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## AAMVA Special Alert: Boston Globe Publishes Part 1 of Investigation into Driver Information Sharing

The Boston Globe has [published the first article](#) in a series about how states share driver information. AAMVA's leadership and many of our member jurisdictions have either been interviewed directly for the series or have provided information to the reporters. AAMVA has been anticipating the publication of this reporting for several months and will continue to respond to any related coverage that may come in the weeks ahead. Please feel free to contact [Ian Grossman](#), AAMVA Vice President of Member Services and Public Affairs, or [Claire Jeffrey](#), AAMVA Communications and Multimedia Manager, with any questions you may have.

## 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

- [FreightWaves Carrier Summit: Future of CDL Training \(With Video\)](#)

#### COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [How To Prove You Have Car Insurance When MD MVA Sends You an FR-19 Notification \(Maryland\)](#)
- [NJ Offers Plan To Address Very Long MVC Lines Amid Coronavirus \(New Jersey\)](#)

#### COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Lines, Wait Remain Long for Driver's License \(Alabama\)](#)
- [5 on Your Side Asks NC DMV About Delays \(North Carolina\)](#)
- [DMV Not Closing More Offices, in Fact, the Agency Is Reopening Many \(North Carolina\)](#)
- [State's School Bus Driver Shortage Getting Worse \(Oklahoma\)](#)
- [DMV Continues Reopening Customer Service Centers, DMV Select Locations \(Virginia\)](#)



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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

1 | [AAMVA Annual Membership Meeting](#)

## SYSTEMS TRAINING

\*Register for the following training sessions [HERE](#).

## AUGUST - CDLIS

25 | [CDLIS Rules for Driver Withdrawals \(intermediate\)](#)

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

27 | [CD17 Negate Out-of-State Withdrawal \(intermediate\)](#)

## SEPTEMBER - CDLIS

1 | [CDLIS Reports Timeliness \(intermediate\)](#)

2 | [CDLIS Reports Data Quality \(intermediate\)](#)

3 | [CD90.4.1 Out-of-State](#)

## COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [South Holland CDL Facility Closed After Worker Contracts COVID-19 \(Illinois\)](#)
- [Mission, Kan. Driver's License Office Closed After Suspected COVID-19 Case \(Kansas\)](#)
- [Topeka Driver's License Office closes due to confirmed case of COVID-19 \(Kansas\)](#)
- [Secretary of State: State ID Cards, Driver's Licenses Expiring Can Be Renewed During Special Appointments \(Michigan\)](#)
- [Older Nebraskans Don't Need To Rush To Renew Driver's License: Pandemic Extension Still Good](#)
- [Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles Offers New Print-On-Demand Vehicle Tags](#)

## COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Growing Number of Missing ICBC Insurance Decals \(British Columbia\)](#)
- [California DMV Expands Its Health Screening and Temperature Check Protocols To Protect Customers and Employees](#)
- [DMV Creates First Online-Specific Version of Driver Resources \(Colorado\)](#)
- [Getting a New Colorado Driver's License Could Take Months After COVID Closures Cause Appointment Backlog](#)
- [Temporary Mail-In Application Form Available for Driver's License \(Guam\)](#)

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

## REGION 1 NEWS

### RMV Announces 2020 Low Plate Lottery (Massachusetts)

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has announced that applications for the 2020 Low Number Plate Lottery are now being accepted online at [Mass.Gov/RMV](#) using the Online Service Center. Applicants must apply by September 6 and, if selected for a low number plate, will be notified after the drawing takes place later in September. [Read more at \[reverejournal.com\]\(#\)](#).

### NJ Motor Vehicle Agency Struggles Against Outdated Tech (New Jersey)

The state Motor Vehicle Commission's computer system has been one that drivers love to hate. When it works, they don't notice it. When it fails and brings business at agencies to a halt, the system inspires words suitable for an R rated movie. A positive side to the MVC's tumultuous reopening of agencies last month was there weren't the crippling statewide computer problems of the past. [Read more at \[govtech.com\]\(#\)](#).

### Pay These NJ Teens To Hold Your Spot On Line At The MVC (New Jersey)

When Bryanna Patterson was waiting on line at the MVC to register her car last week, she heard a man behind her in line say he'd pay someone \$100 to wait for him. And so, that's exactly what 17-year-old Patterson started doing. [Read more at \[dailyvoice.com\]\(#\)](#).

