AAMVA's Summer MOVE Magazine is Now Available

AAMVA’s summer issue of MOVE Magazine is available in a sleek new digital version, as well as the traditional print copies you’ve always enjoyed. From features on adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic to messages from AAMVA leaders, and much more, the digital version of MOVE is ready for you to explore! Read more here.

AAMVA Hosts First Virtual Membership Meeting

On September 1st, AAMVA held its Annual Membership Meeting. Members can watch a full recording of the meeting, which included key reports from Chair Whitney Brewster, President & CEO Anne Ferro, Treasurer Rick Holcomb and a number of AAMVA's strategic international partners. The members adopted a new “Move Over Education & Enforcement” policy statement and elected new members of the Board of Directors. Additional highlights of the meeting included:

- The Canadian & United States National Anthem, Sung by Chair Whitney Brewster and Her Family
- Presentation of the Chair’s Award of Excellence to AAMVA’s Dianne Graham
- Farewell Message to 2019-2020 Chair of the Board, Whitney Brewster
- Invitation to 2021 AIC from Mike Dixon, 2020-2021 Chair of the Board

And there is still time join Whitney Brewster’s effort to support the Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking-Texas, which works passionately to bring awareness, education, and victim assistance services to help combat labor and sex trafficking. Be sure to indicate you are donating on behalf of AAMVA in the dialog box.

Interested in having your logo appear here? Become a Regional News sponsor by contacting Rob Stershic, 703.908.2825.
AAMVA joins Donate Life American and Donate Life State Teams in celebrating National DMV Appreciation Month.

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 cancelation list.

*Register for the following training sessions HERE.

**SEPTEMBER - SPEXS**

- 21 | SPEXS Batch Inquiry (intermediate)
- 22 | SPEXS Bulk Load

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**Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19**

[Click here](https://www.magnetmail.net/Design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=19254874) 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](https://www.magnetmail.net/Design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=19254874).

**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**

- FMCSA Extends COVID-19 Relief Exemption Through End of Year
- Trucking's Frontline Heroes: When the Pandemic Hit, They Rose To the Occasion
- A Growing Pedestrian Safety Crisis: Speed, Short Lights and SUVs Are Worsening a Health Epidemic

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

- Whether at Home or at the DMV, Say Yes To Saving Lives (Pennsylvania)
- PennDOT Resumes Issuing REAL IDs After Pause Due To COVID-19 (Pennsylvania)

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

- DPS Extends Expiration Dates on Commercial Driver Licenses (Oklahoma)
- Some Texans May Have To Wait Months To Renew Driver’s Licenses

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

- Seniors Get Priority at DMV: ‘Virtual’ Healthy, Wealthy & Wise Senior Conference Is Friday (Illinois)
- Some Residents Encounter Roadblocks With License, Plate Renewal (Michigan)
- Nebraska DMV Has License Plate Shortage
- Pandemic Speeding: Ohio State Troopers Seeing Spike in Speeding Above 100 MPH

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

- Lockdown Couldn’t Keep Waymo From Testing Self-Driving Cars … in a Fake City (California)
- DMV Late Fee Exceptions Confuse Some Colorado Drivers
- DMV Working To Assist Nevada Motorists With Expired Documents


**REGION 1 NEWS**

PennDOT Announces New Safety Citizen Program (Pennsylvania)
Hello Pennsylvanians, PennDOT would like your feedback on traffic safety topics, you can make a short video, an original piece of artwork or a poem to be displayed on PennDOT’s social media platforms that include Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Read more at wnbf.com.

**REGION 2 NEWS**

**ALEA Modifies Driver License Office Hours Due To Sally (Alabama)**
The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency’s (ALEA) Driver License Division began modifying operations on Monday, Sept. 14, in response to Hurricane Sally, which has now been downgraded to a tropical storm. As expected, the storm has brought torrential rain and flooding to the state’s Gulf Coast region, as well as flash flooding to other parts of the state. Read more at mynbc15.com.

