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OUR EVENTS

The 2020 Region 1, Region 2, and Region 4 conferences are cancelled. Visit our [website](#) for the full cancellation list.

SYSTEMS TRAINING

*Register for the following training sessions [HERE](#).

MAY - CDLIS

12 | [CDLIS Rules for Driver Convictions \(intermediate\)](#)

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

2020 Region 4 Conference is Cancelled

The 2020 AAMVA Region 4 Conference scheduled for July 14-16, 2020 in Provo, Utah, has been canceled due to health and safety concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus) as well as travel bans being imposed by many entities that traditionally participate in the event. **Attendees will need to cancel their own hotel and travel reservations.** You can call the Provo Marriott Hotel at 800.228.9290 to cancel hotel reservations. For questions, please contact [Julie Knittle](mailto:jknittle@marriott.com) (571.405.1016), [Samara Fetner](mailto:samara.fetner@marriott.com) (703.254.7020) or [Dianne Graham](mailto:dgraham@marriott.com) (571.265.5573).

FEATURED NEWS

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](#).

Motor Vehicle Industry Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Below are a selection of news articles regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

- [ATRI Survey Reflects Drop in Congestion, Haul Length](#)
- [The MSF And AMA's Advice For Post-Pandemic Motorcycling](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Getting Your PA Driver's License Post-Lockdown? Here's How It'll Work \(Pennsylvania\)](#)
- [Vermont Begins Issuing Driver's License Renewals Online](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Alabama Extends Motor Vehicle Registration Deadlines](#)
- [Arkansas State Police Restoring Skills Testing for Driver's License Applicants](#)
- [Nearly 20,000 Teens in Georgia Have Received Their Driver's Licenses Without a Road Test](#)
- [Georgia, South Carolina Extend Registration Deadlines for Some Vehicles](#)
- [NCDMV License and Registration Dates Extended During Coronavirus Pandemic \(North Carolina\)](#)
- [North Carolina DMV Headquarters Closed After Employee Tests Positive for](#)

14 | [CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction \(intermediate\)](#)

MAY - PDPS

19 | [PDPS/Intro to NDR \(basic\)](#)

20 | [PDPS Inquiry Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

21 | [ACD Codes in PDPS \(intermediate\)](#)

MAY - UNI

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28 | [UNI Advanced B \(advanced\)](#)

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OUR WEBINARS

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14 | [Associate Member Town Hall](#)

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

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

21 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 1](#)

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

27 | [Abandoned Vehicle & Mechanic's Lien Fraud Prevention Best Practices](#)

[Coronavirus](#)

- [DPS Announces Alternative Process for Texas Learner License, Commercial Learner Permit Knowledge Tests](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Indiana BMV Has Reopened 40 Locations. Here's What You Need to Know.](#)
- [Iowa DOT Davenport Driver's Service Center Closed Until May 19 After Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19](#)
- [Springfield DMVs Stay Busy First Day Back Open After Stay-At-Home-Order Is Lifted \(Missouri\)](#)
- [Ohio BMV Locations Will Remain Closed Until Late-May](#)
- [Wisconsin DMV Waives Road Test Requirement for Individuals Under 18 Due to COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [California to Reopen 25 DMV Field Offices Amid Coronavirus](#)
- [DMV Extends All Temporary Driver License Permits Due to COVID-19 \(California\)](#)
- [DMV Reports Long Wait Times for Appointments in First Week Open \(Colorado\)](#)
- [HDOT to Reopen Safety Check Stations \(Hawaii\)](#)
- [Nevada DMV Mulling Changes to Driving Skills Test Amid Shutdown](#)
- [Oregon DMV, Police Offer Grace Period on Expired Licenses, Vehicle Registration](#)
- [New Data Shows How Much Cleaner Utah's Air Is During the Pandemic. Will It Drive Future Decisions?](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Maryland State Police Continue to Increase Traffic Safety

Maryland State Police will continue to increase traffic safety efforts around the Capital Beltway, troopers at the Rockville barrack have issued over 100 citations. Troopers have started a special initiative in partnership with the State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. From April 26 to May 1st in the area of the sky bridge on I-495 near Green Tree Road and I-270. [Read more at localdmv.com.](#)

Ontario Government Says It Will Not Move Forward With Licence Plate Redesign

The Ontario government announced that it will not be moving forward with the redesign of the province's licence plates and will revert back to the original white "Yours to Discover" plates. The Ford government began the design and manufacturing of a new plate in February, however, once released to the public, the blue plates with the slogan "A Place To Grow" were found to have issues such as poor visibility under specific conditions. [Read more at globalnews.ca.](#)

