AAMVA is seeking information regarding the way NDR/PDPS is currently being provided by jurisdictions. The airline industry is mandated under the Pilot Record Improvement Act (PRIA) to check the National Driver Registry (NDR) as part of the screening process for airline pilots. While access to the NDR is typically provided by State Driver License Agencies (SDLAs) through the Problem Driver Pointer System (PDPS), some SDLAs have recently stopped this service for airlines. As a result, airline representatives have asked AAMVA to provide NDR/PDPS access to the airline industry under PRIA. AAMVA would first like to assess how this service is currently being provided by the jurisdictions before determining how to work with the airline industry. Please respond to this survey by July 9, 2019.

Welcome Associate Members!
AAMVA is pleased to welcome the following organizations to our Associate Membership Program. Follow the links below to learn more about each organization:

- AIB, Inc. - https://oneaib.com
- Kuma - https://kuma.pro/
- Mythics, Inc. - https://www.mythics.com
- Stonewall Solutions - http://www.stonewallsolutions.com

Automatic Voter Registration Bill Moves a Step Closer to Law in Maine
Mainers would be able to register to vote when they get or renew a driver’s license under a bill approved by the state Senate on Tuesday that creates an automatic voter registration system. The bill, sponsored by House Speaker Sara Gideon, D-Freeport, is now headed to the desk of Gov. Janet Mills for consideration. If signed into law by Mills, the measure would allow residents to automatically register to vote when they do business with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles or other authorized state agencies. Those old enough to vote would automatically be registered to their voting precincts based on their address when they get or renew a state-issued driver’s license or identification card. Read the article at pressherald.com.

UPDATE: Maryland Staggers REAL ID Deadlines, Starting with July 3
As thousands of Maryland drivers are still working through the REAL ID compliance process, the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) has implemented a new set of deadlines. The plan is to stagger the deadlines to ensure a smoother
transient across the state. Drivers who received a notice with a June 2019 deadline have now been given until July 3 to submit the REAL ID documentation to the MVA...Maryland residents who have not yet provided the necessary paperwork to be REAL ID compliant now have until July 3 to do so. The original June deadline has been extended. The initial recall applied to 66,300 residents, but the number of people affected is now down to 40,000. Read the article at ourcommunitynow.com.

NH State Police Annual Commercial Vehicle Compliance Road Check Nets 1,205 Violations (New Hampshire)

New Hampshire State Troopers conducted its annual Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) International Roadcheck June 4-6, a 72-hour enforcement initiative where commercial motor vehicle inspectors throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico check large trucks and motorcoaches at inspection sites, weigh stations, strategic locations, and roving patrols. The State Police is pleased to announce that there were no fatal motor vehicle crashes involving commercial motor vehicles during this period. Troopers checked 528 commercial vehicles and discovered 1,205 violations, of which 215 were so severe that they created a condition where the vehicle or its driver was placed out of service. In total, 106 vehicles were placed out of service for critical safety violations, while 30 drivers were placed out of service for violations including possessing drugs, operating after suspension, violating restrictions of driving hours, and not holding the proper class of driver's license. Troopers issued 84 citations and made one arrest as a result of commercial motor vehicle inspections. Read the article at manchesterinklink.com.

Bill Granting Drivers Licenses To Undocumented Immigrants Approved by State Assembly (New York)

The State Assembly approved a bill to allow undocumented immigrants to obtain drivers licenses. Before it can become law, the bill must pass the state Senate, where it is expected to be met with resistance and skepticism, including from some moderate Democrats. During a floor debate before the vote on Wednesday, June 12, Republican assemblymen said the legislation might open a 'back door' for criminals and even terrorists to obtain documents...Others said they had heard concerns from local Board of Elections about the possibility of illegal voting, if the non-citizens are inadvertently signing up at the DMV to vote...Supporters of the bill, including Democrat Phil Ramos of Long Island, think the bill will make all New Yorkers safer, because undocumented immigrants will learn to drive, and buy car insurance. Read the article at dailyvoice.com.

Governor Cuomo Announces State Policy Crackdown on Speeding (New York)

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that the New York State Police will target speeding and aggressive drivers during a special weeklong traffic enforcement initiative. This year's 'Speed Week' enforcement crackdown started Thursday, June 6 and runs through Wednesday, June 12. Troopers will also actively patrol highway work zones and will target drivers who violate New York's 'Move Over' Law. 'We will not tolerate speeding and reckless driving for a very simple reason: it puts everyone at risk and speeding is the leading cause of fatal crashes each year in New York State,' said Governor Cuomo 'We urge all drivers to make safety the top priority, obey speed limits, put down your electronic devices, and move over when you see emergency vehicles and highway workers on the side of the road.' Read the article at mytwintiers.com.