**KYTC Drives Attention To Work Zone Safety During Construction Season; Drivers Reminded To Slow Down (Kentucky)**
The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is driving attention to Kentucky’s Work Zone Awareness Week (KYWZAW) – Sept. 13-18 – to encourage motorists to take a vested interest in work zone safety by slowing down and driving without distractions in active work zones. Read more at nkytribune.com.

**2,400+ Personalized License Plate Requests Were Denied in Texas in 2020 (Texas)**
Texans have requested some pretty interesting vanity license plates so far this year. KSAT obtained a list of the rejected vanity license plate requests from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicle. Some are more crass than others but the one thing they have in common is that they didn’t get approved. Read more at ksat.com.

**Dealer Licensing Issues Preventing Some Tiny Home Owners From Getting a Title (Texas)**
Back in March, Karen Bryant paid cash for a tiny home located in the Village Farm community in east Austin. She has the certificate of origin, which shows the tiny home’s vehicle identification number or VIN number. But she wanted the title to use for another property purchase. Read more at kxan.com.

**Commercial Drivers Involved in Human Smuggling Face Stiff Penalties Under ‘Texas Hold ’Em’ Initiative**
Agents with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency (CBP) are working in conjunction with the Texas Department of Public Safety to reinforce consequences outlined in the Texas Hold ’Em initiative. As the number of illegal alien apprehensions continue to rise in the South Texas, the CBP has focused its efforts to curb the dangerous tactic of human smuggling using tractor-trailers. Read more at thetrucker.com.

**One Woman’s Fight To Change Drunk-Driving Laws (Illinois)**

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**SEPTEMBER - PDPS**

23 | SPEXS SPM (intermediate)

**SEPTEMBER - CDLIS**

29 | PDPS/Intro to NDR (basic)

**OCTOBER - CDLIS**

5 | CDLIS A Overview (basic)

2 | CDLIS B Inquiry Transactions (basic)

8 | CDLIS C Update Transactions (basic)

13 | CDLIS Resolving Broken and Missing Pointers (intermediate)

14 | CD03 State-to-State Status Request (intermediate)

15 | CD04 State-to-State History Request (intermediate)

20 | CDLIS 3-Yr Calc for Serious (advanced)

21 | CDLIS Disqualifications for Federal Offenses (intermediate)

22 | CDLIS Foreign Convictions and Withdrawals (intermediate)

**OCTOBER - UNI**

27 | UNI Basics (basic)

28 | UNI Advanced A (advanced)

29 | UNI Advanced B (advanced)

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**REGISTER ONLINE!**

**OUR WEBINARS**

**SEPTEMBER**
Sheila Lockwood says she never intended to be an activist. But the suburban Chicago mother was thrust into that role when her son Austin was killed in a drunk driving accident in Wisconsin two years ago. “Your life is turned upside down after a crash like this,” she said. “And the person who murdered your loved one just goes on without any consequences.” Read more at nbcchicago.com.

**Immigrants Rally at Michigan Capitol for Driver's License Access**
Lupita McCaffrey, a 57-year-old immigrant from Mexico, waited 42 years to get her driver’s license. McCaffrey, a member of the immigrants rights group Movimiento Cosecha Michigan, joined nearly 100 demonstrators at the Michigan Capitol on Wednesday, Sept. 16, demanding state lawmakers pass a bill that would allow residents to apply for their driver’s license or state ID, regardless of their immigration status. Read more at mlive.com.

**Ohio State Highway Patrol and ODOT Set up Distracted Driving Corridor on SR 309**
If you’ve driven down State Route 309 lately, you may have seen the new signs - and now, drivers will be seeing more state troopers and ODOT signage in an effort to lower the number of crashes in the area. Read more at hometownstations.com.

**Speeding and Sleeping? Tesla Driver Faces Criminal Charge in Alberta**
RCMP have charged a man with dangerous driving after an officer pulled over a speeding Tesla on a central Alberta highway that appeared to be driving itself with no one inside. Police received a complaint about a speeding car on July 9 near Ponoka, north of Red Deer. Read more at ckom.com.

**Backup Driver of Autonomous Uber SUV Charged With Negligent Homicide in Arizona**
The driver behind the wheel of an autonomous Uber car that fatally struck an Arizona woman has been charged with negligent homicide. Rafaela Vasquez, 46, appeared in court on Tuesday in Maricopa County, Ariz. She pleaded not guilty to the charge, NPR member station KJZZ reports, and has been released with an ankle monitor. Read more at npr.org.

