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## OUR EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

11-12 | [2019 September State to State User Group Meeting](#)  
Orlando, FL

11-12 | [2019 September NDR Working Group Meeting](#)  
Savannah, GA

17-18 | [2019 September Imported Vehicles Working Group](#)  
Buffalo, NY

18-19 | [2019 September Foreign Reciprocity Resource Guide Working Group Meeting](#)  
Denver, CO

24-28 | [2019 September CDLIS Working Group Meeting](#)  
Denver, CO

25-26 | [2019 September Autonomous Vehicles Working Group Meeting](#)

## Annual International Conference Wraps Up



AAMVA's 2019 Annual International Conference (AIC) took place this week (August 20-22) in Omaha, Nebraska. Special thanks goes out to outgoing Chair of the Board Rhonda Lahm for hosting this unique networking and educational event. This year's AIC showcased the latest trends in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community and provided a forum for chief administrators to learn and grow from fellow colleagues. Conference sessions covered a wide variety of topics tailored to the AAMVA community. View the [flickr albums](#) for pictures from the event or watch the [Wrap-Up video](#) on YouTube. You can also download presentations from the [AIC Downloads Center](#) (available for AAMVA members only). Thanks to all conference staff and attendees for another successful conference. We look forward to seeing you at next year's annual conference in Austin, Texas! Watch this [short video](#) to learn more about beautiful Austin, Texas.

## Guidelines for Testing Drivers in Vehicles with Advanced Driver Assistance Systems Released



practices for applicants testing in vehicles with advanced technologies. [Download the Guidelines today.](#)

AAMVA's Test Maintenance Subcommittee and International Driver Examiner Committee, along with the AAMVA Autonomous Vehicle Best Practices Working Group, developed this guide: [Driver Examiner's Guide for Testing Drivers in Vehicles with Advanced Driver Assistance Systems](#). It is intended to assist members as they review and update their driver examination policies and procedures to address new vehicle technologies. It outlines technologies and implications for testing and provides recommendations for testing procedures and examiner training. Standardized testing procedures and driver's manual information will ensure consistent driver testing

## FEATURED NEWS

## Virginia DMV Featured in TSA Reminder on Real ID

The Virginia DMV was featured in a national piece on Real ID, reminding Americans they

Pittsburgh, PA

**SYSTEMS TRAINING**

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**SEPTEMBER - CDLIS**

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

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

19 | [CD90.4.1 Out-of State Transaction as SOR Reports \(advanced\)](#)

24 | [CDLIS Reports Identifying Potential Issues SDLA \(advanced\)](#)

25 | [CDLIS Reports Identifying Potential Issues Qtrl OP \(advanced\)](#)

**SEPTEMBER - PDPS**

24 | [PDPS Broken Pointer Management \(intermediate\)](#)

25 | [PDPS Clean File Processing \(intermediate\)](#)

26 | [PDPS Identity Correction \(intermediate\)](#)

**SEPTEMBER - SPEXS**

9 | [SPEXS Overview \(basic\)](#)

10 | [SPEXS Transactions AMIE \(intermediate\)](#)

11 | [SPEXS Transactions NIEM \(intermediate\)](#)

12 | [SPEXS Batch Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

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

16 | [SPEXS WEB UI and Reports \(intermediate\)](#)

17 | [SPEXS SPM \(intermediate\)](#)



will need to be Real ID compliant by the deadline of October 2020. TSA has begun warning travelers that their license will need to be upgraded before the deadline. Virginia DMV was acknowledged for employing

necessary resources and procedures to accommodate the influx of customers in preparation for the new requirements. Richard Holcomb, commissioner of the Virginia DMV, said "don't wait until the last minute, and absolutely, when you come in, be prepared," encouraging Virginians not to wait until the deadline to get their Real ID. Read the TSA press release on Real ID [here](#). Watch the video at [nbcnews.com](#).

**REGION 1 NEWS****Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles Educates Public on Real ID**

The Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles has begun an outreach campaign to inform the public about two different types of driver's licenses and state identification cards, one of which will be required by the federal government to travel domestically through airports in the fall of next year for travelers who don't have passports. [Read the article at thecentersquare.com](#).

**Registry of Motor Vehicles Official Thomas Bowes Fired as Board Calls for New Leadership in Wake of Scandal (Massachusetts)**

Three members of an oversight board voted unanimously Tuesday to fire the director of an embattled department within the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Thomas Bowes, who was the director of the RMV's Merit Rating Board, is the second official to leave the registry in the wake of a fatal crash allegedly caused by a driver whose license should have been revoked. The MRB's oversight board, in their first meeting since 2015, voted to terminate Bowes, who is also a city councilor in Braintree and a mayoral candidate in that city. [Read the article at wcvb.com](#).

