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AAMVA Attends Inaugural NASID Meeting

Brian Ursino, Director, Law Enforcement, attended the inaugural meeting of the National Alliance to Stop Impaired Driving (NASID) in Washington, DC July 29 & 30, 2021. The NASID conference was presented by Responsibility.Org in collaboration with the Governors Highway Safety Association and the AAA. AAMVA is in the process of becoming an Allied member of NASID.



Pictured with Brian are Chris Swonger, President & CEO, and Darrin Grondel, Vice President of Government Relations and Traffic Safety at Responsibility.Org.

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

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

- [Uber, Lyft Seen Boosted by Return of Riders, but Driver Shortage, Stubborn Virus Cloud Outlook](#)
- [Trucking Crisis Has the U.S. Looking for More Drivers Abroad](#)
- [More Workers Are Returning To the Office, the Pandemic-Era Commute Might Be Changed Forever.](#)

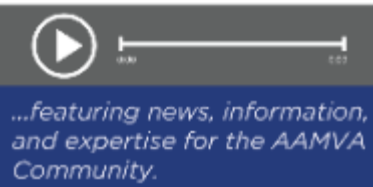
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- [Pandemic Forced Many New Hampshire DMV Services Online, and They're Staying There](#)
- [Traffic Continues To Grow on DC-Area Highways Following Pandemic](#)

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- [Northam Requires COVID-19 Vaccination or Routine Testing for State Workers \(Virginia\)](#)
- [Could DMV Appointments Go Away? Virginia Lawmakers Push To Bring Back Walk-in Services](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Secretary of State Launches New Plan To Cut Down on Wait Times at the DMV \(Illinois\)](#)

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- [REAL ID Without a DMV Visit May Be Happening Soon \(California\)](#)
- [Washington State Grappling With License-Plate Shortage as Pandemic Slows Production](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Maryland Moves To Secure State's Data

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan is taking steps to protect the state's critical infrastructure and strengthen its cyber ecosystem. The initiatives were announced at a recent cybersecurity summit in Annapolis that brought together representatives from the White House, Congress, the National Security Agency, academic leaders and private-sector experts. [Read more at gcn.com.](#)

DOT Moves To Regulate Self-Driving Car Tests on NYC Streets (New York)

The de Blasio Administration wants to force companies that road-test self-driving cars on the streets in spots around the five boroughs to apply for permits, according to recently proposed changes to city rules. The tests would be preliminary, and only be allowed with a person sitting behind the wheel to take over if anything goes wrong, according to the changes, which were published in the City Record on Monday. [Read more at nypost.com.](#)

DMV Warns of Phishing Scheme (New York)

The state Division of Consumer Protection and the Department of Motor Vehicles are warning New Yorkers of a text message phishing scheme. Phishing texts are fraudulent messages designed to obtain data or sensitive personal information to be used to commit identity theft or trick the recipient into installing malicious software onto a computer or mobile device. [Read more at observertoday.com.](#)

'Used Car King of NY' Busted in Prolific Paper License Plate Scam (New York)

The self-proclaimed "Used Car King of New York" that police believe is responsible for the scourge of fake paper license plates in the Big Apple is now facing federal charges in Texas in the prolific scam, The Post has learned. Octavian Ocasio, 49, sold as many as 3,000 phony paper tags in the

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past year alone, pocketing more than \$250,000 from customers that include gangbangers and car thieves, police sources told The Post. [Read more at nypost.com.](#)

Ontarian Alters Local Speed Limit, Police Clap Back (Ontario)

One resident of the Clarington area, about an hour east of Toronto, is apparently waging a one-person campaign against one of the posted speed limits in their town. Durham Regional Police Service tweeted over the weekend that someone plastered a new maximum speed limit on a sign (or signs) in the district, covering up the officially posted numerals. [Read more at driving.ca.](#)

