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**AAMVA Announces New Learning Management System**

AAMVA is pleased to announce that our new Learning Management System (LMS) will go live on September 1, 2020. The rollout of this new system was discussed in-depth during three AAMVA webinars, which took place on August 10th, 13th and 17th. [Click here](#) for more information and to view the [archived webinar recording](#). For questions, please contact [LMSTrainer@aamva.org](mailto:LMSTrainer@aamva.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 are a selection of news articles regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

**COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE**

- [Q&A: How States Are Adapting To Pandemic-Related Voting Obstacles](#)
- [Moving Out: Americans Escape From Big Cities To Texas, Florida, and Vermont Amid Pandemic](#)

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

- [CT DMV Modernizing During COVID-19 Pandemic \(Connecticut\)](#)
- [Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles Offering Designated Service Hours for Customers Age 75-Plus](#)
- ["This Is Ridiculous": Frustrated NJ Drivers Line Up Before Dawn Outside MVC Offices \(New Jersey\)](#)
- [DMV Calls up 300-400% as In-Person Services Require Appointment Request Over the Phone \(New Hampshire\)](#)
- [New York DMV Sued Over 'Speakerphone Justice'](#)
- [Expiration Dates on Commercial Driver Licenses, Commercial Learner's Permits Extended: PennDOT \(Pennsylvania\)](#)
- [DMV Reopens For Appointments, Payments \(Vermont\)](#)

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

- [Are Local DMV Offices Still Closed? \(North Carolina\)](#)

## AAMVA'S **move** MAGAZINE

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and expertise for the AAMVA  
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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.

### SYSTEMS TRAINING

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

#### SEPTEMBER - CDLIS

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

10 | [CDLIS Reports Identifying Potential Issues Qtr1 OP \(advanced\)](#)

15 | [ACD Basic \(basic\)](#)

16 | [ACD Advanced \(advanced\)](#)

17 | [ACD Using Specific Codes \(advanced\)](#)

#### SEPTEMBER - SPEXS

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

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

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

- [Motorists Gain Extended Reprieve on Renewing Driver's Licenses, Vehicle Inspections \(North Carolina\)](#)
- [DMV Extends Time To Renew Certain Credentials \(Virginia\)](#)
- [Driver's License Expiration Dates Extended Through End of Year \(West Virginia\)](#)

#### COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Long Wait Times at the DMV Could Be in Store for Those Seeking Real IDs \(Illinois\)](#)
- [Topeka Driver's License Office Temporarily Closes \(Kansas\)](#)
- [Driver's License, ID, Vehicle Renewal Extension Set To Expire Sept. 30 \(Michigan\)](#)
- [DMV To Expand Driver's License, ID Card Services Across the State \(Wisconsin\)](#)

#### COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Is Your Driver's License About To Expire? Arizona Just Extended the Renewal Deadline](#)
- [Colorado Motorcycle Rally Plans To Go on Despite Concerns](#)
- [Colorado's Roads Are Emptier, but Deadlier So Far This Year](#)
- [Nevada DMV Appointment System Creating Frustration for Residents During Pandemic](#)

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

### REGION 1 NEWS

#### State Police Continue Crackdown on Work Zone Violations (New York)

New York State Police officers are cracking down hard on work zone violations to ensure the health and safety of all construction workers and motorists. [Read more at silive.com](#).

#### Driver's License Reciprocity Underway Between Vermont and Taiwan

Taiwanese residents can now trade in their driver's license for a Vermont license without a practical or written exam. The reciprocity agreement was signed in June after two years of talks and is the first of its kind in Vermont with a foreign government. [Read more at wcax.com](#).

### REGION 2 NEWS

#### Local Biker Club Shares Safety Tips for Labor Day Weekend (Alabama)

Labor Day marks the end of summer, but it also marks one of the busiest travel weekends in the U.S. According to AAA, 35 million people traveled over Labor Day weekend in 2019. [Read more at wvua23.com](#).