400 Commercial Trucks Inspected During Three-Day Safety Campaign (Rhode Island)

Rhode Island State police logged more than 800 violations while inspecting hundreds of commercial vehicles during the International Roadcheck Safety Campaign this week. From Tuesday to Thursday, troopers inspected more than 400 commercial vehicles traveling through Rhode Island at two checkpoints. Inspections
were conducted by state troopers in the Commercial Enforcement Unit, inspectors from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and members of local police departments from North Kingstown, Smithfield, West Warwick, Providence and Johnston. During these inspections, 696 vehicle violations and 136 driver violations were recorded. As a result, just under 120 vehicles and drivers were taken out of service. Read the article at patch.com.

**Upgraded Driver's License & ID Cards Will Protect Vermonters Identity (Vermont)**
The next time you go to the DMV you will likely notice a big change when it comes to your license or ID card. The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles is giving the method of how they prepare your license or ID card a major upgrade— for the sake of protecting your personal information. The rollout started Tuesday at the DMV in Rutland...Commissioner Wanda Minoli told us, the days of printing your license or ID card is a thing of the past because of how easy it has become to make a fake ID. She explains there are five layers, and each layer has its own security feature. 'Things that I can identify and highlight is that the signature is a raised signature.' Along with the driver's license number...Another noticeable change, the DMV will no longer ask a person's sex. Rather their gender. Read the article at mychamplainvalley.com.

**REGION 2 NEWS**

**Governor Ron DeSantis Signs CS/HB 311: Expanding Testing and Use of Autonomous Vehicles (Florida)**
Governor Ron DeSantis signed CS/HB 311: Autonomous Vehicles, which removes unnecessary obstacles that hinder the development of autonomous vehicle technology and solidifies Florida's position as a leading state for transportation innovation. CS/HB 311 embraces the future of transportation by removing barriers to the advancement of autonomous vehicles and establishing a statewide statutory framework. 'Signing this legislation paves the way for Florida to continue as a national leader in transportation innovation and technological advancement,' said Governor DeSantis. 'I would like to thank the bill sponsors, Senator Jeff Brandes and Representative Jason Fischer, for their work in making Florida the most autonomous vehicle-friendly state in the country.' Read the article at flgov.com.

**Rejected License Plates: These Car Tags Were Too Vulgar to Be Seen on Mississippi Roads**
We've all seen them — personalized license plates that make a vehicle stand out or draw attention to the driver. But there are unique combinations of seven letters and numbers that we will never see. That's because the Mississippi Department of Motor Vehicles determines them to be too offensive. The Clarion Ledger wanted to know more about these rejected plates — how the decisions are made and what the requests were. Here's what we found. Read the article at clarionledger.com.

**Saturday Tests at Mississippi DMVs off to a Nice Start**
Usually a visit to the DMV can take anywhere from 30 minutes to 4 hours, but not anymore. 'The appointment was at 10, and it's now 10:18,' said Crystal Reed, a stepmom who took her two daughters to the DMV Saturday. 'It's awesome.' The Department of Public Safety's Jumpstart program allowed most of the people who came to take driving tests for licenses and permits to be fast-tracked...Since the tests are offered on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. to noon, parents don't have to miss work and children don't have to miss a day of school to sit and wait for a test. Read the article at wlox.com.

**North Carolina Boosts Driver’s License Durability for Real ID Program**
As REAL ID programs start to mature across the country, new lessons about driver’s license durability are starting to emerge. One recent mark comes from North Carolina, where PPG shared that North Carolina’s Division of Motor Vehicles has experienced a ‘dramatic reduction in customer card replacements and attempted fraud through the use of PPG TESLIN substrate for driver’s licenses and identification cards’... ‘Teslin substrate delivers durability and adaptability at a cost that reflects ‘mindful stewardship’ of the state’s financial resources,’ said Torre J. Jessup, commissioner, North Carolina DMV. ‘It enabled us to design one of the most secure REAL ID-compliant cards available. The substrate hosts all of our advanced security features in a highly durable card at a reasonable cost, and its material properties can readily accommodate our future security needs as well.’ Read the article at secureidnews.com.

Virginia DMV Updates and Celebrates Employees with Monthly Newsletter
The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) releases a monthly employee newsletter to highlight events, achievements, and upcoming projects. Included are photos from past events, a message from the commissioner, new opportunities within the DMV, milestones, crash fatality statistics, positive customer feedback, and much more. Read the newsletter here.