Highway Safety Still a Concern as Vermont Prepares for Retail Cannabis Sales

Vermont's preparations for a retail marijuana market are now focused on what's been a point of contention for several years – ensuring law enforcement has the tools needed to identify impaired drivers on the road. Vermont's Cannabis Control Board took up the topic at their meeting Thursday morning, with Vermont State Police Sgt. Jay Rikken offering his thoughts. [Read more at mychamplainvalley.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Department of Driver Services Cautions About Fake DMV Websites/Apps Charging for Appointments/Manuals (Georgia)

Department of Driver Services Commissioner Spencer R. Moore urges customers to be aware of third-party websites and apps who charge upfront for road test reservations and other driver services. While it is necessary to schedule for testing, DDS does not charge for non-commercial road test appointments. (commercial road tests are paid for at the time the appointment is made), according to a press release. [Read more at ajc.com.](#)

Chattanooga, Tenn., To Explore the Many Uses of Traffic Data (Tennessee)

Transportation data in Chattanooga, Tenn., is being shared across departments and community stakeholders to grow insights into everything from pedestrian safety to economic activity...The corridor will examine variables like the design of intersections, as well as pedestrian and traffic patterns, said Belew. [Read more at govtech.com.](#)

Fake Texas Temporary Car Tags Linked to Crimes as Far Away as New York

Fake Texas temporary vehicle tags are showing up in crime scenes as far away as New York and a recent FBI investigation found more than a half-million fraudulent paper tags were sold by just three people to buyers across the country. "One reason it helps them is it's a ghost car," New York Police Department detective Maureen Stefenelli said. [Read more at nbcdfw.com.](#)

Police Team With Task Force To Recover 17 Stolen

Trucks, SUVs From Illegal Texas Chop Shop

More than a dozen stolen vehicles have been recovered from a location believed to be a chop shop for the DFW area. On August 3 detectives from the Dallas Sheriff's North Texas Auto Theft Task Force (NTATTF) and the Seagoville Police Department recovered a total of 17 vehicles from a warehouse in the 2500 block of North Highway 175 in the Seagoville. [Read more at dfw.cbslocal.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Older Raised-Letter Kansas License Plates Subject to Distortion From Surface Blisters

Ravages of time and harsh weather are creating the blistered and peeling raised-lettered license plates still in use on Kansas vehicles. "Probably the cause is normal wear and tear," said David Harper, director of the state's vehicle and property valuation divisions in the Kansas Department of Revenue. [Read more at kansasreflector.com.](#)

Western Michigan University Receives \$2.5M Grant for Research Into Energy-Efficient Autonomous Cars

Researchers in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences received a three-year, \$2.5-million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy for research aimed at developing infrastructure-based technology to improve the energy efficiency in autonomous vehicles, according to a press release from the university. [Read more at mlive.com.](#)

Families of Crash Victims Get Annual Sympathy Card From Chief of Minnesota State Patrol

Sure as a sunrise, the envelope arrives each year in the mailbox of Bruce and Sharon Pearson. "We have received 15 and this year will be the 16th," Sharon Pearson says. "That card has always arrived by the 9th of December. Sharon Pearson remembers tearing up as she read the first one. The note had arrived on the anniversary of their 14-year-old daughter Hannah's death in a traffic accident. [Read more at kare11.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Argo AI Picks up Permit in California That Allows for Public Rides in Autonomous Vehicles

Pittsburgh-based Argo AI has secured a new permit from the California Public Utilities Commission that allows the autonomous vehicle technology company to offer rides to public passengers. Per the permit's guidelines, which is part of California's Drivered Autonomous Vehicle Passenger Service Pilot program, rides must be offered at no cost to the passenger, and an operator must be present in the driver's seat of the vehicle. [Read more at wpxi.com.](#)

California Offers Rebates for Installing EV Charging Stations

If you want to install a publicly accessible electric vehicle charging station at your business or on your property, the California Energy Commission is offering a program that will cover most of the cost. The commission announced Thursday that \$12 million in rebates will soon be available for the

installation of EV charging stations in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. [Read more at govtech.com](#).

