Annual International Conference Wraps Up

The 2018 Annual International Conference (AIC) has wrapped up in Philadelphia. Thank you to all attendees and exhibitors for making the conference a success. A special thank you to outgoing Chair of AAMVA's Board of Directors, Kurt Myers, and his staff for hosting the conference. Attendees, tell us about your 2018 Annual International Conference experience and help AAMVA improve on next year's conference. Please take a quick survey - you can access the survey right from the main screen of your conference mobile app, look for the question mark icon. (The survey closes today!) Presentations from the event will be available on AAMVA's Web site soon! Until then, feel free to browse through the photo albums on AAMVA's Flickr page.

Colorado Conducts NMVTIS Transactions Online

AAMVA is very pleased to announce that Colorado implemented online updates and inquiry in NMVTIS. Colorado previously conducted batch updates and inquiries through State Web Interface. Congratulations, Colorado! For more information about NMVTIS federal compliance requirements, please contact Marney Michalowski, NMVTIS Program Manager.

Governor Cuomo Announces Crackdowns to Combat Underage Drinking This Fall (New York)

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced a joint effort by state agencies to crack down on underage drinking on college campuses and in college towns as the fall semester begins. The New York State Liquor Authority and the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, working with local law enforcement agencies, will conduct statewide sweeps of locations holding liquor licenses, including bars, restaurants, liquor stores and grocery stores, looking for fake IDs and illegal sales to minors. Read the press release at governor.ny.gov.

Change in Vehicle Registration Reminders Misses the Mark With Some (Newfoundland)

Service NL says the Motor Registration Division has discontinued sending vehicle registration renewal reminders by mail effective April 30, 2018. Read the article at cbc.ca.
Five Commonwealth Agencies to Launch Traffic-Safety Effort (Pennsylvania)


REAL ID Driver License Available September 1 (Pennsylvania)

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Deputy Secretary for Driver and Vehicle Services Kurt Myers provided an update today on Pennsylvania’s progress toward compliance with the federal REAL ID Act, and how customers can apply for REAL ID pre-verification in PennDOT driver license centers in the coming weeks. Read the article at kittanningpaper.com.

Alabama has Fifth Highest Rate of Impaired Driving Deaths, Study Says

Alabama has the fifth-highest rate in the United States of impaired driving deaths, according to a new study. To make the roads safer, an online safety site is offering ridesharing credits over the Labor Day weekend to applicants. Read the article at al.com.

‘There is No Secret:’ DMV Ran REAL ID Office Exclusively for State Employees (North Carolina)

As people waited for hours in the heat outside DMV offices this summer, hundreds of state employees responded to an invitation to bypass the public lines and get their IDs at DMV headquarters in downtown Raleigh. Read the article at abc11.com.

North Carolina DMV Sends Out Mobile Units to Help with IDs

The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles says it has sent mobile units across the state to help workers at major employers obtain REAL IDs faster. Read the article at usnews.com.

‘Don’t Mess with Texas’ Campaign Searching for New Jingle

If you’re a musician looking for your next big break, the Texas Department of Transportation is searching for new talent to feature in its "Don't Mess with Texas" campaign. Read the article at kxan.com.

Envoc Launches Person-to-Person Digital Credential Verification for LA Wallet App (Louisiana)

LA Wallet is already getting a major update after launching July 4. Release 1.3 includes some top user-requested features to make it more powerful and easier to use. With a built-in license verification module, Touch ID and Face ID compatibility, and a few bug fixes, LA Wallet is on its way to become Louisiana’s preferred method of identification. Read the article at prnewswire.com.

Missouri DOT’s Innovative Truck Saving Time, Money and Potentially Lives

It's saving time, money, and could save lives. The Missouri Department of
TRANSPORTATION IS HOPING TO EXPAND USE OF A NEW TRUCK CALLED JAWS, AN INNOVATION THAT CAME FROM TRAGEDY. READ THE ARTICLE AT FOX4KC.COM.

REGION 4 NEWS

CALIFORNIA IS STILL WORKING OUT THE KINKS AFTER THE LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE MATERIALIZED IN JANUARY. CANNABIS-IMPAIRED DRIVERS CONTINUE TO PRESENT A CHALLENGE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. READ THE ARTICLE AT SANFRANCISCO.CBSLOCAL.COM.

Motorcycle Deaths on the Rise in Colorado

Although motorcycles only make up 3 percent of the vehicles on the roads, they represent about 20 percent of the fatalities on Colorado roads. Fifty-four motorcyclists have been killed on Colorado roads this year and with the warm summer weather, there's a lot more of them on the road. Read the article at kdvr.com.

