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OUR EVENTS

JULY



Region 4 Conference Next Week



REGION 4 CONFERENCE
DENVER, CO
JULY 15-17

AAMVA's [2019 Region 4 Conference](#) takes place next week, July 15-17, in Denver, Colorado! [Register online today!](#) The conference provides an opportunity for you and your peers to discuss relevant driver's license, motor vehicle

and law enforcement related issues. As with every AAMVA conference, the ability to network is one of the most beneficial experiences, and this year's regional 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's license, motor vehicle and law enforcement arenas. Visit the [2019 Region 4 Conference Website](#) for more information and to register!

DEADLINE TODAY: Looking for Members to Lend Their Expertise!

AAMVA is looking for additional jurisdiction members to lend their expertise. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices, and network with your peers. Listed below are the specific positions we are seeking jurisdiction members to fill on our three standing committees. We attempt to maintain jurisdictional and regional balance on all committees and working groups.

We have the following four vacancies:

- IT Representative (from any region) - Vehicle Standing Committee
- PACE Representatives (from any region; 3 vacancies) - Driver Committee, Law Enforcement Committee, and Vehicle Committee

If you would like to serve on one of our committees, please complete the [Committee Member Application Form](#). Applications must be received by **TODAY, July 12, 2019**. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Graham or Lynn Dean at committees@aamva.org or 703.522.4200.

AUGUST

6-7 | [2019 August Third Party Agents Working Group Meeting](#)
Bonita Springs, FL

6-7 | [2019 August Managing Data Privacy and External Access Working Group Meeting](#)
Bonita Springs, FL

18-19 | [2019 August Board of Directors Meeting](#)
Omaha, NE

18 | [2019 August Industry Advisory Board Meeting](#)

DEADLINE TODAY: Autonomous Vehicles Working Group Seeking New Members

AAMVA is seeking to fill five vacancies on the [Autonomous Vehicle Working Group](#) with jurisdiction members with automated vehicle experience relative to vehicle and driver programs, law enforcement, policy and legal expertise. The purpose of the

Omaha, NE



SYSTEMS TRAINING

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JULY

16 | [PDPS Update Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

17 | [PDPS S2S and NDR Generated Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

18 | [PDPS Interactions \(intermediate\)](#)

AUGUST

20 | [UNI Basics \(basic\)](#)

21 | [UNI Advanced A \(advanced\)](#)

22 | [SPEXS Bulk Load \(intermediate\)](#)

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OUR WEBINARS

JULY

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](#)

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

AUGUST

7 | [Vehicle Identification Number Locations and Inspections](#)

13 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

Working Group is to work with AAMVA members, federal agencies and other stakeholders to gather, organize, and share information with the AAMVA community related to the development, design, testing, use, and regulation of autonomous vehicles and other emerging vehicle technologies. Based on the group's research, guidance to assist member jurisdictions in regulating autonomous vehicles will be developed and published.

Working Group members are expected to attend in-person meetings and participate in conference calls as needed. In addition, members conduct research and draft portions of the guidance documents in small groups and independently. Members may also be asked to travel to speak publicly and give presentations at meetings and conferences about working group efforts and/or to provide assistance to jurisdictions. If you are interested in applying for the Autonomous Vehicles Working Group, please download and complete the [application form](#) and email to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org by **TODAY, July 12, 2019**. For more information on the Working Group, please contact [Cathie Curtis](#).

DEADLINE TODAY: Imported Vehicles Working Group Seeking New Members

The [Imported Vehicles Working Group](#) has a vacancy for a title and registration subject matter expert, vehicle fraud investigator, information technology (IT) programmer specialized in title and registration systems, or a policy and legal representative. The purpose of the Working Group is to develop guidance for jurisdictions on vehicles that have been imported and are being presented for title and/or registration. The working group is developing a guidance for jurisdictions that includes an explanation of federal laws for importing vehicles, the federal importation process and guidance for state responsibilities when titling and registering imported vehicles. This working group will reference the federal requirements and forms, and consider what implications the states will face as U.S. Custom and Border Protection moves to an electronic format.