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

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

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

## SEPTEMBER - PDPS

29 | [PDPS/Intro to NDR \(basic\)](#)

30 | [PDPS Inquiry Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

1 | [ACD Codes in PDPS \(intermediate\)](#)

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### OUR WEBINARS

## SEPTEMBER

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](#)

## SC Residents Will Have To Pass Eye Tests - and Prove It - To Renew Driver's Licenses (South Carolina)

A change is coming for South Carolina residents looking to keep a valid driver's license. In a month, they will be required to take an eye exam before having their licenses renewed, the Department of Motor Vehicles said Tuesday in a news release. [Read more at thestate.com.](#)

## Motorcycle Safety and ATV Operator Safety Programs Join TDLR September 1 (Texas)

Beginning September 1, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation will oversee the Motorcycle Safety and All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Operator Safety programs. Senate Bill 616 (Texas Legislature 86th Regular Session) transferred the programs from the Texas Department of Public Safety to TDLR, which already oversees the Driver Education and Safety (DES) program. [Read more at conchovalleyhomepage.com.](#)

## Judge: State Must Allow Online Voter Registration With Driver's License Renewal (Texas)

U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia in San Antonio on Friday ruled that Texas must allow simultaneous voter registration when Texans renew their driver's license online or submit a change of address. The ruling marks the second time the state has been found in violation of the federal National Voter Registration Act. [Read more at reformaustin.org.](#)

## NTTA Using Thermal Cameras in Pilot Program To Detect Wrong-Way Drivers (Texas)

Less than 48 hours after a wrong-way driver hit and killed a 9-year-old girl and her parents, the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) announced their new effort to not only detect people traveling on highways in the wrong direction, but alert those on the roadway about oncoming wrong-way drivers. [Read more at dfw.cbslocal.com.](#)

## ATVs Now Allowed To Drive on WV Roads (West Virginia)

Riders are now allowed to drive their ATV and other off-road vehicles on most West Virginia roads, under Senate Bill 690 passed in March. The law was written and co-sponsored by Sen. Mark Maynard, R-Wayne, and aimed to expand on legislation passed in the early 2000s that allowed ATVs to be driven on the side of certain roads without mandating safety precautions. [Read more at wdtv.com.](#)

## REGION 3 NEWS

## No More Long Waits at the DMV – Ever (Iowa)

Melissa Gillett, director of the Iowa DOT, says after the Department went to an appointment-only system when the pandemic broke out, DMV workers found out they were able to produce just as many credentials, licenses and ID's statewide with the appointment model as with the walk-in model. [Read more at ethervilledailynews.com.](#)

## Man Pleads Guilty in Federal Auto Fraud Case (Iowa)

One of six men charged in an auto fraud scheme involving a now-closed Moline used vehicle business has pleaded guilty in federal court. Court records show

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

23 | [Conference Session](#)  
[Series: Data Privacy in a Digital Era](#)

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

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## OCTOBER

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

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

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

21 | [Contact Center for DMV Professionals](#)

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

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## SEPTEMBER

9 | [AAMVA RFQ FY22-21881 \(version 2\): 2021 October Region 3 Conference](#)

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## OCTOBER

9 | [Massachusetts DOT RMV RFI Identification and Credentialing Services](#)

Kendric Vendrell McCray pleaded guilty Tuesday to conspiracy to commit wire fraud in U.S. District Court, Davenport. [Read more at kwqc.com.](#)

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## New Bill Would Eliminate Adhesive Registration Tab on License Plates (Michigan)

Under House Bill 5250, introduced by Representative Matt Maddock, would eliminate and remove references to adhesive registration tags and to eliminate the requirement that a registration certificate be carried in the vehicle it refers to or be in a place accessible to the vehicle's driver. [Read more at upnorthlive.com.](#)

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## MSHP Provides Synopsis of New Crime and Traffic Safety Laws (Missouri)

The Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) recently released a synopsis of new state laws that have recently gone into effect after being passed by the Missouri Legislature during the last legislative session in Jefferson City and being signed by the governor. [Read more at linncountyleader.com.](#)

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## Changes Coming for Temporary License Documents (Missouri)

The Missouri Department of Revenue is starting to make changes to temporary documents such as temporary driver licenses. Over the next 12 weeks before all offices make the changes, license offices will continue issuing the current temporary documents until their location has transitioned, according to a news release Monday from the Department of Revenue. [Read more at newstribune.com.](#)

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## North Dakota Department of Transportation Wins AAMVA Awards

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) has announced the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is the recipient of the 2020 Public Affairs and Consumer Education (PACE) Overall Campaign Award (Budget under \$50k) for their Nelson Rural Roads campaign. Additionally, NDDOT employee, Melia Shaw of Minot was named as the 2019 Certified Driver Examiner of the Year for North Dakota. [Read more at einnews.com.](#)