How Utah Uses Big Data to Make Highways Safer

Drivers along Interstate 80 in Northern Utah have an added layer of protection against out-of-control autos. Several years ago, a cable-barrier was erected in the median between the two directions of highway. Read the article at govtech.com.

VEHICLE, LICENSING SERVICES SHUTTING DOWN FOR 4 DAYS AS DOL UPGRADES SYSTEM (WASHINGTON)

The state Department of Licensing says most of its online services will be closed through Sept. 3 as it works to upgrade its system. All vehicle and driver licensing offices and counters will also be closed from Aug. 31 through Sept. 3. Those offices will reopen Sept. 4. Read the article at q13fox.com.

How Do You Get People to Trust Autonomous Vehicles? This Company is Giving them ‘Virtual Eyes.’

One of the biggest challenges facing car companies developing driverless vehicles has little do with sophisticated robotics or laser technology. Instead, they must figure out how to engineer something far more amorphous but no less important: human trust, the kind that is communicated when human drivers and pedestrians make eye contact at a crosswalk. Read the article at washingtonpost.com.

CAROLINANS WILLING TO TRAVEL FOR SHORTER DMV WAITS

Wait times at Southern California Department of Motor Vehicles offices have some drivers traveling hundreds of miles to avoid long lines. The DMV in the high desert town of Needles has some of the shortest lines in the state, KABC reported. When a news crew arrived at 10:30 a.m. Monday, there were only two people waiting in line. Read the article at 10news.com.

FIRST-EVER TRAFFIC SAFETY SUMMIT TACKLES CONCERNS OVER CANNABIS-IMPAIRED DRIVING (CALIFORNIA)

California is still working out the kinks after the legalization of recreational marijuana use materialized in January. Cannabis-impaired drivers continue to present a challenge for law enforcement. Read the article at sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com.

PROVINCIAL IMPAIRED DRIVING LAWS RECEIVE UPGRADE NEXT MONTH (SASKATCHEWAN)

Changes coming to Saskatchewan's impaired driving laws, are a step in the right direction according to a Prince Albert woman, whose father was killed by an impaired driver. Read the article at panow.com.

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TOYOTA STUDY FINDS PASSENGER SAFETY ISSUE WITH
Autonomous Car Tech
As part of experimentation to develop autonomous technology in its vehicles, Toyota conducted a study to simulate passenger behavior during sharp maneuvers. The tests left Toyota with more questions than answers, as passengers didn't react consistently. Read the article at thedrive.com.

Older Generations Engage in Distracted Driving Too, Volvo Study Says
It's become fashionable to blame seemingly everything on the millennial generation, and it's often assumed that younger drivers are the least responsible. But a Harris poll conducted on behalf of Volvo shows that older generations also regularly engage in distracted driving. Read the article at thedrive.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

On Twitter
@AAMVACConnection 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.).

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community. You may be surprised at what you’re missing! Follow @AAMVACConnection.

Check out recent @AAMVACConnection Twitter action.

***Thank you for the @AAMVACConnection mentions!***

WA State Patrol @wastatepatrol | View the Tweet
Do you know when to stop for a school bus? Are you 100% positive? Take a quick minute to refresh your memory before hitting the roads this school year. More info: https://bit.ly/2er5SQy

New Jersey MVC @NJ_MVC | View the Tweet
A super successful Moible Unit stop in @TeaneckNJGov today! More than 125 customers served in 4 hours: licenses, registrations, other business. Chief @suefulton visited. Many thanks to legislative team of @SenatorLorettaW, @GMJohnsonNJ and @valerie_huttle for assistance!
Should the current mandatory 30-MINUTE BREAK after 8-hours of continuous driving be revised? SUBMIT COMMENTS AT THE FEDERAL REGISTER: http://bit.ly/2LiHiDe.

Road to Zero @RoadToZeroUS | View the Tweet
In 2016, motorcycle riders involved (killed/survived) in fatal crashes had higher percentages of alcohol impairment than any other type of motor vehicle driver:
- 25% for motorcycle riders
- 21% for passenger cars
- 20% for light-truck drivers
- 2% for drivers of large trucks
@NHTSA

DelawareDMV @DelawareDMV | View the Tweet
When you see "Flashing Red" that means "Kids Ahead! Keep children safe in and around the school bus."
#slowdown #schoolzone #FlashingRedKidsAhead #BackToSchool

Road to Zero @RoadToZeroUS | View the Tweet
Kudos to @IIHS_autosafety new report showing that the odds of Boston drivers speeding decreased significantly when the city lowered speed limits from 30 mph to 25 mph >>> https://goo.gl/uPsVbk

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