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2021 Region 2 Conference is Cancelled

The 2021 AAMVA Region 2 Conference, scheduled for June 29 – July 1, 2021 in Norfolk, VA, has 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. The Region is making plans to hold a future conference at the same location. For questions 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

- [Catalytic Converter Thefts Skyrocketing Nationwide](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Registry of Motor Vehicles Expanding Appointments for Those 65+ \(Massachusetts\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Kentucky Issuing Real IDs Again After Pandemic Pause. Here's How To Get Yours](#)
- [Tennessee Introduces Online Document Uploads for DMV Visits](#)
- [Virginia DMV Continues With 'Appointment-Only' for Indefinite Future](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [MN DVS: Make a Plan To Renew Expiring IDs and Licenses. Now \(Minnesota\)](#)
- [Ohio BMV To End Expansion of Expiration Dates for Driver Licenses.](#)



OUR EVENTS

APRIL

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

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SYSTEMS TRAINING

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

OUR WEBINARS

MARCH

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8 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution](#)

[Vehicle Registrations](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Nevada DMV Enforcing Decades-Old Rule Regarding Appointment Locations](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Traffic Safety Remains Key Issue in Cannabis Negotiation (New York)

Concerns over impaired driving are one of the final hurdles in the negotiations over a bill that would legalize adult-use cannabis in New York, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins on Tuesday said. Lawmakers are close to a deal, which could be reached in the coming days, which would open one of the largest markets in the country to cannabis products and allow small amounts of the plant to be grown in homes. [Read more at spectrumlocalnews.com](#).

REGION 2 NEWS

Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles Warns Customers About Imposter Websites

The Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles wants to bring awareness to potential impostor websites that over charge customers for using their online services. After numerous complaints were made about over charges, the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles determined customers were using third-party websites to renew their vehicle registration. [Read more at kplctv.com](#).

SCDMV's 2021 Driver Suspension Eligibility Week [Began] Monday (South Carolina)

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles' 2021 Driver Suspension Eligibility Week begins on Monday, March 15. Drivers with licenses suspended for various reasons may be able to reduce or clear the remaining time it's been suspended. [Read more at wmbfnews.com](#).

More Than 1 Million Tennesseans Have REAL ID Licenses Ahead of October Federal Deadline

A "quick trip to the DMV" doesn't sound like a real thing. But it is now, thanks to new changes to Tennessee Driver Services. Drivers can now upload required identity documents ahead of time, meaning they'll spend less time inside the building. [Read more at wbir.com](#).

REGION 3 NEWS

Tesla on Autopilot Drives Into Michigan Trooper's Patrol

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Car

The U.S. government's highway safety agency sent investigators to Michigan for the second time in less than a week to investigate an accident after authorities said a Tesla on autopilot crashed into a state trooper's patrol car early Wednesday...It's the second time in less than a week that NHTSA has sent a team to Michigan to investigate crashes involving Teslas. [Read more at abcnews.go.](#)

Identification Voters Need for the 2021 Wisconsin Spring Election

As the 2021 Wisconsin Spring Election approaches, the state's Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) explains how citizens can get the proper identification needed for voting. According to the DMV, voters must have a valid driver's license, identification card, military or student ID card to be able to participate in the upcoming election. [Read more at wxow.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Plan To Close 6 DMV Offices From Southeast Alaska To the Interior Encounters Bipartisan Opposition in Legislature

A plan by the Dunleavy administration to close six Department of Motor Vehicles offices, most in smaller towns, is meeting bipartisan skepticism in the Alaska Legislature. The proposal, unveiled in December, would close offices in Eagle River, Tok, Homer, Haines, Delta Junction and Valdez to save a half-million dollars a year in operation costs. [Read more at adn.com.](#)

Why Is an Escondido Man Getting Bay Area Bridge-Toll Bills for a Car He Sold 11 Years Ago? (California)

The first notice arrived in Jim Okerblom's Escondido mailbox in mid-December. It said he owed a \$6 toll for driving his car across the Richmond-San Rafael bridge in the San Francisco Bay Area on Nov. 30. Except Okerblom hadn't been in the Bay Area on Nov. 30, or any time at all recently. And he didn't own the car involved. He'd sold it almost 11 years ago. [Read more at sandiegotribune.com.](#)

Bugs Still Being Worked Out of DMV Data Merger (Idaho)

Federally mandated system upgrades that merge data held by both law enforcement and the department of motor vehicles are behind extraordinary wait-times for registering vehicles, said Doug Wallis, county assessor...Franklin County has had the program since Oct. 13th, and the state is still encountering setbacks with the system migration from the old DOS system to the new GEM system. [Read more at hjnews.com.](#)

Man Convicted of Using Fake Green Card, Social Security Card at DMV Office (Nevada)

A man who tried to use a fraudulent green card and a fake Social Security card to get a "Real ID" card at a Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office was convicted by a federal jury on Friday. Rickon Amyon "Ricky" Wade faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison. His sentencing is scheduled

July 16 before U.S. District Judge Gloria M. Navarro. [Read more at 8newsnow.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Two States Tax Some Drivers by the Mile. Many More Want To Give It a Try.

