Standing Committee Video Updates

AAMVA's Driver, Law Enforcement, and Vehicle Standing Committees each gave a video update at the 2019 Workshop and Law Institute, detailing their accomplishments over the past year and discussing what's ahead. You can view these videos at AAMVA's YouTube channel or by clicking the video links below.

Driver Standing Committee Update

Law Enforcement Standing Committee Update

Vehicle Standing Committee Update


In this PDF guide, AAMVA's subject matter experts provide guidance on checking non-U.S. driver identification, specifically as it relates to driving privileges. Included is information regarding the process for authenticating non-U.S. driver licenses, fake drivers' licenses, and passport authentication.
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

30-3 | 2019 April CDL Test Modernization - Pilot Test #2
Concord, NH

April Training Sessions

*Register for the following training sessions HERE.

APRIL

2 | CDLIS Rules for Driver Withdrawals (intermediate)

3 | CD16 Report Out-of-State Withdrawal (intermediate)

4 | CD17 Negate Out-of-State Withdrawal (intermediate)

16 | CDLIS Rules for Driver Convictions (intermediate)

17 | CD11 Report Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)

18 | CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)

23 | CDLIS A Overview (basic)

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25 | CDLIS C Update Transactions (basic)

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2019 Workshop & Law Institute Wrap Up

We hope you had a great time with us in Baltimore, Maryland for the 2019 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute! You can relive the excitement and knowledge sharing that took place by viewing the wrap-up video. View photos of the event by visiting our Flickr page. Presentations are available for download in the conference Download Center (only for AAMVA members). If you attended the conference, please don't forget to provide feedback via the survey on our mobile app. Thank you to our sponsors who made this event possible!

AAMVA Congratulates Missouri on a Successful S2S Launch

AAMVA congratulates Missouri on successfully implementing State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) during the weekend of March 23, 2019 and becoming the 23rd 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 Alabama and Virginia who assisted with Missouri's migration. Mississippi is scheduled to begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on April 8, 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.

REGION 1 NEWS

Is Lane Splitting Too Dangerous? New Push to Let Motorcyclists Ride Between Lanes (Maryland)

Riders insist that lane splitting makes them safer. They are deathly afraid of being rear-ended--sandwiched between a fast-moving car from behind and a stopped car in front. Every driver has experienced it. You're stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic when a motorcycle rider casually strolls up, between congested lanes, and to the front of a stoplight. The move is called lane splitting or filtering and it could one day be legalized in Maryland if a state lawmaker gets her way. Read the article at wusa9.com.

Police, School Bus Drivers Pan N.B. Decision to Scrap Front Licence Plates (New Brunswick)

What was just 'a quick mention' in New Brunswick's provincial budget is getting a lot more attention, and a lot more criticism, than anyone anticipated. The Higgs’
government plans to eliminate the front licence plate on motor vehicles, but the public push-back is mounting, as police and school bus drivers have now joined the plate debate. 'As a police officer, and as a patrol officer, it's one of the tools that we have in our kits,' said Const. Jodi McCormack of the Saint John Police Force. Read the article at atlantic.ctvnews.ca.

Top NTSB Official Lobbies Massachusetts Lawmakers to Pass Gov. Charlie Baker's Hands-Free Cellphone Bill
Bruce Landsberg, vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, traveled to Boston Thursday to urge lawmakers to pass Gov. Charlie Baker's road safety bill. Landsberg said the government agency supports Baker's call to ban the use of handheld phones while driving, require first-time drunk drivers to use an ignition interlock device, and allow the police to pull someone over for not wearing a seat belt. Read the article at masslive.com.

Major Drop in Traffic Fatalities in Alabama This Year
According to the Foundation For Advancing Alcohol Responsibility, there were 268 alcohol-related traffic fatalities in 2017. More than 10,000 in the country that same year. 27 people under the age of 21 died in the same year on Alabama roads, slightly more than 1,000 in the U.S. And the number of teenagers arrested for driving under the influence was 42 in 2017 in Alabama. In that same year more than 5,000 in the same age bracket in the U.S...But there is encouraging news. As of today, state troopers in Alabama have worked 41 fewer traffic fatalities compared to this time last year, a nod to motorists paying more attention and not taking chances with their phones or drinking, according to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency. The decrease in traffic fatalities is the largest decrease in state traffic fatalities in four years. Read the article at wsfa.com.