Working Group members are expected to attend in-person meetings and participate in conference calls as needed. In addition, members conduct research and draft portions of the guidance documents in small groups and independently. If you are interested in applying for the Imported Vehicles Working Group, please download and complete the [application form](#) and email to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org by **TODAY July 12, 2019**. For more information on the Working Group, please contact [Casey Garber](#).

REGION 1 NEWS

Delaware DMVs Swarmed on Day of Low-digit License Plate Release

Delaware released a limited number of five-digit license plates Tuesday, which explained the line of people waiting for the Dover DMV to open at 8 a.m. Tuesday morning. Deborah and John Roberts, who were first in line Tuesday morning, had been there since 4:30 a.m. The line of about 80 people stretched along the building when the doors opened. The state makes low-digit tags available every so often, typically drawing a crowd. [Read more from the Delaware News Journal.](#)

What You Can (and Can't) Do Under Maine's New Law Banning Handheld Phones While Driving

Come September, Maine motorists will discover they're generally allowed to eat a plate of nachos while driving (as long as it's not distracting) but can't pick up the phone to call mom. Gov. Janet Mills signed An Act to Prohibit the Use of Handheld Devices and Phones While Driving (LD 165) into law last week. The law, sponsored by Sen. Bill Diamond, D-Windham, tightens state rules prohibiting texting while

14 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(Web Service Version\) – Part 1](#)

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OPEN RFPs

JULY

[AAMVA RFP FY21-196747: 2021 Annual International Conference](#)
July 12, 2019

[AAMVA RFQ FY20-19789: 2020 AAMVA Region 2 Conference Night of Networking](#)
July 15, 2019

[AAMVA RFQ FY19-19871 Cisco SmartNet Support Renewal](#)
July 15, 2019

[AAMVA RFQ FY19-19729 Subject: NMVTIS Annual Report Editorial and Design Services \(002\)](#)
July 24, 2019

[AAMVA RFQ FY19-19872 Data Loss Prevention Deployment](#)
July 24, 2019

[AAMVA RFQ FY19-19874: Application Security Assessment](#)
July 24, 2019

driving that have been in place since 2011. [Read more at the Bangor Daily News.](#)

Federal Agents Won't Have Wide-spread Access to Real ID Database, Says Maine SOS Dunlap

As of the first of July, Mainers are now able to purchase a Real ID. It's a new form of identification in the state, organized by the federal government to tighten rules on sanctioned identification. A database of Real ID's photo won't be used by federal government agencies for widespread searches however, according to Maine Secretary of State Matt Dunlap. [Read more at News Center Maine.](#)

MADD Urges Update to Massachusetts Drunk Driving Law

As Massachusetts lawmakers are preparing to scrutinize the troubles at the Registry of Motor Vehicles, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is calling for updates to the state's drunk driving laws. [Read more at WPRI.com.](#)

Front Plate Requirement to be Eliminated July 15 (New Brunswick)

The requirement of front licence plates on passenger and light commercial vehicles in New Brunswick will be eliminated July 15. "The government committed to eliminating front licence plates, and we are following through on that," said Public Safety Minister Carl Urquhart. "Once the amendments and updated regulations are proclaimed, motorists will only require a licence plate on the back of their vehicle." [Read the full press release here.](#)

Bill Allowing 'X' Gender on Licenses Becomes Law in New Hampshire

New Hampshire residents who don't identify as either male or female will soon be able to express that on their driver's licenses. Republican Gov. Chris Sununu let a bill become law without his signature this week that would allow driver's licenses or non-driver identification cards to be marked "M" for male, "F" for female or "X" for other. [Read more a WGME.](#)

Hours at the MVC Are Changing as New Jersey's New Real ID License Goes for a Test Drive

State Motor Vehicle Commission agency hours will change, starting Saturday July 6, as the MVC prepares to issue the new federally mandated Real ID driver's licenses statewide to meet a looming October 2020 deadline. MVC officials also are quietly testing processes and computers used to issue the new driver's licenses on themselves. Relax, it's not an insider scandal, employees are paying the appropriate fees for the new licenses, officials said. [Read more at nj.com.](#)