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A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Tuesday morning at the new office, which is located at the Madison County Service Center in Madison. The new ALEA Driver License Division office in Madison is officially open. Local leaders say it's one step in the right direction of fixing a long-time issue. [Read more at rocketcitynow.com.](#)

**Naples Retiree's Passion for License Plates Leads To Huge Collection (Florida)**

Al Noto's collection began with a prize inside a cereal box. Most kids used to throw away the novelty license plates that General Mills used to give away, but Noto kept his for 70 years. In the decades since, Noto's passion has led him to a personal inventory that once consisted of more than 5,000 license plates. Now, his collection includes about 1,500. [Read more at nbc-2.com.](#)

**'Hands Across The Border' DUI Prevention Campaign Returns (Georgia, Florida)**

Hands Across the Border began in Kingsland, Georgia in 1991 as a friendly wager between the Georgia State Patrol and Florida Highway Patrol to see which agency could reduce the number of DUI deaths in the southeast Georgia and northeast Florida area. Within ten years, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee joined the multi-state effort to save lives on roads across the southeastern United States. [Read more at chattanoogaopulse.com.](#)

**'Booze It and Lose It' Partners CPD With Tennessee Highway Safety Office for Labor Day**

The Chattanooga Police Department and the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) are partnering for the 2020 'Booze It and Lose It' campaign running from August 21 to September 7 around the Labor Day holiday. This initiative runs at the same time as with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" to increase impaired-driving enforcement nationwide. [Read more at wrctv.com.](#)

**REGION 3 NEWS****Traffic Safety Partnership Announces Start of Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Enforcement (Indiana)**

Decatur County Traffic Safety Partnership (TSP) has announced the beginning of the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement mobilization. Now through Labor Day, officers will be conducting overtime patrols, seeking out drunk drivers and showing zero tolerance for anyone driving impaired. The patrols are supported with funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration distributed by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. [Read more at greensburgdailynews.com.](#)

**DWI Enforcement and Awareness Campaign Being Held Now Through Sept. 7 (Minnesota)**

Law enforcement and traffic safety partners across Minnesota will be participating in an extra DWI enforcement and awareness campaign now through Sept. 7. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (DPS-OTS) coordinates the campaign, and the funding is provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. [Read more at redwoodfallsgazette.com.](#)

**Watch Now: More Than 460,000 Attended Sturgis**

[Chain from Ticket to License Action](#)

27 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 2](#)

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2 | [Conference Session Series: Jurisdictional Guidance for Regulating Automated Vehicles, Edition 2](#)

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

3 | [SPEXS Duplicate Resolution Collaboration Tool](#)

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

9 | [Driver History Record Administration](#)

9 | [Conference Session Series: Update on REAL ID](#)

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

10 | [Improving CDLIS Data Quality Using The CD31 Process](#)

14 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

16 | [Orientation to SPEXS Specification Format](#)

16 | [Conference Session Series: mDL: A Reliable Electronic Identity for Our New Reality](#)

17 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 1](#)

17 | [Driver History Record Administration](#)

22 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

23 | [Conference Session](#)

## Motorcycle Rally (South Dakota)

With the 80th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally fully in the books, law enforcement and the Department of Transportation are releasing their final numbers. The Department of Transportation released the 10-day total for the rally with 462,182 people entering, 7.5% down from last year's rally. [Read more at martinsvillebulletin.com.](#)

## Michigan Will Build a City-Connecting Highway for Self-Driving Cars

A 40-mile-long corridor reserved for autonomous vehicles may soon connect Detroit and Ann Arbor. Last Thursday, on August 13, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the creation of the Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Corridor, which will be established through a public-private partnership. [Read more at archpaper.com.](#)

## REGION 4 NEWS

### DMV Closes Early To Conserve Energy Amid Heatwave (California)

The DMV will close all offices statewide at 3:00 p.m. through Wednesday, Aug. 19 to conserve energy and protect the health and safety of customers and employees from high heat impacts. (The early closure began Monday). Customers with and without appointments will be admitted until approximately 2:30 p.m., as time and space allow, to accommodate the 3:00 p.m. shutdown. Those with appointments between 2:30 and 5:00 p.m. will be contacted and rescheduled after the heat event. [Read more at scvnews.com.](#)

