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Looking for Members to Lend Their Expertise!

AAMVA is [looking for additional jurisdiction members](#) to lend their expertise on our three standing committees. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices and network with your peers. [Visit AAMVA.org to see the list of specific positions](#) that we are seeking jurisdiction members to fill on our Driver, Law Enforcement, and Vehicle standing committees. If a region is indicated, the applicant chosen will be from that region. If the region is shown as "Any Region," the applicant chosen could be from any of AAMVA's regions. We attempt to maintain jurisdictional and regional balance on all committees and working groups. If you would like to serve on one of our committees, please complete the [Committee Member Application Form](#). **All applications must be received by June 15, 2019.** Even if you submitted an application previously, please resubmit. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Graham via email committees@aamva.org or phone 703.522.4200. [Click here](#) for more information.

International Board of Directors Holds Annual Spring Meeting



The AAMVA Board of Directors held their annual Spring meeting last week at AAMVA's headquarters in Arlington, VA. The Board received operational updates on key initiatives and heard briefings from numerous partners and stakeholders, including federal government agencies. The Board also approved a few key measures, including the first official AAMVA Mobile Driver License (mDL) Standard and a new guidance document for driver examiners that will assist them when testing drivers in vehicles with Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS). Both documents will be published and available to members in the coming weeks. The Board also authorized a full membership vote on a new Automated Traffic Enforcement policy at the August annual membership meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

REGION 1 NEWS

MDOT MVA and Partners Usher in Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month (Maryland)

The Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA), ABATE of Maryland, Inc., and other community partners will kick off Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month at the MDOT MVA Hagerstown branch. The



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month-long campaign will provide education on the rules of the road for new and seasoned riders and encourage all drivers to share the road. Local community organizations and vendors will also be available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., providing safety-related information. Customers interested in obtaining a motorcycle license will be able to complete FAST TRACK licensing, a more expedient process for becoming a licensed motorcyclist. Also, UPS will provide an on-site demonstration featuring a freight truck to highlight the dangers of blind spots. [Read the article at mva.maryland.gov](#).

GTSC, DMV to Focus Campaign on Reducing Motorcycle Crashes (New York)

The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) and the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) joined together Thursday with law enforcement and a motorcycle crash survivor to announce a focused campaign to reduce crashes between motorcycles and cars. The announcement at the Cradle of Aviation Museum on Long Island came at the start of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Queens County, Monroe County and Erie County have been identified as 'hot spots' for motorcycle crashes involving a motorcycle and another passenger vehicle. To raise awareness in those areas, GTSC will target a motorcycle safety awareness message to people living in those communities. Banner advertisements will appear from now through August as audiences in those areas browse the web. [Read the article at dmV.ny.gov](#).

Single-Rider Motorcycles Could Soon Use HOV Lanes in Ontario: Government

Solo motorcycle riders could soon be able to use Ontario's network of high occupancy vehicle lanes, a move the government said will bolster safety and cut congestion. Single-rider motorcycles are currently barred from using the HOV lanes but the transportation minister said the province was planning to change the rules to better align with other jurisdictions. 'We're looking at better safety for motorcyclists and (it will be) more environmentally-friendly,' Jeff Yurek said Monday. 'It's something that's been requested for numerous years.' [Read the article at nationalpost.com](#).

Rhode Island Now in Full Compliance With Federal Real ID Program

The Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles said this week that the state has received full certification through the federal Department of Homeland Security of its Real ID license. Since December 2018, Rhode Island customers have had the option of receiving a Real ID license. 'We are proud to reach this important milestone in our efforts to meet the stringent requirements of the federal REAL ID program,' said DMV Administrator Walter R. 'Bud' Craddock. 'Our employees have worked diligently to reach this point, but much effort remains.' [Read the article at thewesterlysun.com](#).

REGION 2 NEWS

The Ride Smart Challenge-No Motorcycle Fatalities During the First Three Days of May (Florida)

Too many motorcyclists in Florida have lost their lives in motorcycle-related crashes in recent years! This year, Ride Smart wants motorcyclists and motorists to work together to achieve NO motorcycle fatalities on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd! Why 3 days? Setting this goal can help riders and motorists concentrate on how they can contribute to bringing down motorcyclist deaths. We need motorcyclists to help create awareness! Use #LOOKFORME123 during the month of May. [Read the article](#) and [watch the video](#) at ridesmartflorida.com.