New State Law Safeguards Against ICE Facial Recognition Searches Through DMV Databases (New York)

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the FBI have been using facial recognition software to sift through Department of Motor Vehicle databases to track down undocumented immigrants in some states. In New York state, however, a new law that allows the immigrants to apply for driver's licenses has safeguards against such searches...New York state's Green Light Law, or the Driver's License Access and Privacy Act, was designed to prevent federal agencies from accessing personal information through the databases. Gov. Andrew Cuomo had voiced concern about that possibility before signing the legislation. [Read more at WXXI.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Florida Gets Ready For The Day When Driverless Cars

Rule The Road

A new state law aims to make Florida a leader in self-driving cars. It sets out rules for the day when the vehicles are widely available. It also allows testing of those cars without a backup driver. "Most of the rules regulating drivers do take place at the state level. There's really not a national role for that," said the Brookings Institution's Darrell West. While the federal government has issued safety standards for driverless cars, West says states are taking the lead on regulating how they operate. [Read more at WUSF Public Media.](#)

Texting While Driving Now a Primary Offense (Florida)

Law enforcement officers can now pull over Florida drivers and ticket them for texting while driving as a primary offense. Violations also include emailing, social media, along with other apps and forms of typing on a mobile device. The penalties for first conviction are a \$30 fine and three points on your license. Second and subsequent convictions is a \$60 fine and three points on your license. Messages related to navigation or safety such as emergency traffic and weather alerts are permitted. Drivers can use their phone to report a traffic incident, medical emergency, fire/crime or hazardous roads. [Read more at the Bradenton Times.](#)

Kentucky's New Driver's Licenses Now Set to Roll Out by End of 2019

Kentucky's revamped driver's licenses should be available in all counties by the end of the year, the program's top official told a clearly frustrated group of state lawmakers Tuesday. But Matt Henderson, Kentucky's vehicle regulation commissioner, said he's hopeful the credentials will be offered sooner. He did not share an internal schedule kept by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, which is overseeing the rollout. [Read more at WDRB.](#)

OU Team Works to Develop New Technology for Driverless Cars (Oklahoma)

A team at the University of Oklahoma is working to develop new technology for the future of driverless cars. A University of Oklahoma Advanced Radar Research Center team is collaborating with Metawave to develop a newly-designed radar that could serve as an important sensor for the automotive industry. [Read more at KFOR.](#)

Real ID Launches in Tennessee, But Most Are Sticking with Traditional Driver's License

Business is brisk at the state's 44 full-service Driver Services Centers, with the rollout of Tennessee's first Real ID-compliant driver's licenses. But at first, most of that business isn't for the new Real ID. After Oct. 1, 2020, Americans will need more documentation than an old-style driver's license to fly on a commercial airliner, enter a federal office or get into a nuclear plant. Passports and a few other documents can be used, but Real ID-compliant driver's licenses are probably easier for most. [Read more at Knox News.](#)

Crozet Launches First Driverless Shuttle Service in Virginia

People in Crozet are getting the chance to test ride a shuttle that drives itself. The vehicle was created by Perrone Robotics, a company founded in Crozet. Founder Paul Perrone has been experimenting with autonomous vehicles for more than 15 years. [Read more at WHSV.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Indiana BMV No Longer Requires Written Exams for New

Residents

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles is pleased to remind new Hoosiers about a law making their move to Indiana a little easier. Effective July 1, 2019 there is no longer a requirement for individuals moving to Indiana from another state who hold a valid driver's license in that state to complete a written driving test (knowledge exam). The only test individuals are now required to pass is a vision screen. All new residents are required to provide documents proving their identity, Social Security number, lawful status in the U.S., and Indiana residency. Detailed information pertaining to Real ID and the documents required to upgrade can be found at REALID.in.gov. [Read more at WIBW.com](#)

K-DOT Program Using Navigation App to Help Make Kansas Roads Safe

An app you may already have on your phone will soon give your new alerts the Kansas Department of Transportation hopes will keep the state's roads safer. K-DOT motorist assist technicians across Kansas are taking part in a pilot program using the WAZE GPS navigation app to alert drivers to their position when they're assisting stranded motorists. [Read more at KWCH](#).

