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## AUGUST

## New Session at the Annual International Conference (AIC) - Register Now!

A new **Multi-Agency Coordination During Incident Response** session will take place during this year's [Annual International Conference](#) (AIC) on **Thursday, August 23, from 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm**. Facilitated by Assistant Chief Jason Berry, Washington State Patrol (WSP) and chair of the Law Enforcement Standing Committee, this session will provide information on how the National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) incident launches fit into the larger incident management scheme, as well as their involvement in the DuPont, WA train derailment. WSP presenters will describe state-level perspectives on DuPont Train Crash Incident Command and Investigation coordination activities, including the use of advanced technology to minimize road closure time while providing a quality investigation. Additional speakers include Rolando Garcia from the National Transportation Safety Board and Captain Jay Cabezuela and Trooper Detective Eric Gunderson from the WSP. Attend this session and more by [clicking here to register](#) for the AIC!

## NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group Seeks Volunteers

The purpose of the [NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group](#) is to identify requirements for law enforcement's use of NMVTIS, and to increase awareness and usage of the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool. This Working Group operates under the auspices of the [AAMVA Law Enforcement Standing Committee](#) and normally meets in-person once per year. Allowable meeting travel expenses are paid by AAMVA.

AAMVA is seeking three (3) Law Enforcement Representatives to fill vacancies on the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group. There is one vacancy each in Regions 2 and 3, and a vacancy for a law enforcement Canadian jurisdiction representative. Selected members will provide resources and knowledge related to law enforcement's use of NMVTIS, and provide input into methods law enforcement can best utilize NMVTIS for vehicle crime investigations. The law enforcement representative will have experience working with the NMVTIS program and/or experience in the investigation of vehicle related crimes.

If you would like to apply for this working group, please [complete the application](#) and email it to Dianne Graham at [committees@aamva.org](mailto:committees@aamva.org). **Applications must be received by August 10, 2018**. If you have questions about the working group, please contact [Paul Steier](#).

## Alert: Annual International Conference, Beware of Fraudulent Phone Calls

If you are receiving phone calls or emails from any organization or person indicating they have a block of rooms at the Marriott Philadelphia at a lower rate, please note

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#### OUR WEBINARS

**August 7, 2018 -**  
[NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 1](#)

**August 14, 2018 -**  
[NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

**August 21, 2018 -**  
[NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

**August 28, 2018 -**  
[NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

**August 30, 2018 -**  
[NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 1](#)

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that they are **not affiliated with AAMVA in any way**. Please continue to contact the [Philadelphia Marriott Downtown](#) directly to book rooms for the Annual International Conference. Visit the [AIC website](#) for more details about hotel and travel arrangements, and to [register online](#) today!

## REGION 1 NEWS

### 'Drive to Save Lives' Campaign, Heavy Traffic Enforcement Coming (Delaware)

Delaware State Police is partnering with the Delaware Office of Highway Safety and other organizations for a Drivesafe initiative on August 3 and 4, 2018. The 'Drive to Save Lives in Delaware' supports the International Association of Chiefs of Police and has goals of reducing traffic injuries and deaths along with combating distracted driving, impaired driving and speeding. [Read the article at wdel.com](#).

### Delaware Driver's License Has New Security Measures

You may not be able to see it but for Delaware motorists their driver's license will be embedded with secret security features. The Wilmington News Journal reports that it's part of the First State's move to comply with the federal REAL ID act. There are barcodes that are scanned and logged at businesses and government offices. The News Journal reports that license photos are also linked to a national facial recognition database. [Read the article at delmarvapublicradio.net](#).

### New Hampshire Expands Charity License Plate Program

New Hampshire drivers who want to show their financial support for various charities and organizations on their license plates now have more than a dozen options. Republican Gov. Chris Sununu on Wednesday signed a bill expanding the state's year-old decal plate program. The special plates have a 3-inch blank square on the left side where a decal issued by authorized organizations can be placed. The program started last year with three eligible organizations, but now includes another 11. Among the new additions are The Boy Scouts of America, the New Hampshire Food Bank, the University System of New Hampshire and organizations that support families dealing with pediatric cancer, mental illness and substance use disorders. [Read the article at usnews.com](#).

