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**2019 Region 2 Conference - Registration Open!**



**REGION 2 CONFERENCE**  
HOUSTON, TX  
JUNE 24-26

[Register online today](#) for AAMVA's Region 2 Conference this June in Houston, TX. This unique opportunity provides AAMVA members with an intimate and collaborative environment to discuss

relevant driver license, motor vehicle and law enforcement issues. As with every AAMVA conference, the ability to network is one of the most beneficial experiences, and this year's Region 2 Conference provides several networking opportunities as well as interactive learning opportunities. Jurisdiction attendees will learn about the successes and challenges of others, share ideas, build relationships, and discover the many products and services provided by our industry partners that can assist in your mission. Industry attendees will have the opportunity to meet with key players in the driver license, motor vehicle, and law enforcement arenas. [Visit the 2019 Region 2 Conference website for more information and to register.](#)

**New MOVE Website Debuts with Winter 2019 Issue of MOVE Magazine**



The MOVE website has a brand new look! Featuring the recently-released [Winter 2019 issue of the MOVE magazine](#), the redesigned website has all the great information and content you've come to expect from [movemag.org](http://movemag.org), and showcases digital exclusive content. From videos that explain and expand upon what's covered in the articles, to podcast audio interviews that accompany written content, the new MOVE website has so much to explore. Visit the brand new [movemag.org](http://movemag.org) to check out the [newest issue](#) of MOVE magazine featuring articles on Women in Highway Safety and Reducing Suspended Drivers and Alternative Reinstatement Best

Practices.

**REGION 1 NEWS**

**Committee to Vote on Maine Bill That Could Eliminate Most Vehicle Inspections**

The Transportation Committee will vote on a bill Thursday to get rid of yearly inspections for most vehicles in Maine. Unless every Transportation Committee member votes against the bill, it will move to the full legislature. State Senator Dave Miramant is the sponsor of the bill. [Read the article at wgme.com.](http://wgme.com)

**Video: Mass Registry of Motor Vehicles Announces**

[Governance Committee Meeting](#)  
Arlington, VA

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**APRIL**

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17 | [CD11 Report Out-of-State Conviction \(intermediate\)](#)

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**OUR WEBINARS**

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

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

**Enhanced Teen Driver Initiative and Roadready® Mobile App (Massachusetts)**

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV), in collaboration with Safe Roads Alliance and program sponsors Safety Insurance, Toyota North America, and the Massachusetts National Guard announced today that The Parent's Supervised Driving Program has been updated and is now available at statewide full-service RMV Service Centers and online...[Read the article at framinghamsource.com](#).

**City Announces Return of 'Warm Weather Weekends' Traffic Safety Campaign (New York)**

With warm weather on the way, New York City has announced the return of a traffic safety campaign focused on improving safety on some of the most dangerous days of the year. Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Friday that the Department of Transportation (DOT) and NYPD will relaunch the Vision Zero 'Warm Weather Weekends' traffic safety campaign, with city crash data suggesting that dangerous driving behavior peaks during warm spring weekends. [Read the article at silive.com](#).

**Philly Launches PHL City ID Card as Alternative to Driver's License (Pennsylvania)**

The city of Philadelphia is officially offering an alternative form of identification for residents who don't have driver's licenses or other forms of photo ID. The new PHL City ID offers an affordable option for residents who are at least 13 years old and can provide documentation to prove their identity and permanent address. [Read the article at phillyvoice.com](#).

**Drive Like You Work Here: 'National Work Zone Safety Week' (Pennsylvania)**

State Leaders are reminding people to slow down around construction sites. Turnpike officials kicked off 'National Work Zone Safety Week' on Tuesday. It's a national effort meant to highlight the dangers roadside workers face. They especially want to warn people not to drive distracted. [Read the article at pahomepage.com](#).

**Law Designating License Code for Those With Autism Takes Effect in Washington, D.C.**

Support and love rule in the Mines household in Chesterfield County. Pam and her husband Perry say they make a great team with their two daughters, and son JP who has Autism...That's what motivated Mines to press Virginia lawmakers to consider passing a law which allows a specific code on a state identification card or drivers license. That code alerts police officers that the cardholder has Autism or an intellectual disability. In 2014, JP's Law became a reality in Virginia...This week, Mines will head to Washington, D.C. for the official launch of JP's Law there. [Read the article at wtvr.com](#).