Kansas Dept. of Revenue Helps Current and Discharged Military Transfer Valuable Credentials

The Kansas Department of Revenue is working in partnership with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to help military personnel bridge a possible licensing gap with its Military Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Even Exchange Program. The program is open to current Kansas National Guard, Kansas Reserves, or discharged military personnel who have a valid military CDL credential convert over to a civilian CDL. [Read the full press release here](#).

Pace of REAL ID Applications Has Some Warning of 'Mad Rush' (Minnesota)

Minnesotans have been able to get two forms of enhanced drivers licenses for the past nine months, but the overwhelming majority still carry standard licenses that don't conform to new federal requirements, state data indicate. The slow pace of applications has some warning of long lines and frustrations for drivers come next summer and fall. Without one of the new licenses or a valid passport, Minnesotans won't be able to fly domestically or access federal facilities come October 2020. [Read more at Fox 9](#).

Ohio's New Test Facility For Autonomous Vehicles Expected To Benefit The Entire State

Ohio has opened its newly built SMARTCENTER, a connected vehicle testing facility near Marysville. The operation is being billed as the largest independent automotive proving ground in North America. [Read more at statenews.org](#).

REGION 4 NEWS

ADOT Use of Facial Recognition Strictly Limited, Official Says (Arizona)

Arizona transportation officials say they're not sharing your driver's license photo with federal agencies, a practice that apparently is occurring in other states. Tim Tait, spokesman for the Arizona Department of Transportation, acknowledged Monday that his agency does use "facial recognition software." This essentially digitizes a photo into data to allow it to be compared with other pictures. But Tait said this is strictly for internal use, designed to ensure that people who already have a license in Arizona do not try to get another one. Read more at the [Arizona Capitol Times](#).

California DMV Cites Nearly 2,000 People Misusing Disabled Parking Placards in One Year

An aggressive crackdown on the fraudulent use of disabled person parking placards resulted in 1,987 misdemeanor citations being issued between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019. Investigators with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) caught the offenders during 217 enforcement operations conducted statewide. Those found to be misusing placards have them confiscated and receive a misdemeanor citation that carries a \$250 to \$1,000 fine. The violation also appears on the individual's driver record. [Read the full press release here.](#)

California Wants to Allow Credit Cards at the DMV, but It'll Cost You a Fee

Got a driver's license to renew or a vehicle to register? Well, if you were planning to pay for it with a credit card, you may want to do it this summer. Under the new state budget, the Department of Motor Vehicles will be making an administrative change to pass credit card fees on to customers, a practice that typically adds 2% or 3% to the cost of a transaction. The switch, expected by October, means drivers will pick up \$45.3 million a year in transaction fees currently absorbed by the department. That cost is expected to grow to \$71.8 million a year once the DMV adds field offices and expands self-service terminals. In a state with 27.1 million drivers, that works out to about \$2.65 per driver. [Read more at Calmatters.](#)

Know What a Star Card Is? You May Be Sorry if You Don't Get One Soon (Idaho)

People looking to travel or enter federal buildings that require an ID for entry may need a new ID card come October 2020. Because of new government regulations, a Star Card will be needed after Oct. 1, 2020, to fly commercially or enter federal buildings that require an ID for entry, such as military bases or national laboratories, unless you have a passport or other identification that complies with the law. A Star Card is the same as a driver's license or state ID card, but it includes a star in the right corner to show that the holder went through the necessary security requirements to obtain the card. Idahoans can get Star Cards at the same Division of Motor Vehicles offices where they obtain driver's licenses. [Read more from the Idaho Statesman.](#)

New Law Prohibits Montana Courts from Suspending Driver's License for Non-payment of Fines