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Louisiana's Digital Driver's License App Free Through May

Louisiana residents seeking to carry their driver's license on their smartphones can download the app and activate their licenses for free through May. LA Wallet was created in a 2016 state law by Baton Rouge Rep. Ted James. It offers a digital version of the Louisiana driver's license, allowing motorists an option aside from carrying a physical license. The app normally requires a \$5.99 charge to activate the license. But the fee is being removed for the next month, hoping to encourage more people to use the service designed by the state police and Office of Motor Vehicles. [Read the article at americanpress.com.](#)

Suspended or Revoked License? You'll Get ID Card (North Carolina)

Residents whose driver licenses or permits are suspended or revoked will now receive a state-issued identification card from the NC Division of Motor Vehicles. The NC Division of Motor Vehicles, according to a press release, began the process this week of issuing state identification cards to residents with revoked, suspended, cancelled or disqualified driver licenses. The NC General Assembly passed the law during the 2018 session and it took effect this week. [Read the article at courier-tribune.com.](#)

The Cheat Sheet on How to Not Get Your Personalized DMV License Plate Rejected (Virginia)

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles is cracking down on what you can put on your personalized license plates, and if you chose incorrectly, your choice will be denied. Last year, the DMV rejected more than 1,300 personalized license plates. So if you're thinking about getting one, there's some specific guidelines you need to follow. 'Virginians loves personalized license plates, you see them everywhere,' said Virginia DMV spokesman Brandy Brubaker. 'They are fun and a great way to show community spirit or pride in a certain organization.' [Read the article at whsv.com.](#)

State Police on Motorcycles Returning in WV After 40 Years (West Virginia)

After a 40-year absence from Mountain State highways, West Virginia State Police motorcycle operators are about to make a comeback. As the state's largest and most comprehensive law enforcement agency enters its 100th year, 15 troopers are completing a three-week training course at an otherwise inactive taxiway at Charleston's Yeager Airport to become certified as motorcycle operators...The group taking part in the training at Yeager Airport includes 34 students. In addition to the 15 West Virginia State Police troopers, there are students from police agencies in Texas, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Canada. Several of the students are being trained to become instructors. [Read the article at usnews.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

May Is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month: Manitoba Public Insurance

Over the last five years, 22 motorcyclists have been killed on Manitoba public roadways while another 700 have been injured. With May being National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, Manitoba Public Insurance is renewing its call to 'Save The 100' – the average number of people killed yearly on Manitoba public roadways. In an effort to heighten road safety awareness between drivers of vehicles and motorcyclists, Manitoba's public auto insurer recently launched a public awareness campaign 'Watch For Motorcycles'. 'The focus of road safety remains saving the 100 and making Manitoba roadways safer,' said Satvir Jatana, vice-president responsible for Communications, Manitoba Public Insurance. [Read the article at mpi.mb.ca.](#)

Michigan Governor Orders Study of Insurers' Use of Non-Driving Rating Factors

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has ordered a review of how Michigan's auto insurers use non-driving factors such as education and credit scores to set premiums that rank among the nation's highest...The use of non-driving factors such as education, homeownership, occupation and credit scores is legal in the state. The law bars insurers from using sex or marital status as rating factors for policies issued on an individual basis, though policies issued on a group basis are exempt.

Michigan is the only state to require unlimited coverage for medical expenses resulting from auto crashes. It also allows health providers to bill car insurers much more for care than health insurers pay. The annual fee to cover personal injury protection benefits exceeding \$550,000 will rise to a record \$220 per vehicle this summer. [Read the article at insurancejournal.com.](#)

Specialty License Plate Choices to Expand in 2021 (Nebraska)

The state is authorized to create several new specialty license plates under a bill passed May 2. LB356, sponsored by Norfolk Sen. Jim Scheer, redistributes certain specialty license plate fees...The state DMV is authorized to discontinue specialty license plates every year that standard licenses plates are reissued, or every six years, if no more than 250 plates are issued for two consecutive years. New license plates next will be issued in 2023...Application for and distribution of specialty license plates created under LB356 will be available effective Jan. 1, 2021. [Read the article at journaldemocrat.com.](#)

DeWine Announces New Distracted Driving Advisory Council (Ohio)