**REGION 2 NEWS**

**Tennessee Highway Safety Office and Local Law Enforcement Pair up for Operation Incognito**

On Monday, April 8, the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) will partner various local and state law enforcement agencies to launch Operation Incognito throughout Tennessee. The campaign was developed last year to help educate Tennesseans on the state's distracted driving initiative, called 'the bus tour.' The launch of the OI campaign will also help to emphasize Tennessee's 'move over law.' [Read the article at newschannel5.com](#).

**Officials Launch 'Game of Cones' Work Zone Safety**

24 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(Web Service Version\) – Part 2](#)

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

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OPEN RFPs

APRIL

[AAMVA RFP FY20-18767: AAMVA 2019 September State to State User Group](#)  
*April 11, 2019*

[AAMVA RFP FY20-18876: AAMVA 2019 November Region 4 Chief Administrators Meeting](#)  
*April 12, 2019*

[AAMVA RFP FY20-18733: 2020 January Board of Directors Meeting](#)  
*April 12, 2019*

[AAMVA RFP FY19-18632 Data Sharing Risk Management](#)  
*April 15, 2019*

[AAMVA RFQ FY19-18610 Learning Management System Software](#)  
*April 20, 2019*

## Campaign (Oklahoma)

The topic was deadly serious, but the governor and Oklahoma Department of Transportation officials also had some fun Monday as they launched a 'Game of Cones' work zone safety campaign, featuring special events scheduled for April 1-14. In a nod to the popular HBO series 'Game of Thrones,' state transportation officials adopted 'In the Game of Cones, Safety Always Wins' as their campaign theme and constructed a nearly 8-foot-tall throne made out of traffic cones to help draw attention to efforts to make highway work zones safer. [Read the article at newsok.com.](#)

## Northam Proclaims April as Highway Safety Month (Virginia)

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam this week proclaimed April as Highway Safety Month in the state, calling attention to the growing number of pedestrian fatalities statewide – which reached a 10-year high in 2018...Speaking at an event at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Vehicle Research Center in Ruckersville, Northam called upon members of his Executive Leadership Team on Highway Safety to help elevate the importance of pedestrian safety. [Read the article at henricocitizen.com.](#)

## Reed to Step Down as Commissioner of Division of Motor Vehicles (West Virginia)

Pat Reed on Thursday will retire from her position as commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles effective April 1. She was originally appointed to the position by then-Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin in 2015. She had previously served as deputy commissioner of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, two terms in the House of Delegates and as a Raleigh County Commissioner for 12 years. [Read the article at wvnews.com.](#)

## REGION 3 NEWS

### Jesse White Calls on Drivers to Avoid Distracted Driving & Adhere to Move Over Law (Illinois)

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is calling on drivers to stop driving while distracted – with a special emphasis on avoiding texting while driving at all times. He also underscored the importance of adhering to the Move Over Law, also known as Scott's Law, designed to protect law enforcement and emergency responders who are stopped on the side of roadways. [Read the article at cyberdriveillinois.com.](#)

### Study Recommends No Threshold for Determining Marijuana in Drivers' Bloodstream (Michigan)

Michigan, like other states, has a limit on blood-alcohol content for drivers. But there is no such standard for marijuana use, which opens up a gray area. A Michigan study suggests there should not be any threshold at all for cannabis use. There are a couple of reasons why. The first is because frequent users of cannabis respond differently to the same dose of THC, the psychoactive part, than an occasional user. The tolerance levels between the two are vastly different. [Read the article at wzzm13.com.](#)

### Motorists Urged to Put Phones Down While Driving During Distracted Driving Awareness Month (Michigan)

The month of April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month and motorists are urged to put down their phones and avoid distractions while behind the wheel. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, potentially unsafe mental distractions can persist for as long as 27 seconds after drivers use voice-based technology to dial, change music or send a text message. [Read the article at upnorthlive.com.](#)

