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The 2020 Region 1 Conference is Cancelled. Visit our [website](#) for the full cancellation list.

SYSTEMS TRAINING

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APRIL - CDLIS

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

2020 Region 1 Conference is Cancelled

The 2020 AAMVA Region 1 Conference scheduled for May 12-14, 2020 in Providence, Rhode Island, has been cancelled due to health and safety concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus) and travel bans being imposed by many entities that traditionally participate in the event. **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.** You can call the Hilton Providence directly at 888.225.9664. For questions, please contact [Patrice Aasmo](#) (571.435.2861), [Samara Fetner](#) (703.254.7020) or [Dianne Graham](#) (571.265.5573).

Visit our [homepage](#) to view all event cancellations and announcements.

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](#).

FEATURED NEWS

Motor Vehicle Industry Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) [declared](#) COVID-19, a novel (new) coronavirus, to be a [global pandemic](#). This is a rapidly-evolving pandemic, and though early data suggested people above the age of 60 and/or with underlying medical conditions (such as diabetes, heart disease, or lung disease) were considered to be most at risk, [recent data](#) has shown 40% of hospitalized patients were between the ages of 20 and 54. By March 13, COVID-19 was declared a [national emergency](#) by President Donald Trump. FMCSA has [expanded](#) on the national emergency declaration in the United States to provide HOS relief for commercial vehicle drivers transporting emergency aid. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) 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](#). Many states have issued [stay at home orders](#). Lawmakers [asked](#) DHS to delay the federal REAL ID deadline, which was [granted](#) by the federal government. In response to the emerging situation, AAMVA has cancelled its 2020 Workshop & Law Institute, restricted staff business travel, and mandated a work from home period for all employees. Below are a selection of news articles regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

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 \(intermediate\)](#)

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

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

28 | [CD07 Add New Driver \(intermediate\)](#)

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

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OUR WEBINARS

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21 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

23 | [NMVTIS Suspend Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 2](#)

- [AAMVA Legislative Alert: TSA Grants Temporary Exemption for Security Threat Assessments for HAZMAT Holders](#)
- [New Study Finds Coronavirus Lockdowns Dramatically Cut Traffic Accidents and Fatalities](#)
- [Drivers Get a Reprieve in Many States](#)
- [Student Truck Drivers Can Operate Without Co-Driver in Passenger Seat Under New FMCSA Waiver](#)
- [FBI Warns of Teleconferencing and Online Classroom Hijacking During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [It Took a Coronavirus Outbreak for Self-Driving Cars to Become More Appealing](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Maine Vehicle Inspection Expirations Extended for the Duration of State of Emergency](#)
- [Maine State Police: Reports of Drivers With Out-Of-State Plates Being 'Confronted and Harassed' Amid COVID-19](#)
- [Massachusetts RMV Extends Expiration Dates of Plates, Driver's License, Learners Permits and More](#)
- [Coronavirus Forces NYS DMV to Extend Vehicle Inspections \(New York\)](#)
- [Rhode Island DMV Extends Deadline for License, Registration Renewals](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Cars Must Enter Florida Weigh Stations for COVID-19 Checks, Truckers Told to Bypass](#)
- [South Carolina DMV Is Closing Offices and Going to Appointments Amid Coronavirus](#)
- [Police Change Procedures to Avoid Handling Driver's Licenses Amid Outbreak](#)
- [Virginia DMV Extends Closure of Offices to April 23](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Secretary of State Encouraging Online Services Use \(Illinois\)](#)
- [DOT to Issue Restricted Commercial Driver's Licenses Remotely \(Iowa\)](#)
- [DPS-DVS Offices Statewide Closing for Two Weeks: Driver's License Extensions on the Way \(Minnesota\)](#)
- [Vehicle Emissions Testing Extended Due to COVID-19 \(Missouri\)](#)
- [Temporary Extensions Granted for Expiring Driver's Licenses \(South Dakota\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [DMV Closes Field Offices but Will Process Vehicle Registration Renewal and Title Transfers Online \(California\)](#)
- [Coronavirus: Californians 70 or Older With Expiring Driver's Licenses to Receive 120-Day Extensions](#)
- [New Directive Allows Montanans to Renew Driver Licenses Online](#)
- [New Mexico Department of Motor Vehicles Offices Close Statewide](#)
- [Humboldt Broncos Parents, Safety Advocates Concerned About Relaxed Trucking Rules \(Saskatchewan\)](#)

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

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OPEN RFPs

APRIL

7 | [AAMVA RFP FY20-22411 2020 ExpressRoute Connectivity](#)

