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2020 October and November Meetings Cancelled

The 2020 AAMVA Region 4 Chief Administrators Meeting, scheduled for October 28-30, 2020 in Henderson, NV, and the 2020 Region 2 Board, Planning and Administrators Meeting, scheduled for November 16-18, 2020 in Norfolk, VA, have been canceled due to health and safety concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus) as well as travel bans being imposed by many entities that traditionally participate in these events. For questions, please contact [Julie Knittle](#), [Patrice Aasmo](#), or [Samara Fetner](#).

FEATURED NEWS

Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19

[Click here](#) to view consolidated information and see how motor vehicle administrations are handling driver licensing and vehicle registration. This document will be updated with the most current information on our [homepage](#).

Motor Vehicle Industry Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

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

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

- [Clear Goes Beyond Airports with Its COVID-19 Screening Service](#)
- [Safe Driving on Roads Less Traveled](#)
- [CVTA: Driver Learner Permit, CDL Testing Delays Persist](#)
- [UPS, FedEx Gear Up to Ship COVID-19 Vaccine When Ready](#)
- [State Department Lifts Global Advisory on Avoiding International Travel Amid COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Stamford DMV Plans Reopening After Closing Due to COVID \(Connecticut\)](#)
- [RMV to Pilot Drop-Off Registration and Title Services \(Massachusetts\)](#)
- [New York City Sets up Quarantine Checkpoints as It Toughens State Travel Restrictions](#)
- [Local DMV Branches Accepting Appointments Starting Monday \(New York\)](#)
- [Nova Scotians Can Now Renew Their Driver's Licence Online](#)
- [Rhode Island DMV Customers Have Hard Time Getting Appointments](#)
- [Vermonters Still Facing Roadblocks With DMV Delays](#)

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OUR EVENTS

The 2020 Annual International Conference (AIC), as well as the Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, and Region 4 conferences are cancelled. Visit our website for the full cancellation list.

SEPTEMBER

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SYSTEMS TRAINING

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AUGUST - CDLIS

11 | [CDLIS 10 Year History \(intermediate\)](#)

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

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

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

25 | [CDLIS Rules for Driver](#)

[Florida Economists: Driving, Highway Fees Take a Hit in Sunshine State](#)

- [Is There a Grace Period for Expired License Plates? \(Florida\)](#)
- [Georgia Driver Services Serves More Than 1 Million Customers During Pandemic](#)
- [KYTC Regional Driver Licensing Office in Prestonsburg Opens \(Kentucky\)](#)
- [Road Test Waivers in Effect at DMV \(North Carolina\)](#)
- [DMV Reopening Five More Customer Service Centers \(Virginia\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Recently Expired Driver's Licenses Ok to Use for Voting \(Kansas\)](#)
- [Minnesotans May Use COVID-19 Related Expired Licenses, ID Cards to Register to Vote](#)
- [The DMV Location at Oconomowoc's Library Has Closed Partly Because of the Coronavirus \(Wisconsin\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [ETAP Podcast: Arizona DOT's Innovative Approach to Virtual Public Involvement](#)
- [DMV Encourages Online Driver's License Renewal, Extends Deadlines \(California\)](#)
- [DMV Expands Online Services with Commercial Driver's License Renewals \(California\)](#)
- [We Heard From 600 California State Workers in a Coronavirus Survey. Here Are Their Concerns](#)
- [Additional Extension Granted for Expiring Driver Licenses and IDs \(Wyoming\)](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Cromwell Police Enforcing 'U Drive, U Text, U Pay' (Connecticut)

The Cromwell Police Department, assisted by the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office and U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, are continuing to ticket motorists who are violating texting and driving statutes. The "U Drive. U Text. U Pay." initiative is an effort to crackdown on motorists who choose to text, talk, or otherwise distract themselves from the task of driving by using a hand-held mobile phone, according to a press release. [Read more at middletownpress.com](#).

New Hampshire Makes It Legal to Drive Flying Cars on Public Roads

New Hampshire's fierce embrace of personal freedom confers drivers there a latitude found nowhere else in the nation. The Granite State is the only one that doesn't legally mandate wearing a seat belt...Looking to the future, Governor Chris Sununu signed House Bill 1182 into law. Covered by Forbes, the "Jetson Bill," HB 1182 legalizes driving a flying car on public roads. Specifically, the law creates a way for the owner of a "roadable aircraft" to register with the Division of Motor Vehicles and pay a fee to get license plates, but using the car as a plane can still only happen at an airport. [Read more at autoblog.com](#).