### Petition Calls for Stricter Rules for Senior Drivers (New York)

Some New Yorkers are calling on state officials for more testing for elderly drivers. A petition being circulated calls for New York's drivers to take a driving test every two years once they turn 80. The push comes after 17-year-old Madeline Sershen was killed while crossing the street in Queens last month by an 88-year-old driver. [Read the article at westchester.news12.com](#).

### Self-Driving Car Companies Muted on Updated PennDOT Guidelines

Self-driving car companies testing in Pennsylvania may have to have a second safety engineer in the passenger seat if they want to comply with new state guidelines. Updated voluntary guidelines released last week from PennDOT ask that companies have a second person in the car when traveling faster than 25 mph or provide a solo driver with extra safety training. The guidelines also ask companies to submit a "Notice of Testing" with information about the company, the vehicles it intends to test and where, and who will be behind the wheel. [Read the article at triblive.com](#).

### Vanity Plates Selling Like Hot Cakes in Quebec

Quebec vanity license plates are available for the first time, and they're proving immensely popular. The Quebec automobile insurance board's (SAAQ) web site crashed on Friday just an hour after the plates became available. [Read the article at](#)

[AAMVA RFQ FY18-096:  
Conference Room Audio Visual  
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**Deadline: August 7, 2018**

[AAMVA RFP # FY18-100 2018  
December NDR Working Group  
Meetin](#)

**Deadline: August 9, 2018**

## REGION 2 NEWS

### Florida Highway Patrol Investigation Leads to Guilty Plea

As the result of a Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Bureau of Investigations and Intelligence and Division of Motorist Services Quality Assurance Program investigation which began in 2016, Roberta Mary Cotton has pled guilty to one count of Scheme to Defraud the State of Florida and 41 counts of Falsifying Public Records. Circuit Judge Christopher Patterson accepted her plea this week and sentenced her to four years in prison followed by five years of probation. FHP's investigation uncovered that Roberta Mary Cotton and Genene Hill Hall were stealing the \$225 impact fee for registering new tags in Florida and had forged more than 200 records. [Read the press release at flhsmv.gov.](#)

### Fewer Tickets and More Crashes on Florida's Roads

South Florida's roads have gotten more dangerous, yet fewer drivers are getting tickets. State records show 33,821 more crashes in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties in 2017 than in 2012. At the same time, cops in the three counties issued a half-million fewer tickets for speeding and other non-criminal moving violations. Some law officers say traffic citations have taken a back seat to other priorities because of staffing shortages. They say they're also relying more on educational efforts and on verbal or written warnings to curb bad road behavior. [Read the article at sun-sentinel.com.](#)

### Back to School: AAA Kicks off Annual Safe Driving Campaign (Georgia)

As schools across the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry are getting ready to welcome students, AAA wants to give drivers a heads up. The organization kicked off its annual "School's Open, Drive Safely" campaign on Monday and it's the first year Georgia's Hands-Free law is in effect. "Most of our injuries that occur on school buses do not occur on the bus, they occur getting on and off the bus," said Harris Blackwood, Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety, adding, "Many times that is because of distracted drivers and we're very excited that we now have the Hands-Free law." [Read the article at wsav.com.](#)

### The Self-Driving Cars Hitting the Road in Texas Today are Unlike Any We've Seen Before

There's a very different-looking kind of self-driving car on the streets of Texas today. Instead of the spotless white look of the autonomous cars owned by Waymo or Cruise Automation, these vehicles are highlighter orange, bright to the point of searing, with a wavy blue stripe and the words "self-driving vehicle" in bold font. Even more bizarre are the four LED screens — one on the hood, two above each of the front tires, and one on the rear — that display messages to pedestrians and anyone else in close proximity to the car. [Read the article at theverge.com.](#)

## REGION 3 NEWS

### New Minnesota Law Extends Drunken Driving Restrictions to Recreational Vehicles

Minnesotans operating recreational vehicles such as boats, all-terrain vehicles, jet skis, snowmobiles and other powered vehicles while drinking now are being treated the same as people who drink and drive cars or trucks. That is good news to Marybeth Lonnee, grandmother of an 8-year-old boy who died in January after being struck by a snowmobile operated by a man whose driver's license was revoked after being convicted of drunken driving multiple times. [Read the article at inforum.com.](#)

