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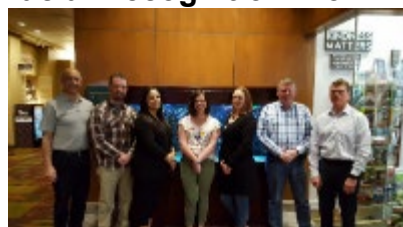
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**AAMVA Visits North Carolina Highway Patrol and DMV in Raleigh**



Patrice Aasmo, AAMVA Director of Member Support, Regions 1 & 2, and Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement, visited with North Carolina Highway Patrol (NCHP) Colonel Glenn McNeill and members of his staff on April 16, 2019, at NCHP headquarters in Raleigh, NC. The meeting served to strengthen an already strong AAMVA/NCHP relationship. On April 17, 2019, Patrice and Brian spent the day visiting with Commissioner Torre Jessup and the NC DMV management team in their Raleigh headquarters, where the NC team learned more about their association, as well as AAMVA resources and benefits. They also shared the projects they are working on, including current and upcoming projects and opportunities.

**Facial Recognition Working Group Meets in San Antonio**



The leadership core group of the Facial Recognition (FR) Working Group met April 10-11 to edit the final draft of the FR Program Best Practices Guide, originally published in 2015. The final draft is now being reviewed by the full working group before being moved through the approval process. The 2019 version is expected to be published in August 2019.

**Abandoned Vehicle Title Fraud Prevention: Survey Help Needed**

Time is running out to assist the Abandoned Vehicle & Mechanic Lien Fraud Prevention Working Group in completing a member [survey](#). This survey will be a part of the working group's best practice document that will help jurisdictions in fraud prevention, detection, and deterrence related to abandoned and possessory lien vehicle title processes.

The survey can be found by clicking [this link](#). Please take a few minutes to provide your jurisdiction input before the **April 25, 2019** deadline. The working group is

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1-2 | [2019 May Abandoned Vehicle & Mechanic Lien Fraud Prevention Working Group Meeting](#)  
Charlotte, NC



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expected to publish this best practice in early 2020. Thanks for your assistance.

**REGION 1 NEWS**

**Maryland Sees 8.5 Percent Decrease in Roadway Fatalities in 2018**

The number of fatal vehicle crashes is continuing to go down, according to new data. Last year, 511 people lost their lives in vehicle crashes across Maryland, according to data released Wednesday at the annual Maryland Highway Safety Summit. The figures showed an 8.5 percent reduction in the number of crash fatalities compared to 2017 when 558 were killed. The data also said the 2018 figures were also lower than the 2016 number of 522 traffic deaths. [Read the article at baltimore.cbslocal.com.](#)

**Boston Traffic Fatalities Cut Nearly in Half, but Overall Crash Numbers Rise (Massachusetts)**

The number of fatal traffic crashes in Boston has dropped by nearly half over the past three years, after a concerted effort by the city to improve traffic safety by lowering speed limits, adding protected bike lanes, and taking other traffic-calming measures. But a new report Wednesday on traffic-related injuries from a coalition of urban activists also suggests that traffic safety remains a vexing problem across Boston: The overall number of accidents in the city that resulted in injuries has not gone down, increasing slightly from 2016 to 2018. [Read the article at bostonglobe.com.](#)

**State DMV Sells Over 150 9/11 Licence Plates in Under Three Days (New York)**

The DMV has finally put the pedal to the metal — selling 168 of its new commemorative 9/11 license plates in less than three days, officials told The Post. And that's before the DMV has even announced the patriotic plates, officials said. 'The plates are available, they are selling quickly, and scholarship money is being raised for the families of the victims of 9/11,' said DMV spokesman Tim O'Brien. [Read the article at nypost.com.](#)

