk and recorder's office says there are several websites posing as authentic DMV sites. The people behind these sites are imposters out to get unwitting victims' personal and



credit card information -- on top of overcharging for the services the sites are claiming to offer. 'We have had a number of reports from citizens in Colorado being duped into providing sensitive information to scam websites,' said Clerk and Recorder Chuck Broerman in a news release Monday. 'We certainly encourage people to skip the trip to our office and utilize online services, but they need to make sure that they are dealing with the correct website. If you do an internet search for a DMV, many faux sites are listed before you may find the authentic website.' [Read the article at kktv.com](#)

## OTHER NEWS

### **These 10 Cities Have the Most Aggressive Drivers in the Nation**

It's a fact of life: Nobody ever says the drivers in their hometown are talented and responsible. No. They're erratic and irresponsible. But who's got it worst? A new study by fuel-savings app GasBuddy settles the debate over which city has the most aggressive drivers in America. GasBuddy, whose app has about 70 million downloads, analyzed data from an optional feature that helps users keep track of their driving habits and gives them suggestions on how to preserve fuel. The analysts assessed the frequency of speeding, hard braking and swift acceleration to gauge aggressiveness. [Read the article at usatoday.com](#).

### **Digital Driver's Licenses Solve Problems of Convenience and Security, Officials Say**

Driver's licenses are perhaps the government-issued document individuals rely on the most, but as government services are increasingly digitized, licenses themselves remain firmly analog. But that could be changing, said transportation officials from Maryland and Wyoming, both of which are testing the adoption of digital licenses that allow residents to carry a secure form of identification on mobile devices. Renée Krawiec, of the Wyoming Department of Transportation, and Christine Nizer, of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, made the case for moving off plastic cards and toward mobile apps during a session Monday at the South by Southwest conference in Austin, Texas. (The panel was moderated by StateScoop associate publisher Jake Williams.) [Read the article at statescoop.com](#).

### **Is Your Car, Truck, or SUV Part of a Recall? How to Check Your VIN for Recalls**

It's Daylight Saving Time (DST). The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) invites you to check your vehicles for factory recalls twice a year when the time changes with to and from DST. Any time the NHTSA issues a vehicle safety recall the manufacturer is supposed to mail notification to all owners of record. But mail gets lost or overlooked, cars and trucks get bought and sold, and previous owners of a car you bought used as a used vehicle might have overlooked or simply disregarded a recall. According to the federal agency, many vehicles with recalls aren't repaired. In 2018, for example, there were more than 900 recalls in the U.S., which involved more than 33.5 million vehicles. [Read the article at digitaltrends.com](#).

### **Americans Remain Fearful of Self-Driving Vehicles, Survey Finds**

Nearly three-quarters of Americans are still leery about traveling in self-driving motor vehicles after deadly accidents with the experimental technology, a new AAA survey has found. Most respondents also predict it's going to take at least 10 years for the technology to reach the point that vehicles can drive themselves. But the survey also found that a majority of people (53 percent) are fine with the idea of self-driving machines handling short, low-speed trips, such as shuttles used at some theme parks and airports. A sizable number (44 percent) are also comfortable with the idea

of using autonomous vehicles for making deliveries. [Read the article at post-gazette.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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By ELLIE FRENCH VtDigger James-Beth Merritt has had nonbinary gender experiences for as long as they — Merritt's preferred pronoun — can remember, a...

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

FLHSMV is turning 50 this year! To celebrate, we've partnered with the FL Historic Capitol Museum on "Behind the Drive," a free exhibit showcasing FLHSMV's history from March 14-June 2. Learn more at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/about/department-history/> .... #BehindTheDrive #IHeartTally #LoveFL @FLHistoricCap



**Trooper Matt SCHKP @@SCHKP\_Troop6 | [View the Tweet](#)**

There are three collisions that occur in every crash. All of these happen at the same speed that the vehicle was traveling and that's why wearing a seatbelt is so important! #BuckleUpSC #TargetZeroSC

## Three Collisions in a Crash

First

**Vehicle collision**



Vehicle slams into fixed object or another vehicle

Second

**Human collision**



Body slams into interior of vehicle and/or other occupants

Third

**Internal collision**



Internal body parts slam against each other and/or the body's skeletal structure

**ICBC @icbc | [View the Tweet](#)**

Parents got personal messages this morning from the talented students at Mamquam Elementary. 'Think of Me' when you're driving, put your phone away and focus on the road. #EyesFwdBC @Squamishtown @BCRCMP @SeatoSkySD48 @ifnu\_bc



**NHTSA @NHTSAgov | [View the Tweet](#)**

Take care of your party guests! If you know they are driving after the party, have a fun #StPatricksDay 'mocktail' ready and waiting for them. #BuzzedDriving is drunk driving.



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