Update: Commuters Optimistic About Highway Safety, Sharing the Roads with Trucks (West Virginia)
The Public Service Commission of West Virginia wrapped up their 72-hour roadcheck on Thursday evening, promoting their mission to keep roads safer for both cars and big trucks. The National Transportation Safety Board reports, 37,133 deaths on US highways in 2017 and nearly 13,000 of those deaths involved passenger cars. The report also states, 841 fatalities in 2017 involved medium and heavy trucks. Read the article at wvva.com.

Illinois Legislators Approve Fuel Tax Hike, Repeal Truck License Plate Tax
Illinois lawmakers have passed a $45 billion infrastructure improvement plan that includes provisions to increase the fuel tax rate and repeal the sales tax on truck license plates...Lawmakers also approved the repeal of the commercial distribution fee, a 14.35% sales tax imposed on all license plates for Illinois vehicles that weigh between 8,001 and 80,000 pounds. Revenue from the fee, which was enacted in 2004 and adds about $400 to the cost of a truck license plate, is directed to the state’s general fund. Read the article at ttnews.com.

BMV Launches New Driver’s License Design (Indiana)
The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles is launching newly designed driver’s licenses, permits and identification cards for Indiana. The new design will be available online and at branches across the state by mid-July. The BMV says it will take several weeks to transition all branches to the new design, so you might still receive the old design through mid-July, depending on the branch. ‘It doesn’t matter which design you have because your Indiana license, permit, or ID is valid until the expiration date printed on the card,’ the BMV writes in a press release. According to the BMV, the new design includes the most modern and most reliable security features available. Read the article at wbiw.com.

Distracted Driving Becoming a Growing Threat to First Responders, Local Personnel Weighs In (North Dakota)
The people who keep you safe are falling victim to an old nemesis, distracted driving. New research shows those of you who text or check your social media feeds...
while behind the wheel are becoming an increasing threat to first responders. In fact, the research says 40 first responders were killed on the side of the road last year. That's a 60% jump from the year before. But we learned these emergency personnel are changing with the times to stay safe while taking care of you. Read the article at valleynewslive.com.

Ohio Offering Amnesty Program to Regain Driver’s Licenses
Ohio suspended the driver’s licenses of more than 1 million people, many of whom can’t afford to get those licenses back. But that doesn’t mean they’re not on the road. So until July 31, the state is offering a limited amnesty. On paper, it looks like Ohio is forgiving $500 million dollars in reinstatement penalties. However, advocates see it as a crucial investment in people, jobs and community. Many poor and working-class people can’t afford to stop driving just because their licenses are suspended. The amnesty program now in effect recognizes that and two other realities many of these people face. They also can’t afford huge reinstatement fees. Read the article at radio.wosu.org.

Wisconsin Budget Committee Approves Transportation Funding Plan Carrying $95 Title Fee Hike
The Wisconsin Legislature’s budget committee signed off Thursday on a Republican-backed transportation proposal that would boost vehicle title fees by $95 and raise car registration costs. The plan also looks to clamp down on the level of security and protection Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes can receive and adopts language that would impact local governments’ ability to regulate quarries, where materials are mined for transportation and other projects. The proposal, which passed on an 11-5 vote over opposition from Democrats and GOP Sen. Duey Stroebel, doesn’t include the gas tax hike Gov. Tony Evers sought in his budget proposal and instead relies largely on fee increases to generate new revenue. Read the article at madison.com.

Vandenberg AFB Becomes First Base in AFSPC to Offer CDL Training (California)
Starting June 17, the 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron will implement a new certification program under the Department of Transportation, making Vandenberg Air Force Base the first within Air Force Space Command to uphold this new standard. Previously, Airmen were allowed to drive buses and tractor-trailers without having to attain a commercial driver’s license. Under the new program, Airmen will be certified to receive their CDLs when separating from the Air Force...‘This program has been a continuous improvement process that we are adapting in partnership with AAMVA to ensure we provide the expertise and knowledge to operate commercial vehicles on public roads,’ Sandoval said. Read the article at af.mil.

Most New Mexicans Are Real ID-Compliant as Deadline Looms (New Mexico)
New Mexico now has 1 million residents with driver’s licenses or identification cards that comply with tougher federal ID requirements that will take effect in 2020. Officials with the state Taxation and Revenue Department say people have just over a year to meet the deadline under the Real ID Act, which was passed in 2005 to strengthen rules for identification for airline flights and at federal facilities such as military bases. With the one-millionth license issued last week, about 70 percent of New Mexico licenses and identification cards now carry the gold star that marks them as being Real ID-compliant. Read the article at lamonitor.com.