Vermont Begins Issuing Driver's License Renewals Online

The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles didn't intend to time the launch of its new online driver's license renewal platform with a health pandemic, but that's how things worked out. The well-timed system makes in-person trips to the DMV unnecessary, nicely dovetailing with the state's stay-at-home orders, officials say. [Read more at govtech.com.](#)

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

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OPEN RFPs

MAY

13 | [AAMVA RFQ FY20-22347 SQL Enterprise and Standard Licenses](#)

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REGION 2 NEWS

Homemade License Plates: Why They're Illegal (Florida)

Some things will fly during a pandemic, but slapping together a homemade license plate because the tax collectors office is closed? That's a no-no. A driver in Lehigh Acres was spotted sporting their DIY license plate that reads, "STOLEN TAG." If you think you can do this and not get pulled over, that's false. [Read more at nbc-2.com.](#)

Kentucky Office of Highway Safety Joins NHTSA in Promoting Motorcycle Safety Month

In recognition of May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) joins the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is reminding motorists and motorcyclists to "share the road" conscientiously and courteously to help prevent crashes, injuries and deaths on Kentucky roadways. [Read more at wbko.com.](#)

Oklahoma Will Be Ready to Begin Issuing Real IDs in July, Gov. Stitt, DPS

Gov. Kevin Stitt and officials with the Department of Public Safety provided an update Thursday on the implementation of Real IDs in Oklahoma...DPS offices had been closed due to the coronavirus concerns. Select DPS driver license offices reopened to the public on May 1 by appointment only, as part of phase one of the state's reopening plan. Gov. Stitt and first lady Sarah Stitt were issued Real IDs at the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety headquarters as part of the State's pilot production phase. [Read more at koco.com.](#)

DMV Releases New Safety Video as 17 Motorcyclists Die in Crashes as of May (Virginia)

The Virginia DMV has released a new safety video for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month as 17 motorcyclists have died as of May 1 in Virginia. As of May 1, there have also been 243 motorcyclists injured in 321 crashes on Virginia roadways. In 2019, 89 motorcyclists were killed in Virginia. "The most important action a motorcyclist takes before every ride is to suit up in the safest gear possible," said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb, the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. "To drive this point home, DMV is releasing a new motorcycle safety video for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month reminding riders to always wear the proper gear." [Read more at whsv.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Iowa Driver Among First in US to Use Technology for CDL Skills Test

Lonnie Orr recently passed his commercial driver license skills test, but there was no Iowa Department of Motor Vehicles examiner sitting beside him in the truck's jump seat, barking commands in his ear. Instead, Orr, who lives in Davenport, was among the first drivers in the U.S. to take advantage of a federal emergency declaration allowing new drivers to maintain COVID-19 social distancing while having their driving abilities evaluated by a state examiner observing from a trailing vehicle. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

MPI Reports Spike in Motorcycle Fatalities (Manitoba)

Motorcycle fatalities in Manitoba doubled last year compared to the previous 10-year average — and more than half occurred in Westman, Manitoba Public Insurance reported Tuesday. In 2019, eight motorcyclists across the province were killed — five in Westman — compared to four on average between 2009 and 2018. [Read more at brandonsun.com.](#)

Six Deadly Motorcycle Crashes on Minnesota Roads so Far in 2020

With the mostly dry and warm spring we've had so far this year, there's no doubt more motorcyclists are hitting the road, and state officials say safety should be the number one priority for riders and motorists passing by. So far this year there have been six deadly motorcycle crashes, according to preliminary data from the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center. That's four more than what the state saw at this time last year. [Read more at keyc.com](#).

OSHP Reminds Motorcyclists to Ride Safe During National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month (Ohio)

Last year, Lucas County was one of eight counties to record 100 or more motorcyclist crashes in Ohio, according to numbers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol. The OSHP is reminding motorcyclists to ride trained and sober during National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May. Across the state in 2019, there were 3,585 traffic crashes involving motorcycles that results in 165 deaths and 3,245 injuries. [Read more at 13abc.com](#).

REGION 4 NEWS

Alberta RCMP Shares Motorcycle Safety Month Tips

As we welcome spring weather across the province, the Alberta RCMP reminds Albertans to minimize non-essential/recreational travel as all health orders and advice about physical distancing remain in effect. We also want to remind motorcyclists as they dust off their bikes after a long winter, to adopt safe riding behaviours that reduce the risk of collisions. [Read more at stettlerindependent.com](#).