New Amendment May Reinstate Driver's Licenses for More Than Half a Million Virginians, Governor Says (Virginia)
Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam announced an amendment to the state’s budget on Monday eliminating the suspension of driver’s licenses for those who cannot pay court fines and costs. The amendment would restore driving privileges for more than 627,000 Virginians with suspended licenses. 'The practice of suspending a person’s driver’s license for nonpayment of court fines and costs is inequitable. It's past time we end it,' Northam said. 'A driver’s license is critical to daily life, including a person’s ability to maintain a job. Eliminating a process that envelopes hundreds of thousands of Virginians in a counterproductive cycle is not only fair, it's also the right thing to do.' Read the article at wusa9.com.

New Amendment Would Ban Hand-Held Cellphone Use on All Virginia Roads
Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam is trying to revive an effort to ban motorists from holding cellphones while driving. Northam announced Tuesday he’s adding a proposed amendment to legislation that would bar drivers from holding a cellphone while driving in a highway work zone. The governor’s amendment would broaden the ban to all roads in Virginia. 'The time has come for the Commonwealth to implement an effective and fair law to combat distracted driving,' Northam said in a news release. 'Too many families have lost loved ones as a result of a driver paying more attention to their phone than to their surroundings. This bill, as amended, will be a significant step forward in promoting traffic safety across the Commonwealth.' Read the article at nbcwashington.com.

Duke Study Says 1 in 7 NC Drivers Currently Have License Suspended (North Carolina)
A Duke University study released Monday says about one out of seven people in North Carolina who can drive currently have their license suspended. Duke Law researchers found there are 1.2 million people in the state with active driver’s license suspensions for non-driving related reasons...According to Duke’s study, 827,000 suspensions are for failure to appear in court, 263,000 of them are for failure to comply with orders to pay fines and fees and 135,000 suspensions are because of both. Researcher Dr. William Crozier said it’s a never-ending cycle. Read the article at cbs17.com.

**REGION 3 NEWS**

**Illinois Begins Issuing Driver's Licenses That Comply With Federal Real ID Law**

After years of delays, all Illinois residents will be able to get new driver’s licenses and state IDs beginning Monday that comply with post-9/11 federal requirements aimed at making identification cards more secure. Secretary of State Jesse White’s office began issuing cards that comply with the federal Real ID Act in January, and they will be available at all 138 driver services facilities statewide by Monday. Read the article at chicagotribune.com.

**Indiana Driver's License Bill That Would Have Made Gender Changes Harder Is Shelved**

The Indiana House ditched a bill that would have made it more challenging for transgender and nonbinary Hoosiers to change their driver's licenses or state ID cards. Senate Bill 182, which was quietly removed from the House's Tuesday calendar, would have required Hoosiers to present a birth certificate that corresponds to their new gender if they want to change it on a state-issued ID, instead of just the currently accepted physician's note. House Speaker Brian Bosma said leadership decided to hold off on making any changes after meeting with Gov. Eric Holcomb on Monday. Read the article at indystar.com.

**Manitoba Orders Training for Rookie Truckers**

Manitoba truckers must soon have at least 121.5 hours of training to their credit before hitting the highways. The province will mandate the training for first-time commercial truck drivers beginning on Sept. 1, following the lead of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The announcement Tuesday at the Manitoba Legislature comes just days after the truck driver responsible for the deadly Humboldt Broncos crash in Saskatchewan on April 6, 2018, was sentenced to eight years in prison. Read the article at cbc.ca.

**Real ID Now Available at Missouri's License Offices**

It took 12 long years for Missouri to come under federal compliance, but as of this week you can go to your local license bureau and get a Real ID...The license offices themselves had to upgrade software and add machines to scan documents that must now be retained for 10 years under federal law. But it's that personal information database created by the law that caused Missouri government officials to drag their feet over implementing the mandate because of concerns over privacy. Read the article at ky3.com.