New Mexico Targets Vehicle Emissions

New Mexico is crafting “clean car” standards that could go into effect by 2025, in an effort to target the state’s second-largest source of greenhouse gas emissions. State regulators want to adopt California’s rules requiring more fuel-efficient vehicles and zero-emission vehicles. California’s standards are the strictest in the nation, and states can choose either to adopt those rules or the federal government’s more relaxed standards. [Read more at abqjournal.com](#).

Most Fatalities on Sask. Rural Roads Are Single Vehicle Crashes: SGI (Saskatchewan)

Loose gravel is a contributing factor in a large number of single vehicle crashes on Saskatchewan’s rural roads each year, according to SGI. SGI’s Traffic Safety Spotlight for August is offering tips on how to drive more safely when driving off the pavement. Gravel roads pose specific safety hazards drivers need to be aware of. Loose gravel makes it more difficult to steer around corners, and dust can cause issues with visibility. [Read more at regina.ctvnews.ca](#).

OTHER NEWS

New ATRI Initiative Studies Methods for Finding Safe Younger Drivers

A new initiative from the American Transportation Research Institute is exploring development of an assessment tool to identify the safest drivers among 18- to 20-year-olds, a key group that the trucking industry is targeting for expanded eligibility of commercial driver licenses for interstate travel. [Read more at tnews.com](#).

US Senate Committee Approves NTSB Nominee

President Joe Biden’s nominee to lead a key federal transportation investigatory unit was easily approved by a U.S. Senate panel Aug. 4. During a Commerce Committee legislative hearing prior to this month’s congressional recess, Jennifer Homendy’s nomination to become chairwoman of the National Transportation Safety Board garnered voice vote approval. [Read more at tnews.com](#).

Governors Aim To Reduce Racial Disparities in Traffic Enforcement, Safety

When traffic enforcement focuses on who a driver is, rather than what they’re doing, the person behind the wheel is not only more at risk of getting a ticket, but also less likely to remain safe...Tuesday, GHSA released a report, including 10 recommendations, to help reduce racial disparities in highway safety. [Read more at wtop.com](#).

Driverless Semi Reaches Milestone in Test, Plus Says

Silicon Valley startup Plus says the global race to develop fully autonomous trucks reached a milestone when a semi used its technology to navigate traffic on a Chinese highway with no driver, even as a safety backup. Plus

said the trial took place on the newly built Wufengshan highway in the Yangtze delta in late June. [Read more at tnews.com.](#)

Kids and Cars: Today's Teens in No Rush To Start Driving

Michael Andretti has a 21-year-old son with zero interest in obtaining a driver's license. Rideshare apps get him where he wants to go...The teenage rite of passage of rushing to the DMV on your birthday to get that plastic card that represents freedom has changed dramatically over the last 30 years. [Read more at apnews.com.](#)

'No Turning Back:' Biden Signs Order Targeting Half of All Vehicles Sold in US To Be Zero-Emissions by 2030

President Joe Biden said "there's no turning back" on the future of an electric auto industry Thursday as he signed an executive order setting a target for zero-emissions vehicles to account for half of all automobiles sold in the USA by 2030. The nonbinding goal hinges on major investments by the federal government in charging stations and other infrastructure. [Read more at usatoday.com.](#)

U.S. Senate Bill Seeks to Require Anti-Drunk Driving Vehicle Tech

A \$1 trillion infrastructure bill under debate by the U.S. Senate includes a provision that directs U.S. regulators to mandate a passive technology to prevent intoxicated drivers from starting vehicles and avert more than 10,000 deaths annually. For more than 15 years, automakers and others have studied potential technological fixes to address the roughly one-third of annual U.S. traffic deaths that involved impaired drivers. [Read more at usnews.com.](#)

New Technology for Transportation Safety

The Federal Communication Commission's final rule to reallocate 45 megahertz of the 75 megahertz previously allocated to transportation safety went into effect in early July. The rule is being appealed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, but, in the meantime, cities are experimenting with other types of technology. [Read more at forbes.com.](#)

The Apps That Are Redefining Accessibility

When Covid-19 catapulted society into a new age of remote work, school and life, educators, economists and activists warned of a widening divide in access to the digital tools that enable participation...But a host of innovators and companies are working to tackle that problem with digital tools and technologies designed to be usable by anyone, regardless of ability. [Read more at bloomberg.com.](#)

TWITTER NEWS

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community on social media. You may be surprised at what you're missing! Here are a few highlights of last weeks' activity.