**Busy Hurricane Season Could Bring Flood-Damaged Vehicles To Phoenix Market (Arizona)**
The busy hurricane season could cause a wave of flood-damaged vehicles to flood the market, according to an analysis by Carfax. When Hurricane Laura made landfall in late August, she left a path of destruction across the Gulf Coast, and Carfax estimates the storm flooded 5,000 vehicles. Now Hurricane Sally is slamming the same area. Read more at azfamily.com.

**Questions on Tech Stack, Appointment Strategies at DMV Vendor Day (California)**
Wondering what technology companies wanted to know at last week's California Department of Motor Vehicles vendor day? Here are several of their questions and
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the department's responses, on everything from the technology stack to how field office appointments are booked and what self-service tech is available there. Read more at techwire.net.

Gov. Newsom Signs Bill Changing DMV Disability License Plates Requirements for Veterans (California)
On Wednesday, Governor Gavin Newsom signed a bill requiring the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to change the requirements needed for disabled veterans to get a special disability license plate. Read more at californiaglobe.com.

New CDOT Campaign Aims To Deter Driving High (Colorado)
The Colorado Department of Transportation today announced the launch of a new campaign meant to discourage people from consuming cannabis and driving. The campaign, "Uncomfortable High," will be active online, on TV screens, in print, on the radio and at marijuana dispensaries through October. Read more at greelytribune.com.

Electric Vehicle Owners Asked To Join Driving and Charging Study (Idaho)
The technology consulting firm, Energetics, is launching a data-collection effort to learn the driving and charging behavior of electric vehicle users across the country. And, the company is looking for owners of an EV or a plug-in hybrid across the country to volunteer their vehicle to the project. Read more at localnews8.com.

Oregon DMV Closes Offices Due To 'Hazardous Indoor Air Quality'
DMV offices in Cottage Grove and Junction City closed at 10 a.m. Tuesday due to deteriorating air quality. The DMV call centers and most offices - including the agency headquarters in Salem - are closed Tuesday due to "hazardous indoor air quality." Read more at kval.com.

Sask. Government Launches Program To Train Women as Transport Drivers (Saskatchewan)
The Government of Saskatchewan has announced a new pilot program that will train women to become transport drivers. According to a press release issued by the government Wednesday morning, the program is set to be a partnership between the Saskatoon YWCA, the Saskatchewan Trucking Association (STA) and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Immigration and Career Training. Read more at thestarphoenix.com.

Speed and Distracted Driving Blamed for Rise in Deadly Highway Crashes in Utah
Summer is considered by Utah law enforcement to be the "100 deadliest days" for drivers, and this year was among the worst in recent memory. The Utah Department of Transportation reported Wednesday that 102 people lost their lives from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and that deaths are up 20% on state roads between Jan. 1 and Sept. 7. Read more at deseret.com.
Highway Death Rate Surged 20% During First Half of 2020
The U.S. highway death rate surged by 20% during the first half of this year, even as Americans sharply reduced travel due to the coronavirus pandemic. If the preliminary federal data holds, it would mark one of the sharpest rises in motor vehicle deaths on a miles-driven basis that the U.S. has seen in decades. Read more at thedetroitbureau.com.

Three senior Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday asked government auditors to study why U.S. auto safety regulators have failed to write dozens of new auto safety regulations. The delayed rules include rear belt warnings, revisions to vehicle defect reporting requirements, child restraint side impact tests, requiring automakers to e-mail recall notices, large bus and motor-coach rollover structural integrity requirements and making it easier to install child safety seats. Many have been delayed by more than four years. Read more at reuters.com.

AAA Study: Drivers Too Willing To Abandon Responsibility To Technology
Motorists using driving assistance systems tend to overlook safety limitations when the branding and marketing used to suggest an "automated" driving experience, according to new research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. Read more at nj1015.com.