**New Yorkers Get a Chance to Weigh in on New State License Plate**

Now that's a vanity plate. New York State is redesigning its official license plate — and residents are being asked to vote on the new look, Gov. Cuomo announced Monday. And among the potential plates is one featuring the new Tappan Zee bridge — now officially named for Cuomo's father, Gov. Mario M. Cuomo. [Read the article at nypost.com](#).

**Worker Accused of Embezzling from Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles**

Police say an employee at the Vermont DMV in South Burlington stole cash from the office. They say Asima Cosabic, 36, of Williston, worked at the service window and handled cash as part of her responsibilities. After getting a tip about possible embezzlement, police got involved. [Read the article at wcax.com](#).

**REGION 2 NEWS****Georgia Issuing More Secure Driver's Licenses, ID Cards**

The Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) recently began issuing new, more secure driver's licenses and identification cards at its 67 customer service centers. The cards have a modern design and feel with the most secure credentials

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**OUR WEBINARS**

**AUGUST**

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

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the State of Georgia has ever issued. All previously issued Georgia licenses and ID cards will remain valid until expiration. At that time, customers will be issued a newly designed card whether visiting in-person or via the DDS 2 GO mobile app. [Read the article at ocgnews.com.](#)

**Oklahoma Takes First Steps Toward Digital Driver's Licenses**

Oklahoma is beta testing a driver's license app that it plans to roll out statewide in October, bringing it to the forefront of states that are turning their identification systems digital. So far, only Louisiana has fully launched a smartphone app to replace a physical driver's license, though at least six other states have piloted the technology over the past two years. [Read the article at statescoop.com.](#)

**Department of Public Safety Evaluates Wait Times in Preparation of Real ID (Oklahoma)**

Tony Nichols is a truck driver, and needs to get his commercial license renewed this month. He never expected standing room only delays...Right now the Department of Public Safety has a team visiting every location in the state to assess wait times. They'll be making a recommendation, since staff tell 2 Works for You there's going to be strain on the system once Real ID, the new federal standard for identification, goes into effect. [Read the article at kjrh.com.](#)

**Authorities Will Soon be Alerted When Pulling Someone Over with a Communication Impediment (Texas)**

Getting pulled over by an officer can be nerve racking for anyone. But Samuel Allen says that can be intensified for drivers with disabilities. "Of course, that is going to set certain people with autism off. That may make them more anxious than normal. And the officer is going to misconstrue that as some sort of behavior, and we don't want that," he said. [Read the article at cbsaustin.com.](#)

**REGION 3 NEWS**

**Truckers in Missouri Want to Outlaw Self-driving Trucks**

A group of Missouri protesters are taking a stand against self-driving trucks in the state. Over 29 states have already passed legislation regulating autonomous vehicles, including neighboring Illinois. However, these states are not outlawing self-driving cars. They all have created a set code of regulations to monitor new technology in vehicles. Scott Jordan, president of Powerhouse Transportation, a trucking company in Peculiar, Missouri, said Missourians need to stand their ground so that self driving cars don't cause deaths on the roads. [Read the article at komu.com.](#)

**Department of Motor Vehicles Expanding Online Renewals (Nebraska)**

Customers of the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles will soon discover more flexible driver license renewal options. Starting Sept. 1, holders of driver (Class O) or motorcycle (Class M) licenses may renew online two consecutive renewal periods. In order to be eligible for the extended online renewal period, drivers must be younger than 72, according to a press release. Last year, legislation passed that allowed state ID card holders to renew online for three consecutive renewal periods. [Read the article at nptelegraph.com.](#)

**REGION 4 NEWS**

**Computer Outage Strikes Arizona's Motor Vehicle Division Offices**

**(LMS) Software**

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**[AAMVA RFP No. FY21-20205: 2020 Region 1 Planning & Administrators Meeting](#)**

September 6, 2019

**[AAMVA RFP FY21-17941: 2021 Region 1 Conference](#)**

September 6, 2019

A computer outage took down operations at Motor Vehicle Division offices throughout the state Wednesday afternoon, authorities said. The Arizona Department of Transportation announced the outage a little before 2 p.m. [Read the article at ktar.com.](#)

