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Washington Joins State-to-State (S2S) Verification Service
AAMVA congratulates Washington on successfully implementing S2S during the weekend of September 3, 2018 and becoming the 19th participant using the new service. All migration activities have completed on schedule. CDLIS and S2S services are fully operational now. AAMVA would also like to thank volunteer jurisdictions Nebraska and North Carolina who assisted with Washington's migration. Washington will henceforth be able to use SPEXS to perform its CDLIS and S2S functions. This means, among other things, that Washington can now also track pointer information related to its Base Driver Licenses, Permits for Base Driver Licenses, and Identification Cards. This supports the goal of limiting any person to only one driver's license. Read more here.

AAMVA Attends GHSA Workshop and Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia
AAMVA’s President and CEO, Anne Ferro, and Director of Law Enforcement, Brian Ursino, attended the GHSA Annual Meeting on August 29th. Ursino addressed a large audience at the GHSA workshop on Policing AV: Accountability in Autonomy. Ferro represented AAMVA in a panel discussion on Autonomous Vehicles and joined the closing luncheon panel with incoming GHSA chair, Rhonda Craft (Director, CA Office of Traffic Safety). Along with several prior NHTSA Administrators and Deputy Administrators including Dr. Jeff Runge, David Strickland, Ron Medford and David Kelly, they discussed past and future national highway safety issues and opportunities. Read more here.

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### Regional News

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**Transdev, Babcock Ranch Unveil First Autonomous School Shuttle (Florida)**

Transdev, the mobility partner for Babcock Ranch, is completing more than two months of testing on school shuttle routes that will supplement existing autonomous options within the community. During the pilot-program, Transdev will evaluate rider behavior and demand by offering the service to Babcock Neighborhood School (BNS) students who live within the new town located just northeast of Fort Myers, Florida. As the town — the first solar-powered community in the country — continues to grow to its estimated capacity of nearly 50,000 residents, mobility options will continue to evolve to meet new demands, including student transit. [Read the article at metro-magazine.com](https://metro-magazine.com).

**Initial KeepSafe 5K Run Part of Car Safety Initiative (Georgia)**

By the standards of other, more established runs in and around Albany, Saturday's inaugural KeepSafe 5K run — organized by a trio of first-timers — had middling success...Spurred by a lunchtime conversation Sharpe, a principal in the successful U-Sav-It Pharmacy group, and his wife, Heather, had with another pharmacist about

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how so many mothers did not have their children in car seats as they came to drive-thru windows to pick up medication, the KeepSafe run was dreamed up, organized and pulled off, all in a matter of slightly more than a month...Funding from the race and donations has been used to purchase child safety car seats. Officials with the state Office of Highway Safety will conduct an educational seminar at the Albany Civic Center on Sept. 15, showing parents and other interested participants — “grandmothers, nannies, other relatives” — how to properly restrain children in the seats. Read the article at albanyherald.com.

Kentucky Lawmakers Get Update on Driver's License Changes
Kentuckians should know this fall when the state’s new driver’s licenses will be available in their counties. The design of the revamped ID is scheduled to be unveiled in September. Legislators received those updates Thursday as state officials prepare for an overhaul of driver’s licenses and other identification cards that is set to begin in January. Matthew Cole, director of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s division of driver’s licensing, told lawmakers that the licenses with beefed-up security features, will be among "the most secure credentials in the world." Read the article at wdrb.com.

South Carolina Supreme Court Rules Safety Trumps Jurisdiction
South Carolina's highest court has ruled a woman's driving under the influence charge shouldn't be dismissed because her car crashed a few feet outside the city whose officer detained her. Jennifer Alexander was found inside her still running car in a ditch on U.S. Highway 176 in July 2013 by a Goose Creek police officer. The highway was in Goose Creek city limits, but the ditch wasn't. Read the article at wbtw.com.

Virginia to Offer REAL ID-Compliant Licenses Next Month
The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles will soon start offering residents the option to upgrade their driver's licenses or other IDs to meet federal requirements that will affect plane travelers. Virginia licenses aren't currently compliant with the federal REAL ID program, which was enacted after the Sept. 11 attacks. Beginning in October 2020, noncompliant IDs won't be sufficient for boarding a plane or entering secure federal facilities or military bases. Read the article at apnews.com.

Fiat Chrysler Boosts Autonomous Vehicle Testing in Michigan
Fiat Chrysler says it's invested more than $30 million at its Chelsea Proving Grounds in southeastern Michigan to boost development and testing of autonomous vehicles and advanced safety technologies. The company says in a statement Wednesday that a new facility at the proving grounds begins testing this month and includes an autonomous highway-speed track, a safety-feature evaluation area and a command center. Read the article at pilotonline.com.