## Nebraska Legislators Look to Iowa for Model on How to Crack Down on Distracted Driving

A year after Iowa began cracking down on texting while driving, advocates and lawmakers in Nebraska hope to implement a similar policy. Nebraska and Iowa both banned texting while driving in 2010 but classified the infraction as a “secondary offense,” meaning drivers must commit another traffic violation to be pulled over. Iowa made texting a primary offense last year, joining the majority of other states and offering Nebraska a legislative road map should the state decide to follow suit. [Read the article at omaha.com.](#)

## 'It's a Good Trend': Fatalities on Wisconsin Roadways on the Decline

The reasons are difficult to pinpoint, but traffic deaths in Wisconsin are on the decline in 2018. “It’s a good trend,” said David Pabst, director of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s bureau of safety. “But it’s a little early to speculate as to why.” The state’s death toll was at 309 as of last Thursday, compared with 330 at the same time in 2017. Pabst said that amounts to a reduction of 6 percent. In 2017, there were 594 fatalities, and state officials hope the downward trend will continue into the fall and winter months of this year. [Read the article at postcrescent.com.](#)

### REGION 4 NEWS

## Autonomous Cars Would Navigate Sacramento Streets With a Backup Driver 100 Miles Away (California)

Sacramento has signed a deal with a Silicon Valley firm to use downtown streets as a testing ground for autonomous vehicles that will be monitored by remote “drivers” sitting at computers in Silicon Valley. The deal with Phantom Auto is expected to prepare Sacramento over the next six months to be perhaps the first city in California where autonomous vehicles with no occupants are tested in traffic on public streets. Those vehicles instead would be monitored by a person sitting in an office at computer video screens - possibly more than 100 miles away at Phantom Auto’s headquarters in Mountain View - who can take control of the vehicle if its on-board computer system can’t figure out how to navigate the road. [Read the article at sacbee.com.](#)

## Study: San Diego DUI Arrests Declining from Ride Sharing (California)

Driving under the influence arrests have dropped noticeably in cities where ride sharing programs have expanded, a new study says. An analysis performed by Moll Law Group and the University of California says DUI arrests in San Diego dropped 32% from 2015 to 2016. The study also looked at four other major cities with declines in California: 28% in San Jose, 26% in Sacramento, 14% for Los Angeles and the San Francisco-Oakland area. “We still seeing quite a few impaired people, they’re just not sitting in the front seat,” said Mark McCullough with San Diego Police Department’s traffic division. [Read the article at 10news.com.](#)

## ADOT’s Truck Driver Training in Mexico Marks Successful First Year (Arizona)

On a Monday morning one year ago, five uniformed officers from the Arizona Department of Transportation’s Enforcement and Compliance Division drove south, crossing the Mexican border at San Luis south of Yuma on a mission that had never been attempted. Their task: Make Arizona roads safer and boost the state’s economy by training Mexican truck drivers and mechanics – in Mexico – about the safety regulations they must follow to drive on U.S. roads. In its first year, the International Border Inspection Qualification program has made a dramatic difference in the number of violations found during safety inspections, the number of trucks pulled off the road

for significant repairs and the amount of time drivers spend waiting at the border before they can deliver their products to U.S. markets. [Read the press release at azdot.gov.](#)

## **Motorcyclist Fatalities Up In Arizona, Which Has Lax Helmet Law**

There's some good news tucked in with the bad news about motorcyclist fatalities in the United States: Motorcyclists are still dying at a much higher rate than other motorists, but fatalities decreased in 2017 compared to 2016, when deaths hit an eight-year high. In Arizona, though, motorcycle fatalities increased 14.6 percent during the period. Preliminary data from the Governors Highway Safety Association showed that 165 motorcycle fatalities were reported in Arizona in 2017. That compares with 144 fatalities in 2016. Overall, 4,798 people were killed in motorcycle crashes in 2017, compared to 5,251 the year prior, an 8.6 percent decrease, according to the report. [Read the article at patch.com.](#)

### **OTHER NEWS**

## **Autonomous Motorcycles Want to Share the Road with Self-Driving Cars**

First, car makers vowed to take the human element out of driving. Now, motorcycle manufacturers want to do the same. But just as the driverless car movement has faced its fair share of skepticism and controversy, it's not entirely clear that the world needs — or wants — autonomous motorcycles on the road ... Manufacturers have actually been creating prototypes of self-driving motorcycles for years, and they're only just now beginning to share them with the public. [Read the article at theweek.com.](#)