### Appeals Court Gives Reprieve To Uber, Lyft in California

An appeals court has allowed ride-hailing giants Uber and Lyft to continue treating their drivers as independent contractors in California in a decision that will give the two companies a few more months to protect their business models in a key market. The stay pauses a lower-court ruling that was scheduled to take effect at midnight on Friday and would have forced Uber and Lyft to treat all their drivers as employees. [Read more at apnews.com.](#)

### Senior Advocate: Lessons From the Department of Motor Vehicles (California)

I recently hosted a seminar presented by a representative of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Even though I often field questions from older adult drivers, I learned so many new things. The seminar, "Will you pass your next drivers test: Everything you need to know to be prepared," was presented by Tressa Thompson, senior ombudsman with the DMV in Ventura County. [Read more at vcstar.com.](#)

### DMV Launches 'Iconic Colorado' Contest To Spruce up Driver's Licenses

Colorado driver's licenses will soon be getting a face-lift. The Colorado Department of Revenue Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has launched a new contest where local artists can submit three original art pieces to be considered as the new background on Colorado driver's licenses. [Read more at 9news.com.](#)

### ISP Cracking Down on Drunk Driving With Extra Patrols Through Labor Day (Idaho)

Troopers with the Idaho State Police want drivers to know that extra patrols are out in force Monday, Aug. 17 through Labor Day, Sept. 7 to focus on finding DUI drivers. The goal of the extra patrols is to increase safety on Idaho's roads by reducing the

[Series: Data Privacy in a Digital Era](#)

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26 | [AAMVA RFQ FY20-23102: Microsoft SQL Licenses](#)

number of DUI related crashes. [Read more at eastidahonews.com.](#)

## OTHER NEWS

### US Department of Transportation Reminds Everyone To 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over'

At a virtual event Thursday, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) kicked off its Labor Day impaired driving high-visibility enforcement campaign, reminding Americans not to drive impaired. This year's high-visibility enforcement will be supported by a \$10 million national advertising campaign. Motorists can expect to see increased law enforcement on the road through Sept. 7. [Read more at wnypapers.com.](#)

### FMCSA Seeks Survey for Beyond Compliance Program

Federal trucking regulators are seeking White House approval to study the effectiveness of various technologies, programs and policies with a goal of allowing the agency to recognize and reward motor carriers that exceed regulatory safety requirements. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

### Carriers Get Extension to Rid Systems of Chinese Technologies

The Director of National Intelligence has extended the deadline to Sept. 30 for a requirement that motor carriers that do business with the federal government locate and purge telecommunications equipment manufactured by five Chinese companies that may be in use in their operations. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

### License Plate Tracking for Police Set To Go Nationwide

Police often rely on automatic license plate readers to track the movement of cars in their jurisdiction. A surveillance company's new initiative looks to expand those capabilities nationwide. On Tuesday, Flock Safety, which makes a license plate reader, announced the "Total Analytics Law Officers Network," or TALON. The network looks to connect the 400 law enforcement agencies using its cameras, allowing agencies that opt in to view camera data from other regions. [Read more at cnet.com.](#)

### ATA Expands With Moving and Storage Conference, Council

Stakeholders from the moving and storage industries have been made part of two groups that American Trucking Associations' executive committee recently voted to create. The Moving and Storage Conference and the Moving and Storage Council will expand the trucking federation's presence in that industry sector, ATA announced Aug. 19. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

### SADD and National Road Safety Foundation To Launch #NRSF Squad State Champ Challenge

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and The National Road Safety Foundation (NRSF) are launching a program to incentivize and honor SADD State Coordinators who demonstrate creativity in promoting SADD programs and utilizing NRSF resources and materials on safe driving. [Read more at prnewswire.com.](#)

### Where Are We With Public Sentiment on Autonomous Vehicles?

There is a political and economic value to the sentiment of the everyday transportation user. Does the transportation that I have available to me meet my needs? Does it get me where I need to go when I need to get there? Am I able to sustain or even make my life better by either the personal or public transportation

options that are at my disposal? [Read more at forbes.com](#).