Waymo Puts Its Self-Driving Cars Back on Arizona Roads as Lockdown Is Eased

Waymo says it's ready to return its self-driving cars to the streets of Arizona. The autonomous-car company paused most of its public-road testing in March in response to the worsening coronavirus pandemic. Specifically, the company parked cars that picked up passengers as part of its Waymo One ridesharing pilot, as well as those that drove without passengers but required a safety engineer to be on board. [Read more at finance.yahoo.com](#).

New Improved DMV Website Allows Drivers to Handle Most Business Online (California)

California drivers who like the fast lane will most likely welcome the changes happening at the DMV aimed at getting things done faster. The head of the state agency announced Tuesday that "97 percent" of all DMV business can now be completed online thanks to an upgraded DMV website. "As you may have noticed you can do a number of things online today you couldn't do three or six months ago," said Steve Gordon, Director of the California Department of Motor Vehicles. [Read more at kesq.com](#).

OTHER NEWS

Traffic Deaths Declined for the Third Year in a Row in 2019, NHTSA Says

Traffic deaths across the country dropped for the third year in a row in 2019 and could be the second lowest death rate per miles traveled since the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began keeping records in 1975, the agency said Tuesday. [Read more at newsbreak.com](#).

Youth Traffic Safety Month a Reminder That Parents Play Crucial Role in Teens' Behavior Behind the Wheel

Global Youth Traffic Month every May brings the grim reminder that traffic crashes continue to be the leading cause of death for teens. Last year, nearly 2,500 young people in the U.S. died as a result of crashes – a statistic that is paralleled in nations worldwide. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, mile for mile, teenagers are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers, and the summer months are especially dangerous for teens on the road. An average of six teens die every day in traffic crashes throughout the U.S. [Read more at prnewswire.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.).

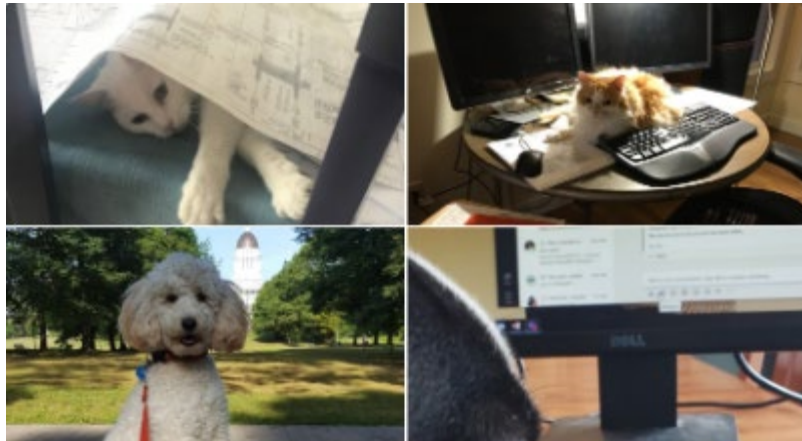
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Some of our teleworking employees have been sharing photos of their new co-workers! Keep up the good work team!



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Happy #HealthcareHeroes Day! Thank you to Dr. Gina Pervall, our Medical Advisory Board Physicians and all our Nurse Case Reviewers who continue to assist Marylanders and help keep our roads safe. (Photos from 2018) #MDOTSafety



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

Wearing the proper gear can save a motorcyclist's life during a crash. Celebrate #MotorcycleSafetyAwarenessMonth and commit to gearing up & putting on your helmet every time you ride.



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

Stay safe, work hard and #ExceedExpectations #EveryCustomer #EveryTime



Wisconsin DOT @WisconsinDOT | [View the Tweet](#)

Wisconsin #DMV Administrator Kristina Boardman took to #FacebookLive Wednesday to answer your questions about online driver license renewal and the road test waiver program. In case you missed it, you can find the informative video here:

<http://facebook.com/WisDOT/videos/1117621118599548/>



CA DMV @CA_DMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Here is an inside look at #DMV director @stevepgordon's vision to streamline & modernize the @CA_DMV! Written by Brian VanderBeek for the @Stan_State magazine: <https://csustan.edu/stan-magazine/changing-lanes> #CADMV #OnlineServices #VirtualOffice



Utah Highway Patrol @UTHighwayPatrol | [View the Tweet](#)

One of our Troopers in Weber Co. initiated a traffic stop on what he thought was an impaired driver. Turns out it was this young man, age 5, somehow made his way up onto the freeway in his parents' car. Made it from 17th and Lincoln in Ogden down to the 25th St off-ramp SB I-15.



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