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine recently announced the formation of a permanent Distracted Driving Advisory Council that will develop a longstanding plan to change the culture surrounding distracted driving in Ohio. 'Driving while texting, or eating, or dialing a phone should be as culturally unacceptable as drunk driving is today,' said Governor DeWine. 'When drivers choose to do anything that distracts them from paying full attention to the road, they choose to risk their own lives, the lives of their passengers, and the lives of everyone else around them. Now is the time to create a long-term, comprehensive plan that educates drivers, promotes changes in behavior, and strengthens Ohio's distracted driving laws.' [Read the article at daily-jeff.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

New ICBC Campaign Aimed at the Leading Cause of Fatalities (British Columbia)

Every year, 82 people are killed in speed-related crashes, making speed the number one cause of car crash fatalities in B.C.* That's why ICBC, government and police are launching a new month-long campaign focusing on speed and urging drivers to slow down. Speeding is a concern for all road users, not just drivers. Research shows that if a pedestrian is hit by a passenger vehicle at 40 km/h, 90 per cent of pedestrians would survive. However, that number drops to 50 per cent survival rate if the collision occurs at 80 km/h. [Read the article at icbc.com.](#)

Bicycle Safety Is No Accident (California)

May is National Bicycle Safety Month. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) and California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) want to remind motorists and bicyclists alike to be courteous and share the road safely. Although bicycle safety is something that should be observed every day of the year, the month of May is dedicated to encouraging drivers and bicyclists to do their part to help reduce deaths and injuries

on California's roads. [Read the article at chp.ca.gov.](#)

Motorcycle Safety Requires Awareness by All (California)

Warmer weather leads to more motorcycles on California roadways and emphasizes the need for all motorists to share the road. During May, recognized as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will work together to promote roadway safety for motorcycles through education and awareness projects. Motorcyclist deaths occurred 28 times more frequently than fatalities in other vehicles, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported in a study of 2016 crash data. 'Safe riding practices and cooperation by all users will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our roadways,' CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley said. 'It is especially important for motorists to understand the safety challenges that motorcyclists face because they are often difficult to see.' [Read the article at chp.ca.gov.](#)

Car Thieves Clone Vins, Fool Drivers Into Buying Stolen Vehicles (California)

It's a nightmarish scenario being faced by an untold number of car buyers across the country. Authorities are confiscating the cars of honest, law-abiding consumers. Rodrigo Lopez must have felt like he had been hit by a Mack Truck. The DMV ordered him in June to bring his 2012 Toyota Tacoma in for inspection. He's had it for 18 months and even had the pink slip. 'I thought I owned the truck. I had the pink slip under my name. Everything was good,' said Rodrigo Lopez of Pittsburg. The Highway Patrol told him this was not his. He was an apparent victim of VIN switching. VIN stands for Vehicle Identification number-- that's the number on the dashboard and inside the door. Officers confiscated the truck from him. 'They said there were two people registered with the same truck,' he said. In this case, Rodrigo says he unknowingly bought a stolen vehicle. He paid \$18,000 for the car to a seller on Craigslist -money that he hasn't been able to recover. His insurance company denied his claim. [Read the article at abc7news.com.](#)

Driver's License Renewal Is About to Change in Utah

Starting next year, Utahns will only need to renew their driver's license once every eight years, and Utahns with a good driving record will only have to go to the Driver License Division in person once every 16 years. According to the Deseret News, the changes are meant to help the Driver License Division adapt to the influx of new people moving into Utah, while also synchronizing Utah's licenses with the federal Real ID program. [Read the article at ksl.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Painted Cycle Lanes Result in More Close-Passes by Drivers, Study Finds

Painted cycle lanes are not the solution to keep cyclists safe as drivers are more likely to close-pass riders using them, research has found. The university study, exploring how common dangerous overtaking is, found that drivers would pass closer when a cyclist used an on-road marked cycle lane. In the largest study of its kind, researchers gave 60 cyclists devices called a 'MetreBox' that measured the distance drivers give when overtaking. [Read the article at cyclingweekly.com.](#)

Can't Look Away From a Car Crash? Here's Why (And How to Stop)

You know the saying: 'It's like a car crash. You can't look away!' When you're moving along the highway at a snail's pace, barely making your way past a fender bender on the side of the road, you notice that there's nothing actually blocking the path ahead. Yet everyone, including yourself, slowed down to assess the damage

on the side of the road—causing highway congestion and a breeding ground for accidents. [Read the article at wtov9.com.](#)