**Ontario Redesigns Driver's Licence Cards to Prevent Fraud, Identity Theft**

The Ontario driver's licence is getting a facelift that the Progressive Conservative government said will help combat fraud and identity theft. Transportation Minister Jeff Yurek said Monday that the licence cards were last updated 12 years ago, more than double the industry standard time to refresh the identification cards. The design will shift from the current mix of blue and green to a look that is largely blue and white with the province's redesigned trillium logo. Yurek said the look of the card won't be dramatically different, but the change has more to do with enhanced security features that aren't readily apparent. [Read the article at ottawa.ctvnews.ca.](#)

**DMV to Offer Online Reservations for Commercial Licenses (Rhode Island)**

The RI Division of Motor Vehicles will offer an online reservation program for commercial driver license services beginning Wednesday, April 17 as the Division continues its operational improvement program. Reservation programs have resulted in efficiency gains in some other DMVs nationwide, reducing wait-times for customers and providing more predictable demand patterns for DMV personnel. [Read the article at cranstononline.com.](#)

**'Put It Down-Drive:' New Vermont Safety Campaign Aims to Reduce Distracted Driving**

[Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 1](#)

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OPEN RFPs

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[AAMVA RFQ FY19-18610 Learning Management System Software](#)

April 20, 2019

[AAMVA RFQ FY19-18941: Sharepoint Consulting Services](#)

April 24, 2019

Police agencies and transportation officials across Vermont are launching a new crackdown to combat distracted driving. Using high-visibility saturation patrols that will run through this weekend, the public safety leaders want to remind locals and visitors alike about state laws barring handheld cell phone use and texting while driving. [Read the article at necn.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

**'Drive High – Get a DWI': Arkansas Joins Regional Enforcement Plan Striking Against Drug Impaired Driving**

Law enforcement agencies across six states will increase patrol officer presence on roads and highways beginning later this week as part of a regional plan aimed to reduce incidents of drug impaired driving. Beginning Friday (April 19th) and continuing through Saturday, local police, sheriff's deputies and highway patrol troopers in Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma will concentrate patrols directed toward an effort to stop drivers who are impaired by drugs. Impaired driving is illegal in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. [Read the article at asp.arkansas.gov.](#)

**Kentucky Transportation Officials Delay Real ID Rollout After Testing**

State transportation officials are delaying a rollout of Kentucky's REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses for a third time, saying they are at the end stages of testing the system before pilot programs begin in Woodford and Franklin counties this spring... 'The internal testing phase did exactly what it was designed to do -- verify what works and reveal gaps that need to be addressed before introducing the system to circuit court clerk offices,' said Department of Vehicle Regulation Commissioner Matt Henderson in a statement Monday. 'We're pleased with the positive results that have confirmed that the majority of the new system is operational. While we targeted April to begin the in-office pilot testing, additional time is necessary to retest system patches that are released when flaws are identified. Our unwavering commitment is to deliver a fully functional program to counties, and that requires flexibility. Everyone is engaged to make the new cards available as soon as possible.' [Read the article at govtech.com.](#)

**Federal Judge Rejects Temporary Block of Law That Allows Suspension of Driver's Licenses for Failure to Pay Traffic Tickets (North Carolina)**

A federal judge rejected a request to temporarily block the NC Department of Motor Vehicles from revoking the driver's licenses of people who don't pay their traffic tickets. The ACLU of North Carolina, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Southern Coalition for Social Justice and other groups filed a lawsuit last year in U.S. District Court in the Middle District of North Carolina on behalf of four North Carolina residents. The federal lawsuit challenged the constitutionality of revoking people's licenses simply because they failed to pay traffic tickets and without considering whether they could afford to pay those tickets. U.S. District Judge Thomas Schroeder dismissed some of the claims in the lawsuit as a matter of law and denied a request for a preliminary injunction, saying that the plaintiffs were not likely to prevail at trial. [Read the article at journalnow.com.](#)

**Donate Life and DMV Team up for You to Give the Gift of Life (South Carolina)**

April is donate life month in South Carolina. Tuesday morning the organization and the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles came together to mark Donate Life's tenth anniversary and the more than two million people who have signed up to save lives through eye, organ, and tissue donation. Officials with the DMV say it is a

program that has an impact throughout the state. According to Donate Life more than one thousand people in our state are on the transplant waiting list. [Read the article at abccolumbia.com.](#)