[Withdrawals \(intermediate\)](#)

26 | [CD16 Report Out-of-State Withdrawal \(intermediate\)](#)

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OUR WEBINARS

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SEPTEMBER

Governor Cuomo Announces Statewide Crackdown on Speeding (New York)

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York State Police and local law enforcement will be increasing patrols over the next week to crack down on speeding across the state. Unsafe speed was a contributing factor in 34 percent of all fatal crashes from January to May this year, compared to 30 percent of fatal crashes during the same period in 2019, according to data from the Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research at the University at Albany's Rockefeller College. [Read more at governor.ny.gov.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

State Approves Moving Forward with REAL ID Office (Kentucky)

Daviess Fiscal Court has received the go-ahead to begin the renovation process for the opening of Daviess County's REAL ID office. REAL ID is a federally mandated form of identification that meets increased security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards. Travelers will be required to provide either a REAL ID or another Transportation Security Administration-approved form of identification in order to fly after Oct. 1, 2021, or to visit military bases and federal facilities that require identification. [Read more at messenger-inquirer.com.](#)

Oklahoma Highway Safety Report Shows Decrease in Roadway Deaths

The Oklahoma Highway Safety Office released their annual crash data summary Based on 80-thousand crashes, and compared to 2018 some areas have improved. That includes the overall death number, which fell from 655 to 640. Speed-related and Motorcycle deaths also decreased by more than 20. But other areas saw large spikes. Drug related crashes killed 245 people, an increase of 28. 88 pedestrians were also killed, compared to 2018's 64. [Read more at ksw.com.](#)

Dangers in the Car: TxDOT's New Augmented Reality Game Urges Drivers to Never Drive Distracted (Texas)

Despite stay at home orders and less traffic the past few months, Texas has continued to see about the same amount of fatalities on our state's roadways. In an effort to reach drivers more creatively about the dangers of distracted driving, the Texas Department of Transportation has launched a new web-based augmented reality game that reinforces the importance of paying attention behind the wheel and reminds drivers to keep their heads up. Around 1 in 5 crashes on Texas roads are caused by distracted driving, and all of them are preventable. [Read more at theparisnews.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Gov. Holcomb Announces Next Round of School Bus Safety Patrols (Indiana)

Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced that more than 200 law enforcement agencies will be conducting extra patrols to safeguard students as they get on and off the bus this fall. Over the next couple of months, officers will be positioned along bus stops and routes looking for stop-arm violations and motorists driving dangerously. [Read more at wrbiradio.com.](#)

Yandex, Uber's Russian Partner, Kicks Off Self-Driving Car Tests In Ann Arbor (Michigan)

A Russian tech company has joined the race to develop self-driving vehicles for the

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U.S. market. Yandex, the Moscow ride-sharing service that has partnered with Uber, said Thursday that it's testing a fleet of autonomous Hyundai Sonatas on the streets of Ann Arbor, Michigan. The company also has test fleets in Moscow, Innopolis, Russia, Tel Aviv and has operated tests in Las Vegas. [Read more at forbes.com.](#)

Law Enforcement Campaign Marks 1-Year Anniversary of Hands-Free Law (Minnesota)

Law enforcement officers from across Minnesota are conducting a distracted driving education and enforcement campaign that coincides with the first anniversary of the state's hands-free law. More than 19,000 drivers have been cited under the law enacted Aug. 1, 2019, that prohibits drivers behind the wheel from holding a phone or any electronic device, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. [Read more at startribune.com.](#)

Drivers Respond to Pre-Crash Warnings With Levels of Attentive 'Gaze' (Missouri)

A team of engineers at the University of Missouri conducted open road testing of three collision avoidance systems and demonstrated that a drivers' visual behavior in response to an alert generated from a collision avoidance system can be divided into one of four different behavioral categories: active gaze, self-conscious gaze, attentive gaze and ignored gaze. [Read more at eurekalert.org.](#)

Law Enforcement Prepares for Sturgis Motorcycle Rally (South Dakota)

It's going to be a busy few days for law enforcement across the Black Hills. Hundreds of thousands of motorcyclists are already making their way to Sturgis for the 80th annual Motorcycle Rally. As more bikes make their way to the Black Hills, Pennington County Lt. Dustin Morrison says one of the biggest concerns for law enforcement is motorcycle crashes. "Speed and alcohol are always a factor involved in a lot of motorcycle crashes as well as we have some beautiful areas to ride so keep that in mind. Slow down, don't drink and drive, and enjoy your stay here," Lt. Morrison said. [Read more at siouxlandproud.com.](#)