Road Debris Can Be Deadly: Secure Your Load ‘As If...
Everyone You Love Is Driving in the Car Behind You’ (Utah)
To understand the seriousness of properly securing your vehicle’s load, consider this: AAA found that over a third of all deaths from road debris were caused by drivers swerving to avoid an object in the road. Thursday was ‘National Secure Your Load Day,’ but securing your load is important every day, especially considering the dangers that can come from loosely secured cargo. One of these dangers — fallen road debris — is scattered across Utah’s highways and interstates. Utah Highway Patrol troopers see the consequences of this particular danger daily. In fact, road debris incidents are among the most frequent calls they respond to, according to a statement released by the Utah Department of Public Safety. Over the past three years, troopers have logged more than 78,000 road debris/hazard calls — that’s an average of 71 times per day. Read the article at stgeorgeutah.com.

So, You Think You Can Drive (Well)? Your Fellow Commuters Might Not Agree (Washington, Oregon)
Can you parallel park like a pro? Are you the master of merging? Do you dismiss dangerous driving distractions? According to the latest poll from PEMCO Insurance, Northwest drivers think highly of their own basic driving skills, but they question how well fellow commuters perform behind the wheel. PEMCO’s survey of Washington and Oregon drivers found that the vast majority of drivers rate themselves as 'excellent' or 'good' when it comes to proficiency in routine driving skills like parallel parking, merging, staying right except to pass, driving in the rain and avoiding distractions. But when asked to rate the abilities of fellow drivers, confidence among commuters dipped significantly across all categories. Read the article at finance.yahoo.com.

State Patrol Releases Motorcycle Safety Video (Washington)
The Washington State Patrol posted a motorcycle safety video on Monday after it reported there have been 466 motorcycle-involved crashes on Washington State roadways since the start of the year. Two motorcyclists were killed last week in crashes on Highway 167 in the Kent/Auburn area. The video tips from a motorcycle trooper are to help make sure riders stay safe and prevent collisions. The State Patrol noted that the number of motorcycle collisions increase during the summer months. Read the article at kentreporter.com.

Government agency executives, security experts and technology providers gathered at the Secure Technology Alliance’s Securing Federal Identity 2019 conference in Washington, D.C. last week to discuss the latest developments and innovations in federal identity credentialing and access security. Speakers at this year’s event looked to the future, focusing on the need for evolving security standards and solutions to keep up with emerging threats, advancements in identity management, and improvements around current practices for logical and physical access control...Ian Grossman, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, provided an update on the status of mobile driver’s licenses (mDL) to enable a shared, international standard of identification beyond the operation of motor vehicles. Grossman outlined that the driver’s license is already a trusted, strongly proofed identity, making it a natural fit for expanded use. Read the article at globalnewswire.com.

Low Levels of THC in Marijuana Don’t Increase Crashes
While Driving, Study Finds
Smoking marijuana containing low levels of the drug’s main psychoactive ingredient does not increase most drivers’ risk of a crash even though Canada's impaired-drug laws would penalize them, says the lead investigator of a study that analyzed THC amounts in the blood samples of more than 3,000 people who were injured behind the wheel. Dr. Jeffrey Brubacher, associate professor in the department of emergency medicine at the University of British Columbia, said the findings apply to THC levels of less than five nanograms per milliliter of blood. Brubacher, a toxicologist who is also an emergency room physician at Vancouver General Hospital, said blood samples taken between 2010 and 2016 at seven trauma centers as part of clinical care were used for a broad spectrum of analysis measuring THC, other recreational drugs, such as cocaine, heroin and amphetamines, as well as sedating medication. Read the article at thestar.com.

Face Recognition Technology: DOJ and FBI Have Taken Some Actions in Response to GAO Recommendations to Ensure Privacy and Accuracy, but Additional Work Remains
The FBI's face recognition office can now search databases with more than 641 million photos, including 21 state databases. In a May 2016 report, the U.S. Government Accountability Office found the FBI hadn't fully adhered to privacy laws and policies or done enough to ensure accuracy of its face recognition capabilities. This testimony is an update on this work and GAO's 6 recommendations, only one of which has been fully addressed. For example, while the FBI has conducted audits to oversee the use of its face recognition capabilities, it still hasn't taken steps to determine whether state database searches are accurate enough to support law enforcement investigations. Read the article at gao.gov.