## **Minnesota Law Enforcement Gears up for Statewide Crackdown on Distracted Driving**

A three-week crackdown by law enforcement begins Monday and will be the longest in state history...Starting Monday and running through April 30, police across the state will be extra vigilant in watching for motorists...who succumb to the temptation to illegally use their phones to text, read or send e-mail, or to access the internet while in traffic — including while sitting at a stoplight. The three-week enforcement period will be the longest put on by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) since the annual April crackdowns on distracted driving began in 2010. [Read the article at startribune.com.](#)

### **REGION 4 NEWS**

## **No More Expiration Dates for Portable Permanent MVD Disability Placards (Arizona)**

Motorists who qualify for a permanent disability placard no longer need to worry about the portable credential expiring. Qualifying Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division customers with a disability are now being issued blue permanent placards that have no expiration date. A new state law eliminated the previous five-year renewal requirement. [Read the article at azdot.gov.](#)

## **Dangerous Traffic Stops: Should You Stop on the Shoulder? (California)**

Stopping on the shoulder of a freeway or busy road is one of the most dangerous scenarios for any driver. More than 500 people die every year during an accident on the shoulder according to national estimates from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. Despite the dangers, law enforcement officers routinely force drivers to stop on the shoulder as a daily part of their job – but does that make it any safer? [Read the article at nbcbayarea.com.](#)

## **Distracted Driving Causes 43 Crashes Each Day in Colorado, Report Finds**

The Colorado Department of Transportation is launching a campaign encouraging people to turn on safe driving settings on their mobile device. Distracted drivers cause an average of 43 crashes a day in Colorado, according to a report released Tuesday by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Many of those crashes lead to serious injury or death, and they account for 13 percent of all crashes on Colorado roads, CDOT said. [Read the article at 9news.com.](#)

## **SGI Shines Traffic Safety Spotlight on Aggressive Driving and Speeding for April (Saskatchewan)**

The month of April will be focused on speeding and aggressive driving, and it couldn't get here fast enough. Aggressive driving refers to a number of offences that include driving too fast for road conditions, running red lights, not stopping at stop signs, stunting, racing, or passing to the right on a highway. All of those behaviours may be perfectly fine zipping along in video games, but they're illegal on Saskatchewan roads. [Read the article at discoverhumboldt.com.](#)

## **Public Engagement on the New Motor Vehicles Act Begins (Yukon)**

Over the next 60 days Yukoners are being asked to share their thoughts on road safety, impaired driving, pedestrian and cyclist safety, vehicle conditions and more. This public engagement will help the Government of Yukon better understand what changes Yukoners support as it writes a new Motor Vehicles Act. [Read the article at yukon.ca.](#)

## OTHER NEWS

### **April Is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, New Research Provides Insight Into 'Deadly Epidemic'**

Every day at least nine people die and 100 more are injured on American roads in distracted driving crashes, caused by cell phones, dashboard touchscreens, voice commands and other in-vehicle technologies that pose a threat to safety, according to the National Safety Council. Each April, Distracted Driving Awareness Month aims to recognize the dangers of these preventable deaths, the nonprofit advocacy group said. [Read the article at forbes.com.](#)

### **Study Reveals U.S. Drivers Aren't Facing the Realities of Their Own Behavior Behind the Wheel - and It's Deadly**

American drivers overrate their skills behind the wheel, according to the second annual distracted driving study being released by Arity in April for National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Arity, a mobility and data analytics leader focused on making transportation smarter, safer and more useful, released the study to inform all players in the transportation industry of the importance of using data to solve one of society's most pressing and dangerous problems – distracted driving. [Read the article at prnewswire.com.](#)

### **3 Major Automakers Partner to Develop Autonomous Vehicle Safety Standards, Testing**

Three major automakers said on Wednesday they were forming a consortium to help draw up safety standards for self-driving cars that could eventually help create regulations in the United States. General Motors Co., Ford Motor Co. and Toyota Motor Corp. said in a statement they are joining forces with automotive engineering group SAE International to establish autonomous vehicle 'safety guiding principles to help inform standards development.' The group will also 'work to safely advance testing, pre-competitive development and deployment,' they added. [Read the article at insurancejournal.com.](#)