State Troopers
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American Association of State Troopers on LinkedIn: #NHSP

Great news! Thanks to all of your votes, #NHSP has earned a spot in the 2022 Best Looking Cruiser Calendar! 📅 Follow American Association of State ...



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We hope to see you out there, because it's always a blast!

Bandimere Speedway @Bandimere - Aug 4

The "Responsible Speed" program was created by the @CSP_News & Bandimere to provide a positive alternative to illegal street racing by 'Taking it to the Track' - providing a controlled, safe and fun drag racing program available to all CO drivers. Join us tonight from 4-9pm!



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Corporal Goff
@STP_CRO

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Photos from [#safeDRIVE](#) Our officers are continuing to work to remove reckless drivers from our interstates in South Carolina. Commercial Drivers, perform your pre-trips correctly and know the laws on acceptable weight on the highways. [#targetzero](#)



KS Highway Patrol Retweeted



Drive Safe Kansas - KDOT
@DriveSafeKansas

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Make sure your child is buckled into their car seat - and that the car seat is properly installed in the vehicle!

Need help installing a car seat?

Visit ktsro.org/child-passenge... to learn where you can get it checked for free!



wtop.com

Good Samaritans rescue toddler who fell from mom's vehicle | WTOP
Mark and Tawana Brown, of Stafford, Virginia, were driving home from a barbecue when they noticed something in the road.



This week, the Florida Highway Patrol participated in Operation SafeDRIVE. Enforcement efforts focused on aggressive driving, speeding, tailgating, failing to wear safety belts and CMV industry regulations such as hours of service and medical certification.



Georgia Department of Public Safety
@ga_dps

SafeDrive continues today. The goal for SafeDRIVE is to eliminate highway fatalities due to commercial motor vehicle collisions. MCCD Officers are working hard to keep Georgia roadways safe. #SafeDrive #FMCSA #gamccd





Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services
@MnDPS_DVS



Due to recent legislation, the fees for new, duplicate and 7-year replacement license plates increased on Aug. 1.

Learn more: ow.ly/1HUp50FL8bE



Michigan State Police Retweeted



@MSPWestMI
@mspwestmi



This is why we ask you to move over for emergency vehicles and slow your speeds on the highways! Thankfully no one was seriously injured, but this is why motorists need to allow room between their vehicle and the one ahead of them. Allow for a "reactionary gap" between vehicles.





New Hampshire DMV
@NH_DMV



The NH DMV implemented many new online services during the pandemic. This recent WMUR Channel 9 story highlights our online services as well as the benefits to scheduling an appointment before going to a DMV office.



wmur.com

Pandemic forced many DMV services online, and they're staying there
New Hampshire's Department of Motor Vehicles is keeping some of the changes it made during the pandemic, with officials saying that allowing more ...



NYS DMV
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.@RossChastain is always happy to meet with fans. He will do so again at 9 a.m. tomorrow at the DMV booth at @WGI.

Ross Chastain @RossChastain - Aug 5

We're out here at the entrance of the Watkins Glen State Park all morning, reminding both adults and kids to #BuckleUpNY in the front and back seat!
#ProtectYourMelon





District 8 Driver Services Branch Managers & their District Manager met with @THPJackson Sgt. Jena Eubanks to complete task requirements for child-restraint device re-certification. This allows these individuals to assist, ensuring children are properly secured in their vehicle!



TN Highway Patrol



It is with great pleasure that we congratulate Pamela Scully - #Vermont Examiner of the Year recipient. @AAMVACconnection dmv.vermont.gov/awards/examine...





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