DMV Explains Steps to Obtain an ID to Vote (Wisconsin)

Most Wisconsin voters already have some form of ID needed to vote, including a Wisconsin driver license or ID. There is no separate "voter ID" and a federally-compliant REAL ID card is not required for voting purposes. The Wisconsin Elections Commission provides a list of acceptable options to bring to the polls on its website, [bringit.wi.gov](#). The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) explains the steps for voters looking to get their first Wisconsin ID. [Read more at hngnews.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

New Anchorage DMV Will Open Monday (Alaska)

Anchorage will have a new, larger DMV location starting Aug. 3 in the University Center. The location had a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday. The old location on Benson Boulevard had 16 customer service stations, and now the new facility has 25 and a larger lobby. "The DMV is also going to be utilizing an online application appointment system, what this means is you don't have to come in and just wait inside the DMV or inside the mall," Alaska Department of Administration Commissioner Kelly Tshibaka said. [Read more at ktuu.com.](#)

Authorities Stress Car Seat Safety After Phoenix Crash Leaves 3 Kids Seriously Injured (Arizona)

Officials with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety say 90% of child safety seats

aren't installed properly, leading to life-threatening circumstances in the event of a crash. Community leaders want parents and guardians to know there are resources available to get quality car seats for your young kids. Seat belts are so important for anyone riding in a car but officials tell 12 News that all too often it's children who aren't properly restrained. [Read more at 12news.com.](#)

DMV Rejects 'Offensive' Army Veteran and Former Police Officer's License Plate Application

A former police officer and U.S. Army veteran is speaking out after he applied for a license plate that reads "BLUTHINL" for "Blue Thin Line" and got rejected by the Department of Motor Vehicles in Napa. "Sorry I get emotional because we love you. I don't know you but we love you." Former Army medic Scott Parkhurst gets emotional when he talks about the DMVs decision to reject his application. [Read more at nbcbayarea.com.](#)

'Nurses Are Busy Enough': CDOT Gets Personal to Encourage Seat Belt Use (Colorado)

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) launched a new public awareness campaign on Tuesday to draw attention to the importance of seat belt safety and the importance of buckling up. Throughout August, CDOT's "Reasons" campaign will remind drivers and passengers about the wide variety of personal reasons people may have for buckling up. [Read more at 9news.com.](#)

Project Preps Traffic for Self-Driving Cars, More (Hawaii)

A University of Hawaii at Mānoa College of Engineering pilot project is expected to greatly improve traffic flow through a critical Honolulu corridor, while giving students hands-on experience to prepare them for future careers. This unprecedented initiative—through a partnership with Econolite, the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Goldwings Supply—will utilize "Vehicle-to-Everything" communication technology, which connects vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists, to the infrastructure. [Read more at hawaii.edu.](#)

Oregon Is Now REAL ID Compliant - But What Does That Mean?

There is no line at the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles. But don't expect to waltz right in. Since the start of the global pandemic, DMV services are by appointment only...As of Monday, Aug. 3, Oregon became officially compliant with the Real ID Act of 2005, a federal law that requires beefed-up forms of identification for adults to pass through airport security for domestic flights. [Read more at pamplinmedia.com.](#)

Utah County Man Facing Numerous Odometer Fraud Cases Is Charged Again

A man who has several pending cases on charges of changing the odometers of vehicles and selling them has been charged yet again. Steve Stone, 25, of Lehi, was charged Thursday in 3rd District Court with fraudulently changing an odometer, a third-degree felony. On July 11, 2019, a man met with Stone to buy a vehicle he found online, according to charging documents. After purchasing the vehicle, the victim "checked the Carfax history and discovered a mileage discrepancy of over 90,000 miles," the charges state. [Read more at deseret.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

AAA Finds New Semi-Autonomous Driving Systems Suffer Repeated "Issues"

Ford plans to introduce its new Active Drive Assist system on several 2021 models, including the all-electric Mach-E, while Cadillac is expanding the use of its own Super Cruise in the coming year, both systems allowing drivers to travel for extended periods with hands off the wheel. Similar, semi-autonomous technologies are popping up across the automotive market, though capabilities vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. They're designed to both ease the burden of driving while also improving safety. But a new study by AAA finds that they don't always work as well as planned. [Read more at thedetroitbureau.com](#).