Camera Monitoring Significantly Improves Safety of HGV Driving
Computer scientists and driving psychologists from the University of Nottingham analysed data collected before and after the installation of unobtrusive cameras in the cabs of Heavy Good Vehicles (HGV) and found there is a significant reduction of risky driving behaviours with camera monitoring, and that this is even more effective when coupled with coaching. Their findings have been published in Accident Analysis and Prevention Journal. Read more at nottingham.ac.uk.

Industry Celebrates National Truck Driver Appreciation Week
The trucking industry is celebrating the people who have kept the wheels turning in this unprecedented year during the 2020 National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, which is running Sept. 13-19 and is notable for the variety of ways drivers are being recognized amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Read more at ttnews.com.

Keep Kids Safe on the Road: Child Passenger Safety Week Is September 15-21
Every day across America, parents and caregivers drive young children to and from school, daycare, the store, and around town in car seats and boosters. Yet nearly half of all car seats are installed incorrectly, which means your child may not be traveling as safely as possible. To help keep children safe on our roads, NHTSA is sponsoring Child Passenger Safety Week from September 15-21, 2019. Read more at nhtsa.gov.
Are Younger Truck Drivers Safe?
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has launched a pilot program to explore just how safe drivers between the ages of 18 and 21 years old can be when driving heavy-duty trucks. The three-year program will allow 200 younger drivers to participate if they have operated commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in intrastate commerce for at least a year and 25,000 miles. Read more at ehstoday.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.

CO Dept. of Revenue @CO_Revenue | View the Tweet

Thanks for stopping by our COS driver license office, @DonateLifeCO! The DMV Appreciation Month swag was great, but we prefer the feeling we get helping Donate Life CO save lives through organ, eye & tissue donation! Visit https://colorado.gov/pacific/dmv/organ-donor-information for more. #DonateLife #DMVMonth

State of Connecticut DMV @CTDMV | View the Tweet

At Union Weigh/Inspection Station on Interstate 84 westbound in Union CT, Joseph Sculley (president MTAC), Roland Bolduc (Chairman of the MTAC Truck Driving Championships) along w/ Sergent Browne & Lieutenant Bridge distributed 300 lunches #NationalTruckDriverAppreciationWeek!
Drive Safe Kansas - KDOT @DriveSafeKansas | View the Tweet

Here are a few more pictures from today's event where @KSMotorCarriers presented @kshighwaypatrol with a donation of child safety seats. @TrooperTodKHP @TroopCandiceKHP @TrooperMikeKHP @KHPRecruiting @SafeKidsKansas

MD_MVA @MD_MVA | View the Tweet

At MDOT MVA, we understand that so much is made possible because of truck drivers. That's why many of our employees, like Pam Gasiorowski, worked during the branch closure to assist these essential employees. Thank you to Pam and to Maryland's truck drivers! #NTDAW2020 #MDOTCares
Nevada DMV @NevadaDMV | View the Tweet

Our new Reno office will open November 2. This 42,000-square-foot building features 3 kiosks outside to expedite the customer experience, including the first drive-through DMV kiosk in the nation. Customers can complete their transaction 24-7 without getting out of their vehicle.

Oregon State Police @ORStatePolice | View the Tweet

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#oregonwildfires #wildfires #highwaysafety

TN Highway Patrol @TNHighwayPatrol | View the Tweet

Today is #NationalPoliceWomanDay! We salute all the female law enforcement officers, deputies, and troopers. Thank you for your dedication and professionalism. This is a picture from last year’s women in law enforcement conference in Nashville!
Utah Highway Patrol @UTHighwayPatrol | View the Tweet

While it may seem calmer than it was, winds are expected to gust up to 75 mph again tonight after 9:00 pm in Davis & Weber Counties. Please do not ignore the restrictions on high-profile vehicles (...still in place) in this area.

VermontDMV @VTDMV | View the Tweet

The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles strives to keep mature drivers on the road as long as possible with a primary concern of safety to all. https://dmv.vermont.gov/licenses/mature-drivers
One of the most difficult talks we can have w/ an aging loved one is if they are still safe to drive. @UVMMedCenter has a program to help: bit.ly/UVM_Drivers

This elderly driver found himself the wrong way on I-91. AOT & VSP were able to protect him & the public from harm.