Defense Lawyer in Death of 7 Motorcyclists in NH Crash: Biker at Fault (New Hampshire)

The lawyer for the truck driver charged with homicide in a New Hampshire crash that killed seven motorcyclists claims one of the bikers was drunk and was the one who hit a pickup and caused the accident, according to a document made public Tuesday...State police initially determined that the flatbed trailer he was hauling was 1 1/2 feet over the center line at the time of impact, the motion said, but the state recently disclosed a report from an independent accident reconstruction firm that challenges that assessment. [Read more at wbur.org.](#)

New York Finally Legalizes Electric Bikes and Scooters

New York's status as a stubborn holdout against electric bikes and scooters appears to finally be over. Included in the state's tentative budget agreement reached on April 1st is a provision that would legalize throttle-based bikes and scooters, which would effectively end the City of New York's unfair and frustratingly long-running crackdown on immigrant delivery workers. The budget language almost exactly mirrors a bill that passed the New York State Legislature last year but was inexplicably vetoed at the last minute by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. It changes state law to legalize e-bikes and scooters but would give localities the ability to decide for themselves how to regulate the vehicles. [Read more at theverge.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Study: San Antonio Had the Most Drunk-Driving Arrests in the Nation From 2009 to 2018 (Texas)

San Antonio led the nation in an unfortunate statistic from 2009 to 2018, according to a new study. The Alamo City had the most drunk-driving arrests in America over that time period, per Smart Advocate. The company, which offers software for law firms, examined 30 of the most populated cities in the country using the FBI's Crime Data Explorer. "The city with the most drunk-driving arrests in America from 2009-18 was San Antonio, Texas," Smart Advocate said in a March news release. "With 77,357 drunk-driving arrests from 2009-18, San Antonio 'won' the top spot." [Read more at mysanantonio.com.](#)

State Board of Elections and DMV Expand Voter Registration Services (North Carolina)

North Carolina's State Board of Elections and Division of Motor Vehicles have teamed up to allow customers to apply to register to vote without taking another action with the DMV..."The NCDMV already offered online voter registration services to customers completing transactions," said NCDMV Commissioner Torre Jessup said in a comment in the same release. "It made sense to collaborate with the State Board of Elections to now offer that same process without requiring a transaction so we could provide a valuable and convenient service for North Carolinians." [Read more at wect.com.](#)

VA Tech Leads \$7.5 Million Study to Develop Operational Plan for Mixed Truck Fleets (Virginia)

A new four-year study, led by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) in partnership with a 16-member team, seeks to provide the trucking industry, regulators, and the general public with practical guidelines for safely integrating automated driving systems into current fleets. The research is funded by a \$7.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. "This research will accelerate the analysis of automated systems with the trucking industry," said Virginia Secretary of Transportation Shannon Valentine. "This will improve safety and maximize the economic investments in freight and commerce. [Read more at theroanokestar.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Michigan Car Seat Laws Explained

Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13. According to government data, 37% of the child passengers who were killed in car accidents in 2017 were "unrestrained," i.e., not secured in any car seat. Michigan Auto Law Attorney, Brandon Hewitt, explains the details on Michigan car seat laws. [Read more at wzzm13.com.](#)

Campaign Canceled, but No Time off for Distracted Driving Enforcement (Minnesota)

The coronavirus pandemic has brought many cancellations, including National Distracted Driving Awareness month, which was to start Wednesday. For the past decade, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has used April to educate Americans about the dangers of distracted driving and teamed with states and local police to carry out enforcement campaigns. Not this year...Still, enforcement is not taking time off, said Mike Hanson, director of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Office of Traffic Safety. [Read more at startribune.com.](#)

University of Minnesota Develops App to Help Keep Older Drivers Safe on the Road

University of Minnesota researchers have developed an app to warn senior drivers when they are engaging in risky maneuvers and help them pay better attention while behind the wheel. The RoadCoach app provides auditory and visual messages in real time when drivers speed, brake too hard, fail to yield or run stop signs, then encourages them to make corrections. "It's like a surrogate coach in the passenger seat," said Nichole Morris, who led the research and study funded through a grant from the Roadway Safety Institute. [Read more at startribune.com.](#)

Can Training Help Ohio Police Spot Drivers Impaired by Drugs, Alcohol? Marijuana Laws Raise Questions

Now that medical marijuana has been legal in Ohio for more than a year, the training program that police officers go through to spot drug impairment faces greater scrutiny. The Ohio Highway Patrol recently recertified eight Ohio police officers, including one from the Columbus Division of Police, as drug-recognition experts after they completed training that is intended to help traffic cops better spot drivers who are intoxicated on illegal drugs or marijuana. [Read more at dispatch.com.](#)