**Reds Beat Indians (But Not Ohio State) in Battle of Specialty License Plates**

The Cincinnati Bengals beat the Cleveland Browns, the Cincinnati Reds beat the Cleveland Indians, and FC Cincinnati edged out the Columbus Crew. But when it comes to specialty license plates, Ohio is still Buckeye Nation. Ohio State University collected the most money of any Ohio entity from specialty license plates' donations last year: $585,800 from 22,055 license plates. That total is for three designs, including 923 license plates for the Ohio State University Marching Band plate. Ohio
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offers more than 300 specialty license plates ranging from breast cancer awareness (4,108 plates) and 'donate life' to encourage organ donation (2,966 plates) to Superman (4,373 plates) and St. Xavier High School (21 plates.) Read the article at cincinnati.com.

Governor Evers Visits Madison East DMV (Wisconsin)
Governor Tony Evers...joined Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary-Designee Craig Thompson at the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Madison East location to see how customers can obtain an ID to vote. 'We're thrilled to welcome the Governor here to see how Wisconsin DMVs are working to meet customers' needs in a more innovative way,' Thompson said. 'Also significant is our role in providing Wisconsin voters with secure identification cards.' DMV Administrator Kristina Boardman showed Governor Evers the many DMV innovations, including: The queuing process, which accommodates customers who have electronically submitted their applications and made appointments; Kiosks for registration renewal transactions; eNotify to receive renewal notices by email or text. Read the article at wisconsindot.gov.

B.C. School Bus Driver's Petition for Seatbelts Gains Traction (British Columbia)
The average kindergartner doesn't understand the relationship between speed, mass and crash severity — or, put another way, the risks associated with standing up to ask the school bus driver a question while he's driving down the highway at 100 kilometres an hour. 'It scares me every time they do it,' said Gary Lillico, an Agassiz school bus driver whose route takes him onto Highway 1 with a bus full of kids. 'These little guys come up to talk to me, and I have to tell them to please sit back down.' Read the article at vancouversun.com.

The DMV Reviewed Thousands of Hilarious Vanity Plate Applications Last Year. These Are Our Favorites (California)
When a DMV customer wanted to supposedly express his affection for his two children, Kyle and Sean, he applied for a vanity plate that read 'KYLSEAN.' A sharp-eyed DMV staffer reviewing the proposed plate quickly raised an alarm. 'Kill Sean!' he scrawled on the side of the application. Request denied. KylSean was one of 20,000 requests for personalized plates that the California DMV received that month; nearly 250,000 were fielded by the department in 2018. Read the article at lamag.com.

Google's Waymo Teaches California Cops How to Handle Self-Driving Cars
Google's Waymo self-driving car division on Wednesday brought California Highway Patrol officers to the classroom to go teach them how to deal with self-driving cars. KNTV reported that Waymo employees showed the highway patrol officers not only how to pull over an autonomous vehicle but how self-driving cars actually operate. Waymo provided instructions on how to disable the self-driving mode, what to do when the car may need to be towed, how to approach the vehicle in a flood, and the company showed officers the best place to cut if passengers inside need rescuing. Read the article at thecarconnection.com.

Colorado Trooper's Death Highlights Concern Over First Responders' Safety
Colorado State Patrol troopers buried one of their own Thursday. Corporal Dan Groves, an 11-year member of the patrol based out of the agency’s Greeley office,
was struck and killed by a car while helping a stranded driver during last week’s historic blizzard. His death has highlighted a statewide concern over the safety of first responders who risk their lives during traffic stops and other roadside duties. This comes as traffic officials have reported a spike in fatal crashes in recent years, underscoring the need for more responsible driving. Read the article at steamboatpilot.com.