### **THP Talks Driver Safety to Rogersville Seniors (Tennessee)**

Several members of the Rogersville Senior Citizens Center took part Wednesday morning, April 10, in a driving safety class taught by a Tennessee Highway Patrol trooper. Lieutenant Rick Garrison, who leads the THP's public information program in 13 Northeast Tennessee counties presented the program. Lt. Garrison warned the audience members that statistics show that [once] a person passes 70 years of age, his or her chances of being involved in a traffic crash increase 'sharply.' He pointed out that senior drivers need to take extra care as a result. [Read the article at therogersvillereview.com.](#)

## **REGION 3 NEWS**

### **Law to Remove Motorcycle License Loophole (Kansas)**

Under current law, motorcycle drivers are required to have a Class M driver's license or learner's permit. However, individuals who purchase a motorcycle are exempt from that law for the first 60 days of ownership. They are required to only have a temporary 60-day paper license plate. Gov. Laura Kelly recently approved a bill that would remove this loophole in licensing requirements. Previously, the Senate passed Senate Bill 17 40-0 and the House passed it 101-22. [Read the article at esubulletin.com.](#)

### **Drivers Fooled by Lookalike DMV Websites (Ohio)**

Next time you apply to renew your license plate tags, be careful how you do it. Lookalike BMV and DMV websites may be waiting to prey on your desire for convenience — just like they did to Brian Morgan, a local man who recently fell for a knockoff website...From a legal perspective, companies doing this are doing nothing wrong. They do provide a service by helping drivers renew their plates through their state. However, their informational service comes with a fee that you wouldn't have to pay if you went straight to the real website...The Better Business Bureau has a report only on Driversservices.org and gives it an 'F' rating with more than 100 complaints filed in the past year. Many of the complaints are from drivers like Morgan who thought they were on their state's official site. [Read the article at wcpo.com.](#)

### **Ohio State Institute Highlights Efforts to Stop Distracted Driving**

Every day in the U.S., approximately nine people are killed and more than 1,000 injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Risk Institute at The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business is working to bring those numbers down. Last week, the Risk Institute hosted Gov. Mike DeWine, WBNS anchor Dom Tiberi, university researchers and insurance experts to discuss the latest research and technology aimed at curbing distracted driving. [Read the article at news.osu.edu.](#)

## **REGION 4 NEWS**

### **'Distraction Hangover' From Using Phone While Driving Increases Crash Risk, UCSD Researchers Say (California)**

Talking on a cell phone while driving quadruples the risk of a crash even when a driver is using a hands-free device, research from UC San Diego shows. Researchers from the university's Training, Research and Education for Driving

Safety (TREDS) program used a driving simulator to study distraction and found drivers using cell phones fail to see up to 50 percent of the environment around them. Yet, more than 650,000 drivers in the U.S. are using their phones while driving at any given moment, according to TREDS. [Read the article at nbcbayarea.com.](#)

### **San Francisco Will Make It Easier for Thousands to Get Back Suspended Driver's Licenses (California)**

Thousands of San Franciscans who had their driver's licenses suspended for missing traffic court could regain their ability to drive. Under the plan announced on Tuesday by officials, San Francisco would become the first U.S. city to lift suspensions for 88,000 people who've lost their licenses. Most of those people who stand to benefit were unable to afford traffic tickets with average fines of several hundred dollars. San Francisco has some of the most expensive fines in the country. [Read the article at kcbsradio.radio.com.](#)