Mad City Sales Dealership Can't Sell Cars for 45 Days After Violating DMV Rules (Wisconsin)

A Madison car dealership has been forced to close for over a month for violating several DMV rules and practices. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) said in a release Friday that Mad City Sales, located off the Beltline, is barred from selling and buying vehicles for 45 days. The DMV says Mad City violated several of its rules and regulations, according to the order the department issued that suspended the dealer's license. NBC15 reached out to the DMV for a list of the violations, but were only provided with the restrictions imposed on Mad City. [Read more at nbc15.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

UArizona Researchers Study Autonomous Technology for Smoother Traffic Flow

University of Arizona researchers are collaborating on a project that could prove autonomous vehicles can improve traffic flow and decrease fuel consumption. The

project aims to demonstrate for the first time in real traffic that using intelligent control of a small number of connected and automated vehicles can improve the energy efficiency of all the vehicles by reducing traffic congestion, said Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) Professor Jonathan Sprinkle. [Read more at chamberbusinessnews.com](http://chamberbusinessnews.com).

NMDOT and MVD Unveil Pollinator Protection License Plate (New Mexico)

The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Department and Department of Transportation unveiled a new license plate Friday. The state's first Pollinator Protection license plate, featuring student artwork is now available for purchase. Sales of this new plate will fund pollinator-friendly planting projects on state roads. The project will help seed roadsides with native plants and create educational gardens as well as reducing mowing and spraying of herbicides. [Read more at krqe.com](http://krqe.com).

Study: Distracted Driving Fatalities Down in Wash. Since E-DUI Law Went Into Effect (Washington)

Fatalities from distracted driving are down in Washington state, according to the Washington Traffic Safety Commission. Data from WTSC show a decrease in distraction-related fatalities since 2017, when the Driving Under the Influence of Electronics Act went into effect. According to WTSC, 155 people died in crashes involving a distracted driver in 2016. In 2019, 33 fewer distracted driving-related deaths occurred. [Read more at kxly.com](http://kxly.com).

Washington State OKs Facial Recognition Law Seen as National Model

Washington state adopted a Microsoft Corp.-backed law enshrining the most detailed regulations of facial recognition in the U.S., potentially serving as a model for other states as use of the technology grows. Gov. Jay Inslee signed the law Tuesday allowing government agencies to use facial recognition, with restrictions designed to ensure it isn't deployed for broad surveillance or tracking innocent people. [Read more at wsj.com](http://wsj.com).

OTHER NEWS

NHTSA Alters Safety Rules to Make Room for Self-Driving Cars

The federal government has been slow to accept autonomous vehicles, making automakers hold talks with agencies, like General Motors and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), to get the green light to develop vehicles without manual controls. It's a slow route with lots of bumps that diminishes how quickly companies and automakers can develop autonomous tech. To fix that, the NHTSA is slightly modifying its safety rules to account for autonomous systems. [Read more at m.futurecar.com](http://m.futurecar.com).

The New Form of Distracted Driving

Cheap gas and open roads made me want to suggest we bring back the Sunday drive — here's why I can't. [Read more at ghsa.org](http://ghsa.org).

Trucking Stakeholders Offer Suggestions to FMCSA for Large-Truck Crash Study

Trucking industry trade groups and other stakeholders have made a variety of suggestions to federal trucking regulators about how they should design and conduct a new major study to identify factors contributing to reportable large-truck crashes. Such trucking trade groups as American Trucking Associations, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

said they support an update to the agency's Large Truck Crash Causal Factors Study. FMCSA based its prior major crash study on data collected from 2001-2003, presenting its final report to Congress in 2006. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

Autonomous Vehicle Developer StreetDrone Publishes Safety Report

Autonomous vehicle technology developer StreetDrone has published a 30-page report titled Putting Safety First in Autonomous Vehicles. In particular StreetDrone places a greater reliance on vehicle hardware. According to the company, the purpose of the report is to make an experience-based contribution to CAV safety development to ultimately expedite the commercialization and implementation of autonomous vehicles in society. This includes StreetDrone's experience in operating autonomous vehicle trials in urban environments, which it believes provides a unique perspective in deploying these vehicles in high population density areas and settings with complex infrastructure. [Read more at automotivetestingtechnologyinternational.com.](#)