New Initiative to Help Teen Drivers and Their Parents More Safely Navigate Early Years of Driving (Iowa)
Gov. Kim Reynolds in conjunction with the Iowa Department of Transportation, is pleased to announce an initiative new to Iowa designed to help teen drivers and their parents more safely navigate the early years of driving. The Parent's Supervised Driving Program gives parents and guardians a simple, easy-to-follow plan designed to encourage safe driving habits. In addition, the program includes the popular RoadReady® mobile app for iPhone and Android which helps families log and manage the hours a new driver spends behind the wheel. Developed by Safe Roads Alliance and with the support of sponsors, Toyota and State Farm, this program is provided at no cost to the state or Iowa families. Mark Lowe, Director of the Iowa Department of Transportation, said, 'Seeing our children learn and grow into responsible citizens is a delight. Those first outings with your teen behind the wheel can be the most formative for our new drivers, and a bit nerve-racking for both them and their parents. With this program, parents will have tools and tips to make the learning experience behind the wheel safer and easier, and more effective.' Read the article at redoakexpress.com.

Mark an X — Gender No Longer Required on Saskatchewan Driver’s Licence
Saskatchewan residents no longer have to specify their gender on driver's licences and photo ID cards. Saskatchewan Government Insurance says in a statement that anyone who doesn’t identify as male or female can choose to mark an X on the documents. Spokeswoman Penny McCune says the Crown-owned company is committed to being inclusive and realizes some people don’t want to be forced to identify as either male or female. Alberta, Ontario, and Newfoundland and Labrador already offer their residents the option not to specify gender on their licences. Last May, Saskatchewan Court of Queen’s Bench ruled that the provincial government had to allow people to remove gender from their birth certificates. Read the article at thestar.com.

Sask. Police Issue 400 Tickets to Motorists Who Didn’t Buckle up in February (Saskatchewan)
Police from across Saskatchewan handed out 409 seatbelt and car seat tickets in February. It was part of last month’s traffic safety spotlight, which was focused on seeing if motorists were buckling up. According to Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI), 16 people in 2017 were killed in vehicle collisions because they weren’t properly restrained or not buckled up at all. Read the article at globalnews.ca.

AMA: Utah Becomes Second State to Legalize Lane Splitting by Motorcyclists
Utah became the second U.S. state to formally recognize a type of lane splitting, with the governor’s signature on a bill legalizing the filtering of motorcycles between lanes of stopped traffic. 'This is a major victory for motorcyclists in Utah and across the country,' said Mike Sayre, on-highway government relations manager for the American Motorcyclist Association. 'As more states acknowledge the benefits of lane splitting, motorcyclists can become safer on the roads, and motorists can find some relief from traffic congestion.' Read the article at roadracingworld.com.
Distracted Driving Habit Is Proving Tough for Americans to Break

Nearly eight in 10 consumers talk on the phone while driving and more than 30 percent admit to having been in a near-miss crash because they were distracted. Also, although distracted driving poses potential liability risks for companies, many expect employees to remain connected and do little to discourage such behaviors behind the wheel. Travelers Companies announced these and other results of its 2019 Travelers Risk Index, which surveyed more than 2,000 consumers and executives about distracted driving and the reasons behind it. Read the article at insurancejournal.com.

Domino’s Adds In-Vehicle Ordering for Customers

In case customers need another way to order Domino’s Pizza, the chain will roll out in-car touchscreen ordering for new model vehicles that support the technology by the end of the year. Domino’s is working with Xevo, an in-vehicle commerce platform for connected cars — featuring smart sensors and other advanced technologies — to preload software enabling customers to order pizza while in the car. The new feature will be automatically configured onto millions of cars with the Xevo platform installed, according to the companies. In a recent market study, Xevo found that of 3,260 drivers surveyed, 71 percent said they would prefer their vehicles infotainment system to allow them to order food ahead of time for pickup. Additionally, 62 percent of respondents admitted to ordering food or drinks to go at least once a week, the technology vendor found. Read the article at table.skift.com.

Driverless Car Learns to Perform High-Speed Turns Without Crashing

A self-driving car has learned to make high-speed turns without spinning out. The skill could come in useful during emergency manoeuvres. J. Christian Gerdes and his colleagues at Stanford University in California used a type of artificial intelligence algorithm called a neural network, which is loosely based on the neural networks in our brains, to create the self-driving system. They trained the neural network on data from more than 200,000 motion samples taken from test drives on a variety of surfaces, including on a mix of snow and ice at a track near the Arctic circle. Read the article at newscientist.com.