Bruce Starr spotted the problem right away: The hydrogen-powered cars General Motors was showing off on the Oregon Capitol grounds wouldn't need gas. And if they didn't need gas, drivers wouldn't be paying gas taxes that fund the state's roads. It was 2001, and the problem seemed urgent. GM predicted the cars would be on the market in a few years. Starr, then a Republican state representative, created a task force to figure out the future of transportation funding. [Read more at washingtonpost.com.](#)

Government Agencies Clash Over How Much To Regulate Self-Driving Cars

Although both are safety-oriented government agencies, the National Transportation Safety Board has long been critical of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for what it views as a hands-off approach to regulating driver-assistance systems and emerging autonomous cars. The NTSB has sent NHTSA a letter calling on the agency to impose stricter rules surrounding driver assistance and autonomous technology, using collision investigations with Teslas and an Uber test vehicle as examples of systems in need of more regulation. [Read more at caranddriver.com.](#)

Your Face Is Not Your Own

...Computers once performed facial recognition rather imprecisely, by identifying people's facial features and measuring the distances among them — a crude method that did not reliably result in matches. But recently, the technology has improved significantly, because of advances in artificial intelligence. A.I. software can analyze countless photos of people's faces and learn to make impressive predictions about which images are of the same person; the more faces it inspects, the better it gets. Clearview is deploying this approach using billions of photos from the public internet. By testing legal and ethical limits around the collection and use of those images, it has become the front-runner in the field... [Read more at nytimes.com.](#)

IIHS Study Shows That Adaptive Cruise Might Make You More Likely To Speed

Out of all the advanced driver-assistance features that are now commonplace on new vehicles, my favorite is probably adaptive cruise control. It turns what would otherwise be arduous Southern California freeway slogs into relatively relaxed and mostly stress-free experiences. Unfortunately, there's a downside to people's use of adaptive cruise control (ACC), because according to a study released recently by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), people are a lot more likely to speed while using it. [Read more at cnet.com.](#)

CarInsurance.com Reveals the Best and Worst States for Drivers

Buckle up because CarInsurance.com — a one-stop destination for unbiased, expert advice on car insurance — gets on the road again with its Best and

worst states for driving 2021 report. The study ranks how drivers fare in every state based on factors that they care about most...For the second consecutive year, Utah tops the list because of its better-than-average road conditions, low crash-related fatality rates, and below-average auto insurance premiums. [Read more at prnewswire.com.](#)

Can Changes in Driving Habits Predict Cognitive Decline in Older Adults?

Every day in the U.S. in 2018, motor vehicle crashes killed more than 20 people over age 65 and injured almost 700. Older adults are the most responsible drivers of any age group — they tend to obey speed limits and avoid driving at night and in bad weather, for example — but the physical changes of aging put them at risk of accidents. [Read more at medicine.wustl.edu.](#)

DOT Study Predicts No Mass Layoffs From Driverless Trucks

A U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)-sponsored study on automated driving systems (ADS) concludes that truck drivers should not fear significant job losses due to automation unless driverless technology is adopted on a fast timeline. Produced by DOT's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, "Macroeconomic Impacts of Automated Driving Systems in Long-Haul Trucking," released in January, for the first time estimates productivity benefits due to ADS in the trucking industry as well as indirect benefits for the wider economy. [Read more at freightwaves.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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ICYMI: In our March update, Administrator Nizer discussed Vehicle Safety Recalls Week, St. Patrick's Day safety, Daylight Saving Time, and more!

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Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration on Facebook Watch
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[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

TN Highway Patrol @TNHighwayPatrol | [View the Tweet](#)

Operation Impact I-24 was a tremendous success. THP along with multiple agencies joined together to promote traffic safety. During the 24 hour period officers issued multiple citations for traffic violations. But the biggest and most important stat of all was ZERO FATAL CRASHES.



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

The last year has been one of the fastest on the roads. We're joining our Patrol partners from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska to remind drivers to #ObeyTheSign. Excessive speeding citations are up 83% collectively over the past year.

Details: <http://ow.ly/8fiy50E0F5x>

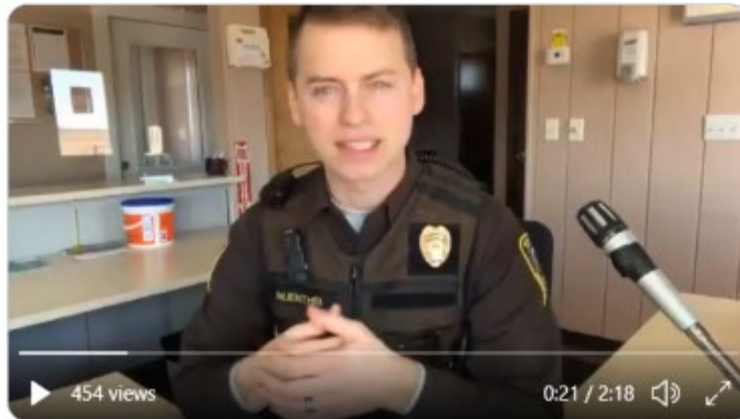


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Load Securement.

Every time you hear the midwest drawl, take a drink of your afternoon coffee. Let me know the count; you'll need a fresh pot.

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This vehicle was driving on the wrong side of the roadway on US33 in Union County. Watch as troopers from our @OSHP Marysville Post get the vehicle safely stopped. The driver was arrested for #ImpairedDriving.



ITD @IdahoITD | [View the Tweet](#)

Thank you @GovernorLittle for reminding Idahoans to get their Star Card-Idaho's REAL ID before the October 1 federal deadline. That's when you'll need a Star Card, passport, or other REAL ID to board a commercial flight and enter a federal building.

MORE: <https://itd.idaho.gov/news/starcardeadlineapproaching/>



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