Sen. Kiffmeyer Provides New Minnesota License Design Update
Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer, R-Big Lake (Dist. 30), is reporting that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) recently unveiled new designs for Minnesota driver license and identification cards. They were to begin issuing these cards for applications or renewals processed on or after Aug. 6. The new driver license and identification card design replaces Minnesota’s previous format which was first issued in 2004. The new design has added security features to prevent fraud and introduces new markings that differentiate between our state’s types of licenses. Additionally, DPS
will roll out a new vertical license that will make it easier for law enforcement and businesses to identify when someone is under the age of 21. Read the article at hometownsource.com.

**September Declared Safe Driving Awareness Month (Ohio)**

September is Safe Driving Awareness Month, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol is urging motorists to commit to driving buckled, focused and sober. In addition, motorists can help keep roadways safe by planning ahead, allowing for extra time and following all traffic safety laws. Last year, 1,179 people were killed on Ohio’s roadways in 1,094 motor vehicle crashes, a 4 percent increase in both categories from 2016. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that fatalities rose nearly 6 percent nationwide in 2016 according to a media release provided to 13abc. Read the article at 13abc.com.

**Take a Ride in a Driverless Vehicle in September (Alberta)**

If you’ve ever wondered what it might be like to experience the future of driving, your ride has arrived. Plus, by going for a ride, the public can help University of Calgary researchers study autonomous vehicles (AV). From Sept. 8 to 30, a free, low-speed (12 kilometres per hour), autonomous vehicle shuttle service will run on a one-kilometre stretch between the Telus Spark Science Centre and the Calgary Zoo LRT. The ELA, or “electric autonomous,” is a fully-accessible 12-person vehicle. The project, a first-of-its-kind application of an autonomous vehicle for public transportation in Western Canada, is being run by the City of Calgary in collaboration with Alberta-based Pacific Western Transportation. Read the article at ucalgary.ca.

**American Samoa: Major Changes Proposed for Driver’s Licenses to Comply with REAL ID Act**

To fully comply with the federal REAL ID Act, the Lolo Administration is proposing major changes to current law for issuing driver's licenses, and a new provision is being proposed that would allow a "driving privilege card" to be issued. The legislation — the American Samoa REAL ID Act — was finally introduced in the Fono this week, and it outlines a wide range of changes to current law including that the Department of Public Safety/ Office of Motor Vehicle will take over the issuance of Identification Cards, which are currently issued by the Office of Vital Statistics, a bureau of the local Homeland Security Department. Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga informed Fono leaders that the legislation would help bring American Samoa into compliance with the federal REAL ID Act, 'which will enable American Samoans to use their driver's licenses and identification cards' to pass through US Transportation Security Administration security and to access other federal facilities. Read the article at samoanews.com.

**Here’s How the DMV Cut Wait Times in Northern California by 50 Minutes in the Past Month**

On Thursday afternoon at the main Sacramento DMV office, the mood was relatively calm. People sat in small blue chairs, watching the screens, waiting for their numbers to be called. A woman who went only by her first name, Byrd, fed milk to a tiny, 11-day-old Chihuahua curled in the palm of her hand. She said she had been waiting for thirty minutes — she knew because her dog had to be fed in half-hour intervals, and she had fed it just before starting in the queue. It was a scene indicative of a larger trend: In the past month, average DMV wait times throughout Northern California have dropped by 50 minutes. In the Sacramento office on Broadway, it was reduced by 65 minutes, making the new average wait time 85 minutes. For DMV Director Jean Shiomoto, those numbers are a step in the right direction. Read the article at sacbee.com.
Are You Ready? An Autonomous Vehicle Shuttle Proposed for Downtown Napa (California)
Downtown Napa could be getting a shuttle service with a difference – autonomous vehicles with hands-off drivers who would take over only during emergencies. The Napa Valley Transportation Authority and its local transit provider Transdev are working on a year-long demonstration project. If grant funding comes through – and that might not be known until December—three or so autonomous, electric shuttles could be on local roads by spring. All of this could lend downtown Napa a “Tomorrowland” touch. Tourists and residents alike could take a ride in an autonomous vehicle. Read the article at napavalleyregister.com.

Idaho DMV Provides "Emergency Extension" to Drivers with Expiring or Expired Licenses
The Idaho Division of Motor Vehicles has implemented an emergency extension through Oct. 31 of this year, for all Idaho drivers with expiring or expired driver’s licenses – due to recent DMV office closures and computer system issues. “Information about this extension has been communicated to county sheriff, local, state and national law enforcement and is in immediate effect,” said ITD spokesperson Jennifer Gonzalez. Read the article at kivitv.com.