Why Big Data Is the Future of Self-Driving Cars

Self-driving cars have been a popular part of our social imaginings for decades, with everything from Tesla's autopilot to autonomous flying cars from The Jetsons coming across our minds when we summon the concept. While much of the ongoing conversation surrounding self-driving cars is centered on moral dilemmas like how they should respond in the event of a crash, not enough attention is being paid to the diverse ways that big data will be necessary for the future of autonomous vehicles. In this article, we explore the reason behind why big data is the future of self-driving cars and why the continued development of the IoT will play a vital role in creating a world fit for autonomous transportation. Read the article at channels.theinnovationenterprise.com.

Study Backs Beliefs About Older Drivers

Keeping their car keys matters more to rural older drivers than to urban and suburban drivers who live closer to stores and doctors and have access to public transportation. That at least has always been the supposition. But now there’s a study to prove it, said Dr. David Strogatz, director of the Center for Rural Community Health at Bassett Research Institute in Cooperstown. He's referring to the Longitudinal Research on Aging Drivers, or LongROAD, study, which has been tracking 2,990 drivers between the ages of 65 and 79. Read the article at
Europe Will Require Carmakers to Install Speed Limiters From 2022

New cars sold in Europe from 2022 will have to be fitted with systems to limit their speed. Under new safety rules agreed by the European Union, all new vehicles are required to have ‘intelligent speed assistance’ systems as standard equipment. The EU rules don't mandate specific technology for the systems, which can be temporarily overridden by the driver. Some carmakers have already developed ways of using GPS or cameras to detect posted speed limits and make sure vehicles adhere to them. [Read the article at cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com).

States With Texting While Driving Bans Have Fewer ER Visits After Car Crashes: Study

Texting and driving is among one of the highest causes for distracted driving. And, according to the American Journal of Public Health, it's also responsible for a large number of motor vehicle crashes. A new study published earlier this year shows that states enacting a ban on texting while driving show a four-percent reduction in the number of emergency room visits post-accident. The study examines data from 16 different U.S. states from 2007 to 2014, looking at the number of states which call for a ban on texting while driving and the number of motor vehicle-related hospitalizations. On average, states that banned texting while driving reported a four-percent reduction in motor vehicle crash-related ER visits. [Read the article at thedrive.com](https://www.thedrive.com).

@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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MDOT MVA Administrator, Chrissy Nizer and Prince George’s Memorial Library System CEO, Roberta Phillips, unveiled MDOT MVA’s first Short Edition Short Story kiosk at our Beltsville location! Customers can enjoy short stories while they process their transactions. #MDOTscenes
Drivers in PEI who illegally pass a school bus will lose their licence. Failing to stop for a school bus with red flashing lights means 12 demerit points, resulting in suspension of the licence for 3 months - PLUS fine up to $5000. @EducationPEI
GA Highway Safety @gohsgeorgia | View the Tweet
GOHS Director Allen Poole is sworn as a member of the Georgia Driver’s Education Commission by GDEC Vice-Chairman and @GeorgiaDDS Commissioner Spencer Moore during the Commission’s spring quarter meeting.

LA State Police @LAStatePolice | View the Tweet
Troopers & public safety partners are currently conducting a Sudden Impact "mock crash" at @HolyCrossSchool in #NewOrleans. The crash teaches students the dangers of impaired driving, distracted driving, & the importance of seat belt use. #DriveSober #BuckleUp #ItCanWait
NC Highway Patrol @NCSHP | View the Tweet
@NCSHP Colonel Glenn McNeill and @NCPublicSafety Secretary Erik Hooks attended the Troop H Supervisor’s Meeting and awards presentation recognizing our members efforts.

Colonel Matthew Packard @ColPackard | View the Tweet
A room of Colorado’s best when it comes to detecting and removing impaired drivers from our roadways. My privilege tonight to recognize the very best of our DREs at this year’s CSP DRE conference, where we are helping our best get even better!
ArlingtonVA @ArlingtonVA | View the Tweet
A two-day proactive law enforcement operation designed to locate victims of human trafficking resulted in 8 misdemeanor and 2 felony charges.
https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/police-announce-results-of-human-trafficking-operation/ ... via @arlingtonvapd

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Julie Lorenz is confirmed as the Secretary of KDOT by Kansas Senate.

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