Japan's Working on a New Driver's Licensing System to Help Protect Elderly Drivers
Japan has been experiencing a steep rise in fatal automotive crashes involving elderly drivers in recent years, and rather than simply banning older people from driving, according to a report Wednesday by the Japan Times, it's come up with a new driver's license system. This system could help ensure that only those people who are physically capable of driving safely remain on the road. Japan's solution would involve a mandate that drivers 75 and older take a cognitive assessment test when they attempt to renew their driver's license. It would also encourage elderly drivers only to use vehicles equipped with certain modern safety features to help pick up where their reflexes might have left off. These would include automatic emergency braking and lane keep assist. Read the article at cnet.com.

Ride to Work Day Is This Monday, June 17
RideToWork.org is a 501(c)4 non-profit organization that advocates and supports the use of motorcycles and scooters for transportation, and that provides information about everyday utility riding to the public. Every year, it sponsors an official 'Ride to Work Day' that aims to bring awareness to the benefits of using a motorcycle or scooter for commuting/general transportation. Read the article at ridermagazine.com.

Transit and Transportation Agencies Form Automated Bus Testing Group
A collection of 10 U.S. transit and transportation agencies – including divisions of the Michigan Department of Transportation, Minnesota Department of Transportation, and Virginia Department of Transportation – helped form the Automated Bus Consortium on May 30 to 'investigate the feasibility' of implementing pilot automated bus projects across the country. Led by AECOM, an infrastructure consulting firm, the consortium's members plan to define potential deployment routes and locations, operating plans, automated bus specifications, and financial needs for pilot projects.
lasting up to 12 months in duration – projects set to begin between 2021 and 2022. According to a statement, AECOM will manage the planning, assessment, implementation and evaluation of the program’s rollout in all locations and expects to make an expected initial purchase of 75 to 100 full-sized automated buses on behalf of the consortium’s members. Read the article at aashtojournal.org.

**TWITTER NEWS**

@AAMVACConnection 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.).

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community. You may be surprised at what you’re missing! Follow @AAMVACConnection.

Check out recent @AAMVACConnection Twitter action.

***Thank you for the @AAMVACConnection mentions!***

**MD_MVA @MD_MVA | View the Tweet**

In honor of the Bay Plate winning the "Best Plate of 2018" award, we took a stroll down memory lane looking at the history of the Maryland license plate. #TBT #MDOTscenes

---

**Jacquelyn Goddard @JacqueGoddard | View the Tweet**

Customer service improvements @MassRMV - new customer service space opened this week in #Watertown at 557 Arsenal St. Photo: the very first customer. Many transactions can be done online http://mass.gov/rmv

---

New Jersey MVC @NJ_MVC | View the Tweet
Great to serve so many of our customers while joining First Lady @TammyMurphy at today’s #NJFamilyFestival in Newark! License and registration renewals, veterans and disability placards among the services rendered.

Syracuse Airport @SyracuseAirport | View the Tweet
We hosted a successful media event w/ our partners @TSA & @nysdmv Tuesday afternoon! While summer travel was discussed, we focused heavily on REAL ID compliance. Confused? We can help! Head to our REAL ID info/links page here: https://www.syrairport.org/airport-guide/real-id/ … #REALID #EnhancedLicense
RI State Police @RIStatePolice | View the Tweet
RI State Police reports more than 800 commercial vehicle and driver violations found during International Roadcheck safety campaign in RI from June 4-6; nearly 120 vehicles and drivers taken out of service. Read more: https://www.ri.gov/press/view/36042 …

VermontDMV @VTDMV | View the Tweet
Commissioner Minoli talking to @MattMyNBC5 about the new #Vermont Driver’s License.
VirginiaDMV @VirginiaDMV | View the Tweet
Happy 244th birthday to the @USArmy. You don’t look a day over 29. Former and current soldiers - show you’re Army Strong and get a Virginia Army license plate. Personalize it too: https://tinyurl.com/y63m7kj #ArmyStrong #military

OHBureauMotorVehicle @Ohio_BMV | View the Tweet
Beginning July 1, 2019, International Registration Plan processing is coming to a Deputy Registrar near you! More info at https://bit.ly/2JYndlz

CSP Public Affairs @CSP_News | View the Tweet
ANSWER: Unfortunately, approximately 60 drivers are arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence EVERY DAY in Colorado.
Since the start of this year, there have been 466 motorcycle-involved crashes on Washington State roadways.

Watch this video for motorcycle safety tips to make sure we all stay safe and prevent collisions.