## **Bosch Teams Up with Forcera to Warn Driverless Cars if Weather Affects Road Conditions**

Bosch is addressing a real problem for autonomous cars, by alerting the vehicle itself, as well as other nearby autonomous vehicles, to weather hazards such as ice, which might affect a vehicle's handling. With this data, adjustments can be made to autonomous driving systems. [Read the article at futurecar.com.](#)

## **Deaths in Red-Light Running Crashes are on the Rise; New Guidelines Released**

Red-light-running is one of the most common factors in urban crashes and fatalities from them have risen in recent years. In 2016, more than 800 people died, an increase of 17 percent from 2012. One of the main reasons for the increase in the death toll is the decline in the number of programs in U.S. communities that use the automated technology to enforce the law ... As of July, 421 communities nationally had red light camera programs, down from 533 that had a program at any time during 2012. While new programs continue to be added, more were discontinued than were initiated, according to the institute. Commonly cited reasons for ending programs included a reduction in camera citations, financial issues, and community opposition. [Read the article at forbes.com.](#)

## **Will Self-Driving Cars Kill Parking?**

Some people have postulated that autonomous ridesharing cars will never need to park and cities of the future will not need street parking, parking lots or parking garages. But parking is far from dead. In fact, the \$100 billion market may be poised to grow. We've heard from parking startup founders that many Silicon Valley investors have rejected parking as a thing of the past, rallying around alternatives — for example, investing more than \$100 million in valet parking startups that didn't pan out. Even these parking investments are a drop in the bucket compared to the estimated \$80 billion invested in autonomous vehicles in just the past three years. In these peoples' minds, autonomous cars will simply whisk us off to our destination, then pick

up another passenger, collect their groceries from Draeger's, or simply spin around in circles waiting to pick them up again. [Read the article at techcrunch.com](#).

## Uber Shuts Down its Controversy-Steeped Self-Driving Truck Effort to Focus on Autonomous Cars

Uber's self-driving vehicle efforts are now entirely focused on automobiles, a technological challenge that could mean a financial windfall to ride-hailing companies. The company recently announced it was shuttering its self-driving truck division, which after its founding in 2016 almost immediately became mired in controversy and was the subject of a lawsuit by rival self-driving car company, Google-owned Waymo. [Read the article at usatoday.com](#).

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### On Twitter

@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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#### Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles @FLHSMV | [View the Tweet](#)

On this day in 1939, the Florida Highway Patrol was formed by the FL Legislature to ensure safety on the roads of our GREAT STATE. The FHP motto of courtesy, service and protection continues for Florida's 20M residents & 100M visitors. Happy 79th Birthday, #FHP! #BlackandTan



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#### Ride Safe Indiana @ridesafeindiana | [View the Tweet](#)

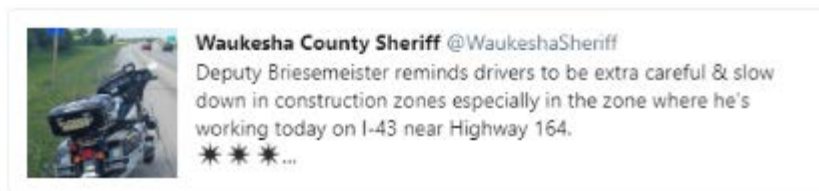
Motorcyclists: Wear a DOT-compliant helmet and use reflective tape and gear to be more visible. Always remember to #ShareTheRoad. Learn more about motorcycle safety at <http://ow.ly/PkUY30I6knP>. #MotorcycleSafety #RideSafe #RideSafeIndiana



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**WisDOT SE Region @WisDOTsoutheast | [View the Tweet](#)**

A good message and reminder from our friends out here in Waukesha County!







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

Leaving a child alone in a vehicle is a deadly mistake. Ten minutes is enough time for temperatures inside your vehicle to rise to deadly levels. Help us spread the word. Join our chat to remind everyone to #CheckForBaby. #HeatstrokeKills

# Heatstroke Prevention

**Twitter Chat**  
August 8, 2018  
3 – 4 p.m. ET



#HeatstrokeKills #CheckForBaby

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@NYSGTSC and XFINITY series race car driver @RossChastain again team at @WGI up to promote seatbelt use and help increase compliance among New Yorkers. More: <https://on.ny.gov/2vGxJof>





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