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## Gov. Dewine To Sign Order To Create Ohio Traffic Safety Council

On Tuesday, Governor Mike DeWine announced that he will sign an order to create the Ohio Traffic Safety Council to analyze data and coordinate a response strategy to keep Ohio drivers safe. [Read more at myfox28.columbus.com.](#)

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## DMV Revokes Licenses for 5 Arlington-Based Dealers, 1 Madison Dealer (Wisconsin)

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation of Motor Vehicles revoked the wholesale dealer licenses for five businesses located in Arlington, as well as a motor vehicle dealer in Madison for failing to follow administrative requirements. [Read more at nbc15.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

## **Dedication To Highway Safety Earns CHP Commissioner Lifetime Achievement Award (California)**

California Highway Patrol Commissioner Warren Stanley has spent nearly four decades advocating for highway safety in California. His unwavering commitment to public service and dedication to CHP employees caught the attention of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, or AAMVA, which on Tuesday rewarded his efforts with the AAMVA Lifetime Achievement Award in Highway Safety – Law Enforcement. [Read more at lakeconews.com.](#)

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## **Second DMV Vendor Day Set Next Week (California)**

The California Department of Motor Vehicles will hold its second annual DMV Vendor Day -- a chance for the private sector to “learn firsthand about DMV’s modernization vision” and influence how it may deliver services going forward. Last year’s event drew more than 350 people representing more than 200 vendors and yielded more than 200 ideas and potential solutions to four major problem statements. [Read more at techwire.net.](#)

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## **UCI Among 4 Universities Studying Safety of Autonomous Vehicles in U.S.-Funded Center (California)**

UCI is part of a national research consortium that recently was awarded nearly \$2 million by the U.S. Department of Transportation to establish a top-tier university transportation center. [Read more at news.uci.edu.](#)

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## **Department of Transportation Gets Hip To Reach Teens (Colorado)**

The newest Colorado Department of Transportation safety initiative for young drivers hits teens where they live – on social media. The “Keep Your License Safe” campaign is the latest push to school teens on so-called Graduated Drivers Licensing laws, which stagger the driving learning process. [Read more at kdvr.com.](#)

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## **New Signs Mark PA Locations Where Impaired Drivers Have Been Apprehended (Saskatchewan)**

The organizers who set up a new series of mobile road-side signs hope they will serve as visual reminders of the consequences of impaired driving and the public’s role in stopping it. [Read more at panow.com.](#)

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### **OTHER NEWS**

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## **CVSA Safety Enforcement Operation Catches More Than 66,000 Drivers**

Law enforcement officers and inspectors nabbed more than 66,000 drivers engaging in unsafe behavior on U.S. and Canadian roadways, issuing more than 71,000 warnings and citations as part of Operation Safe Driver Week, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance announced Sept. 2. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

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## **Volvo Helps Expand Options for Electric Truck Charging**

Volvo Trucks North America took a step toward the widespread usage of electric trucks by expanding charging options, the company announced Aug. 26. The Combined Charging System CCS2 connector was designed around the unique needs of medium- and heavy-duty electric trucks. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

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## **IHS: Study Shows Front Crash Prevention Works for Large Trucks Too**

Equipping large trucks with forward collision warning and automatic emergency braking (AEB) systems could eliminate more than 2 out of 5 crashes in which a large truck rear-ends another vehicle, a new study from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety suggests. [Read more at automotiveworld.com](https://www.automotiveworld.com).

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## **TomTom Releases New Tech for Autonomous Vehicles To Better Manage Roads and Weather**

Despite reservations regarding the safety of self-driving automobiles, there's an anxiousness to see them on the road, not just for novelty, but for traffic abatement. [Read more at techrepublic.com](https://techrepublic.com).

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## **Proposed Hair Testing Rule Forwarded to Federal Register**

A proposed rule authorizing the use of hair samples to test truck drivers and other federal workers has been forwarded to the Federal Register for publication soon, the chairman of a federal drug testing advisory board said Sept. 1. [Read more at tnews.com](https://tnews.com).

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## **Vitu Introduces Ultimate 50-State Title and Registration Solution**

Vitu, a leading innovator providing cutting-edge Vehicle-to-Government (V2Gov) services to the motor vehicle industry...announced the launch of Vitu Interstate, its 50-state title and registration solution. Interstate provides dealerships with the most comprehensive and user-friendly tools to provide exceptional service and support for out-of-state sales. The Interstate solution includes detailed fee estimates, ready-to-sign title and registration forms, and full service title and registration processing on dealers' behalf. [Read more at prweb.com](https://prweb.com).