Study Finds Driverless Cars Reduce Drink-Driving but Lift Binge Drinking

New Curtin research has found the introduction of driverless vehicles on our roads is likely to reduce drink-driving rates but could lead to greater levels of binge drinking. The research, published in the Drug and Alcohol Review, found the increasing use of autonomous vehicles was likely to bring with it mixed health outcomes and therefore posed a challenge to policymakers in their efforts to minimise alcohol-related harms. [Read more at miragenews.com.](#)

Secure Technology Alliance Publishes White Paper on Mobile Driver's Licenses and Emerging Ecosystem

The mobile driver's license (mDL) market is developing rapidly in the U.S., with states in varying stages of implementation. The Secure Technology Alliance released today a detailed resource to educate those looking to issue and accept mDLs on how they work and their benefits. The resource also discusses challenges, implementation, privacy considerations and other technical aspects of this emerging technology. [Read more at globalnewswire.com.](#)

When It Comes to Distracted Driving, State Laws Are Not Created Equal

News of Covid-19 is sweeping the nation, but other serious threats to safety remain. Distracted driving, for example, claimed the lives of 2,841 people in the United States in 2018. Among those killed: 1,730 drivers, 605 passengers, 400 pedestrians and 77 bicyclists, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. [Read more at forbes.com.](#)

Trump Administration Rolls Back Obama-Era Fuel Efficiency Standards

The Trump administration on Tuesday rolled back an Obama-era law that pushes automakers to produce more fuel efficient vehicles, severely limiting a rule designed to decrease pollution from transportation in the face of climate change. The new rule cuts the year-over-year improvements expected from the auto industry, slashing standards that require automakers to produce fleets that average nearly 55 mpg by 2025. Instead, the Trump rule would bring that number down to about 40 mpg by 2026, bringing mileage below what automakers have said is possible for them to achieve. [Read more at thehill.com.](#)

Most Ridiculous Vanity Plates

When it comes to customizing your license plate, most people opt to get something standard. After all, we are only given so many characters that can fit on one plate.

We put together a list of vanity plates we think you will be very impressed with. Some will make you laugh your socks off while others might make you question their sanity. Here are 30 of the most ridiculous vanity plates. [Read more at finance101.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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With the #coronavirus, driver & passenger safety now begins before you start the vehicle. Since vehicle interiors are contained spaces, here are important steps to take to reduce the risk of contracting #COVID19 while driving or riding inside: <https://wapo.st/346HP2u> @Zoomy575M



Safe Roads Alliance @Safe_Roads | [View the Tweet](#)

RT end_dd: Although Distracted Driving Awareness Month has been postponed, it is always a good time for all of us to take a look at our driving habits and explore how we can be safer drivers. #DistractedDriving #EndDD



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

Since the statewide branch office closure on March 20 due to #COVID19, the MDOT MVA Print Shop and Postal Services Department have processed hundreds of thousands of essential mailings - from tags to driver's licenses. #FrontlineMDOTforYou



New Hampshire DMV @NH_DMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Commissioner Quinn @NH_DeptSafety and the team at the Dover @NH_DMV location thank everyone for using proper social distancing by staying 6 feet apart. #COVID19 #TogetherNH



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

MVC is honored to partner with @NJgov & @Middlesexcntynj, turning Edison inspection facility into drive-thru test site in the fight against #COVID-19. Thanks to @MyCentralJersey for the powerful video & photos.



NYS DMV @nysdmv | [View the Tweet](#)

April is #NationalDonateLifeMonth. DMV is proud to support the efforts of @DonateLifeNYS to raise awareness for organ and tissue donation. More than 9,600 NYers are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant right now. Please enroll as a donor online at <http://donatelife.ny.gov>!



RIRevenue @rirevenue | [View the Tweet](#)

#RhodeIslandDMV + @neds_life staff, volunteers show off scholarship poster contest entries submitted to mark April as Donate Life Month. Choose Life by becoming an organ donor when getting a driver's license, visiting <http://RegisterMe.org> @dlnewengland, @DonateLife

Pay it forward: Become an organ donor



April is
Donate Life month
Sign up at
www.registerme.org



Rhode Island

VermontDMV @VTDMV | [View the Tweet](#)

April in Vermont and nationally is Donate Life Month celebrating organ and tissue donation.

Anyone can register as a donor when getting or renewing their Driver's License or Non-Driver ID or register on-line at <https://registerme.org>.

@DLNewEngland @NEDS_LIFE @DonateLife



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

#April is Motorcycle Helmet Safety Month Helmets are life-savers. The best helmet is no guarantee against injury, but research indicates that proper helmet use reduces the risk of brain injury by 67%.



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