### **Mobile Impaired Driving Unit Gets a Facelift Prior to '420' (Washington)**

The Washington State Patrol's (WSP) Mobile Impaired Driving Unit (MIDU) is getting a facelift. After over a decade of service, the new-look MIDU will be rolled out at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 19th at the WSP Bellevue office. The MIDU is a self-contained 36-foot revamped motorhome that was turned into a mobile DUI processing center and incident command post in 2006. When requested, the MIDU travels across the state in support of law enforcement efforts during DUI emphasis patrols or to emergency incidents such as wildland fires or other natural disasters. The unit is able to serve as a fully functioning mobile police station. [Read the article at wsp.wa.gov.](#)

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **IIHS Holds Forum to Figure out New Ways of Fighting Speeding Drivers**

IIHS and other highway safety agencies from across the country gathered in Greene County on Tuesday to figure out ways to get people to drive safely more often. One of the main questions being asked and issues raised was that of combatting drivers speeding on the roads. 'How do we help drivers understand kind of a safety citizenship,' asked Darren Grondel, of the Washington State Highway Commission. However, that wasn't the only question or issue. 'That they have a responsibility for getting home safe and making sure others around them get home safe,' said Grondel. In general, fatality crashes have increased across the nation. In 2018, there were more than 35,000 deaths and about 10,000 of those were speed-related. [Read the article at cbs19news.com.](#)

### **Study: What Americans Believe Is Biggest Threat on the Road**

A new national study found that more than half of motorists think distracted driving is the biggest threat on the road, while nearly more than 90 percent admitted to talking on their cell phone while driving...Fifty-five percent of Americans believe the No. 1 threat motorists face is distracted driving, higher than the more common road threats, such as driving under the influence (31%), driving aggressively (8%), or speeding (3%). Phones were cited as the top source of distraction, at 43%. The study also revealed which generation is more likely to use their phone behind the wheel. Gen X and Millennials are tied at 81%, while Young Boomers are not far behind, at 72%. Gen Z drivers are more focused on the road than their parents, with 71% of the group using phones while driving. [Read the article at freep.com.](#)

### **Trucking Executives, Transportation Experts Discuss**

## **Distracted Driving**

Transportation companies — including trucking groups — can improve safety by promoting accountability at the individual, executive and peer levels, according to industry representatives. Brian Fielkow, CEO of Houston-based trucking company Jetco Delivery, said successful accountability consists of three prongs: the individual, the organization and the peers. Fielkow was one of more than 20 speakers who participated in the National Transportation Safety Board's roundtable discussion on distracted driving April 11. He said organizations must police themselves as much as drivers exercise self-discipline. Additionally, he said peers within a company should adopt a 'my brother's keeper' approach to safety. For example, if a trucker sees a fellow hauler using a phone, he or she should correct that behavior. [Read the article at tnews.com.](#)

## **Millennials Are the Demographic Most Open to Self-Driving Cars, but Not by Much**

Ford chief executive Jim Hackett made news a few days ago when he seemed to pour a bit of cold water on the carmaker's autonomous vehicle ambitions, telling the Detroit Economic Club that "we overestimated the arrival" of self-driving cars. Hackett, who was once in charge of the autonomous vehicle unit at Ford, said such cars are still forthcoming from the company in a couple of years as planned, but their applications will be narrow. Making it a reflection of Ford, as other carmakers not named Tesla are currently doing, sort of dipping their toe into the self-driving waters — as opposed to diving in head-first. A new study from HarrisX sheds some possible light on why that's the case, with a full third of the Americans polled saying they believe self-driving cars are a bad idea. [Read the article at bgr.com.](#)

## **Land Rover: Driverless Cars Need 1000x More Code Than Apollo 11**

Jaguar Land Rover has said driverless cars will require close to a billion lines of code, almost 1000x as much as what put man on the moon. Apollo 11's computer featured around 145,000 lines of code to land on the moon. Much like how it's often said that most of us now carry more processing power in our pockets than that computer, it puts into perspective the complex calculations a driverless car needs to make. The British car manufacturer estimated the figure to emphasise the need for more people to become software engineers and help to make driverless cars a reality. [Read the article at iottechnews.com.](#)