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## **Digital Identification Must Be Designed for Privacy and Equity**

With growing frequency, the digital world calls for verification of our digital identities. Designed poorly, digital identification can invade our privacy and aggravate existing social inequalities. So privacy and equity must be foremost in discussions about how to design digital identification. [Read more at eff.org](https://eff.org).

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## **Report Explores Nation's Best-Suited Regions for Expanded Use of Commercial Electric Trucks**

Five regions of the U.S. have been identified as possessing characteristics required for successfully expanding the use of electric vehicles in freight transportation, according to a report released by the North American Council for Trucking Efficiency (NACFE) and the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI). [Read more at thetrucker.com](https://thetrucker.com).

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## **2020's Best & Worst Cities to Drive in**

Most Americans rely on cars to get around, as "87 percent of daily trips take place in personal vehicles," according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. In addition, during the COVID-19 pandemic, fear of public transportation has led to more reliance on personal vehicles than usual...While driving offers a more isolated commute, it is often a major hassle and expense. [Read more at wallethub.com](https://wallethub.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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### Donate Life America @DonateLife | [View the Tweet](#)

September is National DMV Appreciation Month! #DMVMonth recognizes the vital role of DMVs in saving and healing lives: they ask the donor registration question to customers every day. Thank you to our DMV partners! #DonateLife #DMVMonth <http://DonateLife.net/DMV>



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

Congrats Amber Bell (cover) Dale Bailey, Patrick O'Hanlon, Maria Pabon, and Chastity Peters, for being selected to represent DDS in @AAMVAConnection Move magazine! #ExceedingExpectations to ensure that our customers & Team Members are safe. <https://movemag.org/current-issue/>.



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

Drowsy Driving can have dangerous and deadly consequences. The Florida Legislature designated the first wk. of September as Drowsy Driving Prevention Week to educate the public on the dangers of drowsy driving and to honor the memory of Ronshay Dugans. (1/2)  
#DontDriveDrowsyFL



In 2008, 8-year-old Ronshay Dugans was killed when her school bus was hit by a cement-truck driver who fell asleep at the wheel. Here's her father Ron Dugans (@r81dugans) talking about the dangers of drowsy driving. (2/2)  
#DontDriveDrowsyFL



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

"As Registrar of the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, one of the things I am most proud of is our partnership with New England Donor Services/Donate Life New England @DLNewEngland. Our team plays a critical role in donor registration" - Registrar Tesler #DonateLife





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**MD\_MVA @MD\_MVA | [View the Tweet](#)**

Throughout the month of October, join us and our guest panelists for four webinars spotlighting Maryland pedestrians' safety, health, and commuting options in current walk programs and initiatives. Learn more Rightwards arrow <http://mdot.maryland.gov/walktober>. #MDOTSafety



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**Donate Life New England @DLNewEngland | [View the Tweet](#)**

"We are a proud partner for New England Donor Services/Donate Life New England's mission to save and heal lives through organ and tissue donation."  
– Patty Morneault, Deputy Secretary, Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
[@MESecOfState](#) #DMVMonth #Thx4Asking



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**OHBureauMotorVehicle @Ohio\_BMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

Today The Patriot Members of the Department of Ohio Military Order of the Purple Heart, USA, presented Ohio BMV Registrar Charlie Norman with a plaque thanking him and his staff for their hard work getting the new Purple Heart license plate in circulation. #PickYourPlate



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

ICYMI: The #CADMV was featured in the @latimes on Sunday. Read below.

Despite #COVID19, our employees & staff remain committed & dedicated to helping YOU, our customer.

The pandemic is speeding DMV's road to modernization:



The pandemic is speeding DMV's road to modernization. For visitors, it's still no ...  
The COVID-19 pandemic has pushed the California DMV to expand online services such as title transfers, registrations and driver's license renewals, reducing the ...  
[latimes.com](#)

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**Montana MVD @MT\_MVD | [View the Tweet](#)**

DOJ MVD cautions the public about a potential Safe Driver scam where customers with a good driving record can submit their driving record to the DMV to qualify for \$600.00 Safe Driver Bonus. <https://bit.ly/32wMBG5>  
#ScamAlert



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