Insurance Penalty for Distracted Driving up Almost 10,000 Percent Since 2011, Study Says

Popularization of smartphones over the last decade or so has convinced Americans that distracted driving is the number one cause of crashes, and insurance companies are convinced too; they've reportedly increased penalties for distracted driving by almost 10,000 percent. In its 2019 summary of distracted driving, car insurance shopping service The Zebra reports that in 2011, citations for distracted driving related to use of cell phones behind the wheel made for a negligible increase in insurance premiums, at less than \$3 annually. Though the penalty for distracted driving tickets increased significantly through 2015, the increase in insurance premiums remained marginal until 2016. That's the year that insurance companies seemed to realize the scale of the distracted driving endemic, spiking the annual cost of premiums to \$185, or more than \$15 per month for a ticket. [Read the article at thedrive.com.](#)

Insurance Companies Are Monitoring Your Phone to See How Much You Use It While Driving

A disturbing amount of us use our phones to talk, text, or send our awful tweets while behind the wheel, but you might want to think twice before sending that next tweet, and not just for self-preservation purposes. More and more insurance companies are monitoring your cell phone usage when you're driving. One in five insurance policies in the U.S. now offer discounts if you allow them to monitor your vehicle, according to Bloomberg. The monitoring is intended to reward good behaviors like crash awareness or avoidance, but it can also supervise your distracted driving. Namely, your phone use. [Read the article at jalopnik.com.](#)

An MIT Study Found That Tesla Autopilot Users Were Better Than Expected at Taking Over Before Potentially Dangerous Situations

A study from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) researchers found that participants were better than expected at taking control from Tesla's Autopilot system before potentially dangerous situations. 'In our data, drivers use Autopilot frequently and remain functionally vigilant in their use,' the authors wrote. 'These results are surprising as they do not align with the prediction of prior literature on human monitoring of automation.' But the study's authors emphasize that their findings cannot be extended to all Autopilot users or to other semi-autonomous systems. [Read the article at businessinsider.com.](#)

Early-Bird Registration Is Now Open for NETS 2019 Annual Strength IN Numbers® Fleet Safety Benchmark Conference!

Whether you are a full-time road safety professional, manage a fleet of vehicles, or serve in a support role with your organization's road safety program, the NETS 2019 Annual Conference is certain to have something for everyone! [Read the article at trafficsafety.org.](#)

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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Thanks to ABATE of Maryland Inc., Twigg Cycles, Washington County Sheriff's Office, and everyone else who came out to kickstart Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month! Learn more in our newsroom: <https://bit.ly/2VFZWui> #MDOTScenes



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@MissouriRevenue Motor Vehicle Driver License Division Director Joey Plaggenberg presenting best practices at the first ever Division Directors Summit. #WeServeMo



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Vision Zero ND @VisionZeroND

North Dakota was selected to participate in the NGA Center for Best Practices Summit on impaired driving through the National Governors Association. 📷: Major Iverson from @NDHighwayPatrol and Karin Mongeon from NDDOT

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NJMVC is honored to serve those who have served our country. We deployed a Mobile Unit Saturday to #NewJerseyFamilyandMilitaryExpo @Atlanticcape Community College #MaysLanding. Veteran placards & license designations were among the services rendered. #ThankYouForYourService



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Thanks to Angela Eichelberger @IHS_autosafety, Darrin Grondel w/ WTSC and @GHSAHQ, Christian Newlin @UTHighwayPatrol & Leah Walton @NTSB for a great panel that reviewed trends & challenges of impaired driving, a leading factor in traffic fatalities & injuries. #WeTheStates



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Cinco de Mayo is Sunday! You've got the salt and the limes – what about a designated driver? #BuzzedDriving is drunk driving.



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

As part of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, @NYSGTSC and DMV joined together today with law enforcement and a motorcycle crash survivor to announce a focused campaign to reduce crashes between motorcycles and cars. Read more here: [https://dmv.ny.gov/press-release/press-release-05-02-2019-0 ...](https://dmv.ny.gov/press-release/press-release-05-02-2019-0)



Tennessee Highway Safety Office @TNHSO | [View the Tweet](#)

We kicked off Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month at @shOpryMills today with @TNDeptofSafety and @TNHighwayPatrol for the annual Music City Police Motorcycle Training event in Nashville. #LookTwice



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