### **Is There a Truck Driver Shortage? BLS Study Renews Debate**

The validity of a perceived shortage of commercial motor vehicle drivers is again in the spotlight after a recent analysis conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A study published in the March edition of BLS' Monthly Labor Review examined data from the agency's Occupational Employment Statistics survey and the Current Population Survey. The researchers determined that 'truck driving is a relatively stable occupational choice.' Any alleged shortage should be confined to long-haul truck drivers, not the industry at large, the researchers note. However, they acknowledge a lack of information specific to this segment in the aggregate data. [Read the article at safetyandhealthmagazine.com.](#)

### **Watch This Driverless BMW 7 Series Scare a Ghost**

BMW wants to convince the world that there's nothing to fear from autonomous cars. Or rather, living/breathing human beings have nothing to fear from such technology. As far as creatures from the afterlife are concerned, however, all bets are off. [Read the article at motor1.com.](#)

### **Do Drivers Consider Cyclists to Be Fully Human?**

More than half of car drivers look at cyclists as not being completely human, according to a new study from Australian researchers. That dehumanization of cyclists may explain why some drivers direct hostility and aggression — often dangerously — at cyclists, the researchers say. 'When you don't think someone is 'fully' human, it's easier to justify hatred or aggression towards them,' said lead

author Alexa Delbosc who teaches transport studies at Monash University in Melbourne, in a released statement. [Read the article at minnpost.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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### MD\_MVA @MD\_MVA | [View the Tweet](#)

MDOT MVA is kicking off Donate Life Month by spreading awareness of the importance of organ donating! #MDOTCares



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### Mass. Transportation @MassDOT | [View the Tweet](#)

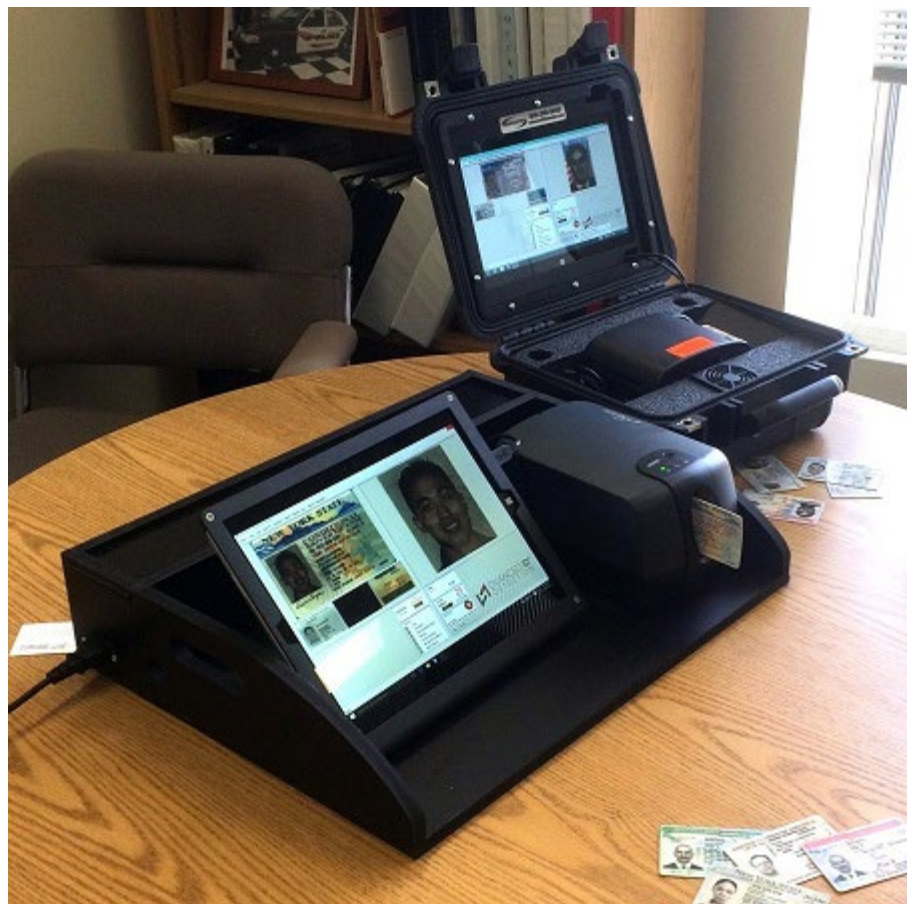
#Boston: @MassRMV Registrar Deveney joins Highway Safety, law enforcement, stakeholders to highlight updated Parents Supervised Driving Guide now available online, at RMV service centers.