## **Smaller, Older Vehicles May Put Teen Drivers at Increased Risk**

It's no secret that a lack of experience and high risk thresholds place teen drivers at an increased risk of harm or death. However, despite these known factors, new research from the country's leading vehicle safety experts found that teen drivers continue to find themselves in the smallest, oldest and least-safe cars on the market. [Read more at silive.com](#).

## **Study: Drivers On Insulin May Experience Severe Hypoglycemia While Driving**

A recent study found that Insulin treated drivers experience hypoglycemia or sudden unexpected fall of blood sugar while driving. The study was published in the Journal 'Journal of Patient Safety' 2020...The study was conducted to investigate a potential daily-life concern for patients with diabetes hypoglycemia while driving by (1) estimating their incidence in insulin-treated drivers, (2) determining factors associated with their occurrence, and (3) analyzing patients' behavior regarding prevention of hypoglycemia. [Read more at medicaldialogues.in](#).

## **Study: Phones Could Detect Drinking Over Legal Driving Limit**

Smartphones can detect when you've had too much to drink by monitoring your walk, a study has found. American researchers used sensors in smartphones to detect when somebody was over the legal drink-drive limit. Phones were able to do this with about 90% accuracy when users walked just 10 steps in the study by the University of Pittsburgh. [Read more at bbc.com](#).

## **Study: Persistence of ADHD Into Adulthood Is an Important Predictor of Car Crash Risk**

A new study reports that the risk of being involved in car crashes increases for those diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The study looked specifically at the rate of car crashes by adulthood, which was 1.45 times higher in those with a childhood history of ADHD compared to adults with no ADHD. [Read more at sciencedaily.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.

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### **Governor John Carney @JohnCarneyDE | [View the Tweet](#)**

Secretary Cohan has been a tremendous asset to our team and to the State of Delaware for more than 30 years. Jen modernized the @DelawareDMV as the first woman to ever lead the division, and oversaw the state's largest-ever public infrastructure program as @DelawareDOT secretary.



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**Massachusetts RMV @MassRMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

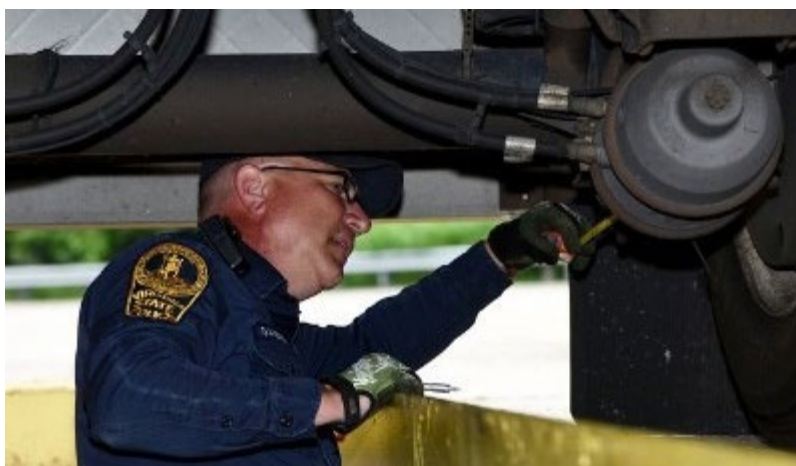
Great to see the #LawrenceRMV staff #MaskUpMA last week!  
<https://mass.gov/news/mask-up-ma>



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**VermontDMV @VTDMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

#BrakeSafetyWeek (Aug. 23-29) starts this Sunday. CMVs found to have critical out-of-service brake violations, or other critical vehicle out-of-service inspection item violations, will be restricted from traveling until those violations are corrected. <http://ow.ly/wz6n50B5GD9>



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**Georgia DDS (DMV) @GeorgiaDDS | [View the Tweet](#)**

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They've all served as presidents of @MADDonline, but rarely do these mothers – and a father – get the opportunity to gather together to share their stories at once. Each president's life has been changed because of a drunk or drug-impaired driver.



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**Washington State DOT @wsdot | [View the Tweet](#)**

Decisive actions by our attenuator truck driver prevented possible tragedy in a work zone this past weekend on I-5 in Seattle. Please never enter closed lanes or roads. They are closed for a reason. Read more about this in our blog:



Quick actions help prevent a work zone tragedy  
The WSDOT Blog  
[wsdotblog.blogspot.com](http://wsdotblog.blogspot.com)



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