**California Department of Motor Vehicles Reaches Out for REAL ID Verification**

The California Department of Vehicles is reaching out to state residents to make sure they have a valid REAL ID ahead of the 2020 federal deadline. REAL ID cardholders who presented only one residency document when they applied must confirm their address by mail, DMV officials say. The DMV sent 3.6 million letters to cardholders, asking them to verify their mailing address and return the letter to the agency. [Read the article at 10news.com.](#)

**California Among 6 States Seeing Increase of DUI Deaths in the Last Decade**

The golden state is leading in a new list --but this time, it's for drinking and driving fatalities. "It was about 987 in the year 2000, and 1,120 fatalities in the year 2017," said research analyst at Quote Wizard, Adam Johnson. Quote Wizard, an insurance comparison website, analyzed National Highway Traffic Safety Association data to come up with the results. Johnson says their research shows California saw an increase of 13.47 percent in drunk driving fatalities from 2000 to 2017. [Read the article at keyt.com.](#)

**Nevada Drivers Will Soon be Required to Submit Mileage to DMV**

Nevada drivers will soon be required to submit odometer readings to the Department of Motor Vehicles under a pilot project intended to help lawmakers make future decisions on highway funding. Assembly Bill 483 (AB 483), passed in the 2019 session, directs the DMV to gather an odometer reading at the time of any original registration, registration renewal or vehicle sale. The pilot project begins on Oct. 1. To help minimize the impact, the DMV says it will use the odometer readings from emissions tests performed in Clark and Washoe counties. Motorcycles and mopeds are exempt, as are certain other vehicles such as farm vehicles. Owners must submit odometer readings on all other cars, trucks, buses and recreational vehicles, of any size or fuel type, including electric vehicles and vehicles in rural areas...Further details on the project and the public workshop are available at DMVNV.com. [Read the article at ktnv.com.](#)

**OTHER NEWS**

**Who's Responsible When a Driverless Vehicle is In a Crash? Answer Still Unclear**

Who is liable when an autonomous vehicle is involved in a car crash? It's a question yet to be answered, and one the Governors Highway Safety Association broached in a recently released white paper the association will present at its annual meeting Aug. 26 in Anaheim, Calif. [Read more at triblive.com.](#)

**New Toyota RAV4 Recalled for Faulty Rearview Camera**

Toyota is recalling 14,215 of its 2019 RAV4 and RAV4 Hybrid SUVs because their rearview cameras may not activate when the car is put in Reverse, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. As of May 1, 2018, all new passenger cars, SUVs, and pickups are required to have a 10x20-foot zone of visibility behind them. This is typically achieved by having a built-in rearview camera. [Read the article at consumerreports.org.](#)

**States Call for Preserving 'Talking Car' Spectrum**



Transportation department chiefs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are urging the Federal Communications Commission to continue reserving a swath of wireless spectrum in the 5.9-gigahertz range for potential use by "talking cars." "The loss of 36,750 lives last year on our nation's highways and streets demands that we act boldly," members of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials said in a Monday letter to FCC Chairman Ajit Pai. The FCC set aside that part of the wireless spectrum for intelligent transportation in 1999 to encourage automakers to develop lifesaving vehicle-to-vehicle, or V2V, technologies using dedicated short-range communications, known as DSRC. [Read the article at autonews.com.](#)

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

It can be hard for motorcyclists to see and be seen while riding at night. Slow down at intersections and curves, watch for hazards, allow space between vehicles, watch for headlights, and be alert for impaired drivers. #MotorcycleSafety #RideSafeIndiana



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### IllinoisStatePolice @ILStatePolice | [View the Tweet](#)

The Illinois State Police confirm a Trooper was shot during the execution of a search warrant.

The media staging area has been set at the Jackie-Kersee Center in East St. Louis. More information will be disseminated as it becomes available.

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### Scott Marshall @SafeDriver | [View the Tweet](#)

There is a psychology to driving safely. It's not just about following the rules of the road. It's about using as many skills as necessary to reduce risks and allow you to

reach your destination as safely as possible. #RoadSafety



Testing your driving psychology  
I get asked driving questions regularly. It almost seems, to many people I come across, that I've been regarded as a driving therapist. I'm good with that. I realize...  
[thesafedriver.ca](#)

### CA DMV @CA\_DMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Do you need a #REALID driver license or ID card? If you want to continue using your license or ID to board domestic flights and enter secure federal buildings after new requirements begin in October 2020, the answer is yes! Visit <http://REALID.dmv.ca.gov> for the details.



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