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

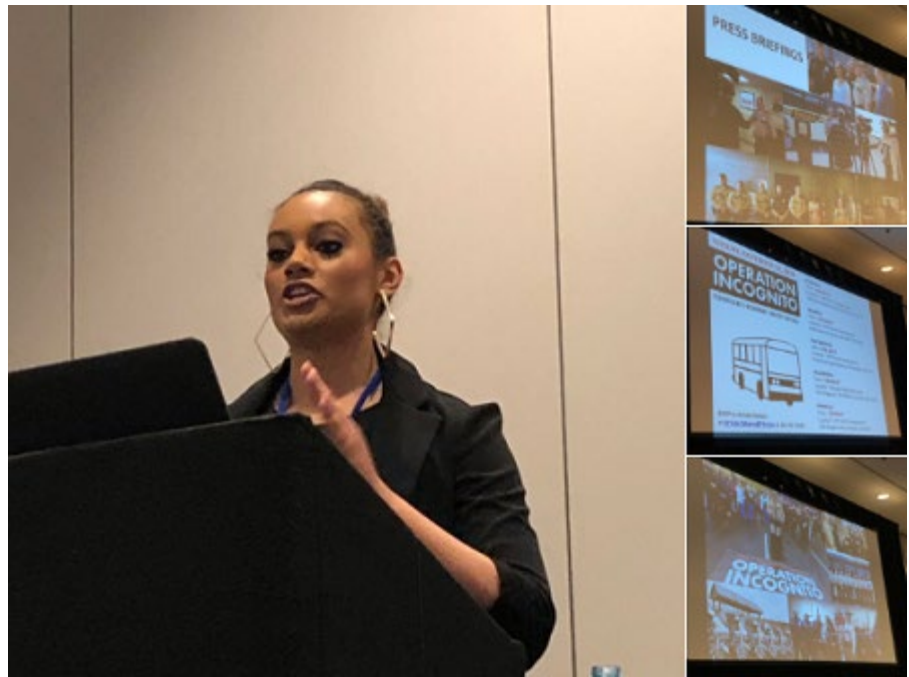
.@NYGovCuomo today announced an effort by DMV and @NY\_SLA to crack down on underage drinking during the month of April. Statewide sweeps will be conducted, with the assistance of local law enforcement, of locations holding liquor licenses.  
<https://on.ny.gov/2HUVGRb>



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**Ford Driving Skills @FordDSFL | [View the Tweet](#)**

RT @ghsahq: Arriale Tabson from @TNHSO discusses the development of their statewide distracted driving bus tour, Operation Incognito. They've seen a lot of positive engagement on social media with the public around this enforcement effort.  
#Lifesavers2019



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**NDHP @NDHighwayPatrol | [View the Tweet](#)**

#NDHP #MeetingOurMission #VisionZeroND Today the #NDHP Honor Guard presented the colors at the Vision Zero conference in Bismarck. #NDHP Colonel Solberg spoke about promoting the Vision Zero strategy of zero deaths and zero serious injuries on ND roads.



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**Trooper Candice @TroopCandiceKHP | [View the Tweet](#)**

You see me as the photo on the left...

But the photo on the right is also me. They're waiting at home for me...

Move over...  
Move over for my husband  
Move over for my kids  
Move over for my parents  
Move over for my friends  
Move over for me  
Move over for all Troopers

#MoveOver





**Nevada DMV @NevadaDMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

Have you noticed your local #DMVNV office is decorated? That because there's a contest going on in honor of National #DonateLife Month and voting kicks off TODAY! Go to Facebook to see photos and vote for your favorites!  
<http://facebook.com/nevada.dmv>

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