Carriers Must Prepare as Deadline Nears for Chinese Technology Ban, Experts Say

With an Aug. 13 deadline approaching fast, motor carriers who do business with the federal government must soon launch an inquiry to locate and purge telecommunications equipment manufactured by five Chinese companies that may be in use in their operations. Against this countdown, American Trucking Associations' Government Freight Conference on Aug. 4 conducted a webinar to help carriers understand their obligations under this provision... [Read more at tnews.com](#).

Credential Screening Authentication Rolled Out at Five US Airports

The US Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has introduced new technology that validates a traveler's identification and confirms their flight information in near real time at five airports in the USA...The five airports employing the credential screening technology are JFK, LaGuardia, Richmond, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. When travelers approach a TSA travel document podium, they place their driver's license or passport into the CAT unit to be scanned. The device scans the ID and informs the TSA officer whether the ID is valid. [Read more at passengerterminaltoday.com](#).

Driver-Assist Technologies Touted at FMCSA Truck Safety Summit

The importance of hiring skilled drivers, the prospects for success with hair-based drug tests, the critical need for infrastructure funding and the promise of technology — especially as it relates to onboard vehicle systems — were among subjects discussed at an all-day Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Aug. 5 truck safety summit. By far the hottest topic was the advancement and growing adoption of driver-assist technologies that experts at the event credit with helping reduce and mitigate truck-involved crashes. [Read more at tnews.com](#).

How States Moved Toward Stricter Voter ID Laws

Thirty-two states — a figure that has been steadily rising — now have some form of voter ID laws, based on a count by the National Conference of State Legislatures. The number of states with the strictest laws is rising as well: Voters in seven states will be required to show photo identification in order to cast their ballots this year. In 2012, only four states required it. A 2002 federal law set minimum requirements for federal elections, including identity verification for all new voters. The law leaves room for states to enact their own stricter ones. [Read more at nytimes.com](#).

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo Takes Reins of Governors Association

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo emphasized the importance of recovery and revival as he accepted the role of chairman of the National Governors Association. Cuomo delivered remarks on Aug. 5 at NGA's virtual summer meeting, which was initially supposed to take place in Portland, Maine, but was moved online due to coronavirus-related concerns. Cuomo, the first governor representing New York to lead the NGA, took the reins from Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan. [Read more at](#)

ttnews.com.

Stealing Autonomous Car Secrets from Google Lands Former Exec in Jail

Back in 2018, after a few short battles in court, two of the biggest names in the segment, Waymo and Uber, settled their differences for roughly \$245 million. The beef was centered around alleged trade secrets theft perpetrated by a former Waymo executive who found a job at Uber. That exec's name is Anthony Levandowski, and even if the companies he once worked for eventually made peace, problems didn't end for him. Actually, they're just beginning, as a judge handed him this week an 18-months prison sentence and ordered him to pay \$850,000 in damages. [Read more at autoevolution.com](http://www.autoevolution.com).

TSA's Looking to Rapidly Verify Passengers Without Biometrics or Physical IDs

The Transportation Security Administration is on the hunt for an alternative means to verify passengers' identities at security checkpoints in real time—without relying on biometrics or commonly accepted physical identification—to be used when travelers can't present appropriate forms of ID. A possibly fee-based, digital services application that enables users to submit personal biographic information on the front end, which can then be authenticated through one or more databases on the back end, is the technological tool the agency is setting sights on, according to a request for information published this week. [Read more at nextgov.com](http://www.nextgov.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.

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

Today on #HeatstrokeAwarenessDay, FLHSMV and FHP, along with our friends at @HealthyFla & @cotfire displayed a stark reminder outside of a local Publix on the dangers of leaving a child or pet alone in a vehicle.



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As travelers return to the roads, we are reminding motorists their first line of defense in a crash is BUCKLING UP - every seat, every ride. Our rollover simulator shows the difference a properly buckled seat belt can make. Read more: <https://bit.ly/30yCVef> #MDOTSafety



Mississippi Department of Revenue @MSDeptofRevenue | [View the Tweet](#)

The DOR is doing our part, do yours too by following the Governor's mask mandate! #MaskUpMississippi



OHBureauMotorVehicle @Ohio_BMV | [View the Tweet](#)

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"People have fallen back into bad habits," @MSPPIO Lt. Gordon Shank says, adding that law enforcement continue ticketing motorists for hands-free and distracted driving violations. #DriveSmart #HandsFreeMN #ParkThePhone



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