Driverless Vehicle Programs See 3 Accidents in 32,000 Trips (Nevada)
Despite some high-profile crashes in other cities, there have been only three minor wrecks involving driverless vehicles in Las Vegas in more than 32,000 trips, according to Metro Police and the companies behind two programs. Two crashes involved self-driving cars on Las Vegas Boulevard operated by the autonomous technology company Aptiv. The other involved a driverless shuttle in downtown Las Vegas. Nobody was injured in any of the crashes, officials said. Read the article at lasvegassun.com.

SGI Reminding Drivers to Mind School Zones as Students Return to Class (Saskatchewan)
To launch its September Traffic Safety Spotlight, SGI is taking motorists to school by focusing on math and physics. Sept. 4 is the first day of school, and police will be focusing on school zone speeds throughout the month. SGI’s math lesson is simple: school zones plus speeding equals an expensive ticket. Read the article at globalnews.ca.

Autonomous Driving: BMW Group focuses on Level 3 and 4
The levels of autonomous driving are representative of an ever greater autonomy of the car and reduced reliance on the active cooperation of the driver. In the extreme case – called Level 5 – the driver practically becomes the passenger of an automated taxi, which brings him to his destination without any assistance. Nobody needs a steering wheel or pedals in such a vehicle, which is why some manufacturers are already thinking intensively about new interior concepts to resemble a workplace. At the BMW Group, the customers’ wishes seem to be a little different and there is doubt that such taxis without a human driver are compatible with the values of the brand. In an interview with Automobilwoche, Elmar Frickenstein, responsible for the development of self-driving cars at BMW, has now taken a very clear position. Therefore, there is so far no decision for or against the development of a Level 5 autonomously moving “robot car” from BMW, and the focus of the development is instead on levels 3 and 4. Read the article at bmwblog.com.
Self-Driving Technology Threatens Nearly 300,000 Trucking Jobs, Report Says
Autonomous driving technology could replace some 294,000 long-distance truck drivers over the next 25 years, a lighter impact than some have predicted but one that could still significantly reshape freight-industry employment, according to a new research paper. The changes would likely eliminate some of the best-paid positions held by the more than 2 million heavy-duty truck drivers in the U.S., according to the analysis by Steve Viscelli, a sociologist who is a fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Robert A. Fox Leadership Program and a senior fellow at its Kleinman Center for Energy Policy. Read the article at wsj.com.

Apple's First Semi-Autonomous Car Accident Caused by Human
A car housing Apple's current semi-autonomous hardware was in its first accident in August, official documents reveal. The technology wasn't to blame, it was actually a human driver behind the wheel of another vehicle. According to the official report from the California Department of Motor Vehicles, the Lexus was traveling in autonomous-tech mode (yes, that is a real checkbox on the accident report form) when it was struck from behind by an identical model-year Nissan Leaf. Read the article at thedrive.com.

Volvo's 360c Takes Out the Steering Wheel in New Autonomous Concept Car
Volvo has hinted for a few weeks at what its 360c concept car might include, such as autonomous communication tools using colorful exterior lights, in-car coffee making, and a quiet ride (read: electric). But what Volvo revealed on Wednesday morning at an unveiling event in Sweden opens up many possibilities for the Swedish company as it moves to position itself as a car brand for the future. First of all, the 360c is indeed a fully autonomous, electric vehicle, just not the usual buy-on-site-and-drive-off-the-dealership type of car. Volvo sees the 360c as something businesses buy in groups and offer to their employees or clients as perks: automated, door-to-door travel with a plethora of amenities. It won't even have a steering wheel, because Volvo is designing this car to meet the highest level of autonomy, Level 5: completely computer-controlled in all environments and situations. Read the article at mashable.com.

Blackmore Doppler LIDAR: Is This What's Missing from Autonomy?
LIDAR is generally considered the base ingredient of autonomous driving: although Elon Musk may disagree, the vast majority of automakers believe that the only way a car can be driven autonomously, yet reliably, is by employing LIDAR sensors. Now, a company with years of experience and funding from BMW i-Ventures and Toyota AI Ventures claims to have reinvented the LIDAR - but what exactly has Blackmore done? Read the article at themobility.club.

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On Twitter
@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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Miss one of our "Myth vs. Fact" sheets? Here's a recap of all 10. And remember, just because the #DriveSoberorGetPulledOver campaign is nearly done, doesn't mean law enforcement officers won't be out patrolling for drunk drivers. Be safe at all times
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