## **Safe Roads: '10 and 2' Driving Is No Longer a Rule of the Road**

One of our viewers heard the old '10 and 2' advice on our airwaves and brought it to my attention. Ken, a driving instructor, sent this email. 'Ever since airbags became more common the safety training is hands at 9 and 3... It was changed because [it's] safer and [does] less harm from airbags when they go off.' Ken is absolutely right. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), keeping your hands at 10 and 2 could lead to serious cuts, bruises or broken bones and even amputations when that airbag launches toward you at more than 200 miles an hour. Your best bet is to locate those quarter hours on the clock and don't grip the steering wheel so tight. Keep the thumbs resting on the wheel instead of around it. [Read the article at abc15.com.](#)

## **China Builds Site to Test Autonomous Cars in Highway Conditions**

China is building its first site to test autonomous cars under highway conditions amid a global shift toward technologically advanced and self-driving vehicles. State-backed Qilu Transportation Development Group Co. is using a section of an existing highway to create the test site in eastern Shandong province, a company spokesman said Thursday. Construction on the 26-kilometer-long testing site began April 12, and it is expected to start operating in September. Chinese carmakers and

industry suppliers including component manufacturers are stepping up efforts to seize opportunities presented by the move toward self-driving capabilities. The stretch of highway being converted to a test site has three tunnels, one bridge, three toll-collecting points, and many slopes, Qilu said. In addition, the company will install lidar systems, sensors, weather-monitoring equipment, and intelligent traffic signs for data exchange between test vehicles, the road, and users. [Read the article at bloomberg.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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### Nevada DMV @NevadaDMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Happy National Blue and Green Day! Why is our staff wearing blue and green shirts? To raise awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation. Share a photo of in the comments or tag your friends to let them know why you're wearing the same. #DonateLife #NDLM #BlueGreenDay #Nevada



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### CO Dept. of Revenue @CO\_Revenue | [View the Tweet](#)

Curious about what words aren't allowed on Colorado license plates, or which specialty plate is the most popular? This @9NEWS article has the answers:



**Random facts about Colorado license plates**

The Next with Kyle Clark team is a bit obsessed with Colorado license plates. The white mountains and signature green border - it's a classic, but there's more to it than meets the eye.

9news.com

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**Indiana BMV @INBMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

Today our Director of Central Operations Brittainy Hubble joined her brother to dye the canal blue in celebration of Donate Life Month. Brittainy's brother is celebrating the five year anniversary of receiving a life-saving kidney from their father!  
#DonateLifeMonth



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

#DDSCares #DonateLife #ConyersDDS





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

“Distracted driving significantly slows your reaction time and places you, your passengers and others on Florida’s roadways in danger.” – Col. Gene S. Spaulding, Director of the Florida Highway Patrol. Stay alert, avoid distractions and #FocusOnDrivingFL!



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**PA Department of Transportation @PennDOTNews | [View the Tweet](#)**

.@PAHealthDept @SecretaryLevine and Deputy Secretary for Driver and Vehicle Services Kurt Myers - along with representatives from @DonateLifePA - highlighted the importance of organ and tissue donation at an event today.  
iINFO: <https://bit.ly/2lgZIZJ> #DonateLifeMonth



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

Acting DMV Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder (center) joins staff at our booth @NYAutoShow. During the show, which runs from Apr 19 – 28, customers will be able to do a host of transactions including ordering the new 9/11 Remembrance Plate. <https://dmv.ny.gov/plates/9-11-remembrance> ...



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**Massachusetts RMV @MassRMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

Proud to participate in #Driving panel w [@AAA](#) at #SeniorSpectacular in #NorthAttleboro today. TY Rep Poirier [@AAA](#) & [@AAA](#)! [@BettyPoirierMA](#) [@AAAnews](#) [@AAANE\\_MAnews](#)



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2018 saw a decrease in traffic deaths from both 2017 and 2016. Today at the Maryland Highway Safety Summit, we're reminding Maryland residents that every death is preventable. #MDOTSafety



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