Montana courts can no longer suspend your driver's license solely because you haven't paid a fine or court costs — and if they did in the past, you can now get your license reinstated. Supporters of the new law say it will help thousands of mostly low-income Montanans keep their license and, in many cases, their job, which they can reach only by vehicle. [Read more at teh Missoula Current.](#)

OTHER NEWS

The Debate Over Facial Recognition Technology's Role In Law Enforcement

Facial recognition technology has come under fire from lawmakers, advocacy groups and citizens, but Lt. Derek Sabatini of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department says it helps control crime. [Read more at NPR.](#)

Lyft Is Testing Its Self-Driving Cars on Blind Passengers

Lyft's has accessibility in mind while developing its driverless program. This week, the rideshare company announced it has expanded its autonomous vehicle trials, in partnership with auto parts company Aptiv, to include blind and low-vision riders. The test drives, a collaboration with the National Federation of the Blind, are

taking place in Las Vegas during the organization's annual conference. [Read more at Observer.](#)

Money And Politics, Not Technology, Stand Between Us And Self-Driving Cars

...Billions of dollars have been spent and many advances have been made towards delivering autonomous cars, but when will we know that we have achieved success? On the one hand, Tesla's Autopilot proves that we can build cars with a degree of autonomous capability. But it doesn't always work, and the driver is ultimately responsible – inattentive drivers can pay the ultimate price...Carmakers are naturally interested since they face an existential threat: auto sales are expected to decrease. Like any other slowing business, automakers fear punishment by Wall Street. The best way to boost their share price is to make an argument for growth. In a declining market for human-piloted cars, automakers are switching their models from providers of vehicles to providers of mobility. This implies a massive change in their business models: from product companies to service companies. Making that shift is hard, but what's even harder is building the technology they will need to profitability offer transportation services: self-driving. Which begs the question: How far away are we from the self-driving services that will move us tomorrow? [Read more at Forbes.](#)

Are Self-Driving Cars Potential Game-Changer for Older Drivers?

Driving a car is increasingly vital to many people even as they grow older since driving helps them stay independent, socially connected, and mobile. Even with this, older people face a lot of challenges with driving. Some of the issues like eyesight, motor skills, reflexes, and cognitive ability increase the risk of an accident or collision and the increased frailty of older drivers mean they are more likely to be seriously injured or killed as a result. An expert in Intelligent Transport Systems at Newcastle University, UK, Dr. Shuo Li, explained that in the UK, older drivers are tending to drive more often and over longer distances but as the task of driving becomes more demanding, they adjust their driving to avoid stressful situations...According to Li, self-driving cars are seen as a potential game-changer for this age group. Fully automated, they are unlikely to require a license and could negotiate lousy weather and unfamiliar cities under all situations without input from the driver. [Read more at the Science Times.](#)

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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#SavetheSpace Misusing a disabled person parking placard is illegal. Find out what offenders face for breaking the law.




Tom Wilson - Save the Space Testimonial
youtube.com

Florida DHSMV @FLHSMV | [View the Tweet](#)

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Effective **October 1, 2019**, wireless communications devices can only be used in a hands-free manner when driving in a designated school crossing, school zone, or active work zone area in Florida.

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New York State DMV @NYS_DMV | [View the Tweet](#)

DMV today announced customers are saving time thanks to a recent streamlining of the phone lines for the department's Ticketing office and a new callback feature. These changes are part of a number of improvements under DMV's Lean Initiative. Read more: <https://on.ny.gov/2Jsv9Ky>



Michigan Department of State @MichSoS | [View the Tweet](#)

Do you need to renew your license soon? If you want to get a REAL ID-compliant one to use to fly after Oct. 1, 2020 (per federal law), make sure to bring these documents with you to a branch office the first time so you don't have to make multiple trips. <http://Michigan.gov/REALID>



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Just this year, 19 children have died from being left or getting trapped inside a car. Temperatures can soar to deadly levels in minutes. Never leave your child alone in a vehicle and always #CheckForBaby. #HeatstrokeKills



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