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OUR EVENTS

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24-29 | [2018 September CDL Examiner Update Class](#)
St. Petersburg, FL

25-26 | [2018 September CDLIS Working Group Meeting](#)
San Antonio, TX

26-27 | [2018 September Autonomous Vehicles Best Practices Working Group](#)
Kansas City, MO

OCTOBER

10-11 | [2018 October Standing Committee Meeting](#)
Arlington, VA

17-18 | [2018 October Joint mDL Working Group](#)

Newly Published! AAMVA's Ignition Interlock Program Best Practices Guide



AAMVA's updated [Ignition Interlock Program Best Practices Guide](#) is now available on AAMVA.org. More than 10,000 people die every year in alcohol-related crashes in the U.S. and nearly 500 more in Canada. Data shows that ignition interlock devices prevented 350,000 alcohol-impaired driving attempts in 2016 and 2.3 million since 2006. Every jurisdiction has an ignition interlock law; however, there is no model program or national strategy that addresses every component of an ignition interlock program.

Through the work of AAMVA's [Ignition Interlock Program Best Practices Working Group](#), this newly-published best practice provides guidance for AAMVA member agencies that are legislatively charged with administering ignition interlock programs and to standardize program administration, terminology, and model enabling legislation. [Read more here.](#)

AAMVA's Fact Sheet on Cars Damaged by Flood Waters Now Available

AAMVA's [fact sheet on flood-damaged vehicles](#) is now available. As a result of the flooding associated with Hurricane Florence, it is estimated that a substantial number of vehicles will sustain severe water damage. Such water damage can make a vehicle's electrical system, including airbag sensors, prone to failure. Based on past experiences with flood-damaged vehicles associated with other hurricanes, it is very likely that many states will see flood-damaged vehicles enter their used vehicle markets for sale, titling, or registration. [Read more here.](#)

Seeking Jurisdiction and Industry Members for Six New Working Groups

AAMVA is seeking members for six new working groups:

- Abandoned Vehicle & Mechanic Lien Fraud Prevention Working Group
- Auditing Third Party Agents Working Group
- Facial Recognition Working Group
- Foreign Reciprocity Resource Guide Working Group
- Imported Vehicles Working Group
- Managing Data Privacy and External Access Working Group

Each Working Group has its own [application](#) (under Working Group Opportunities) that itemizes the qualifications and experience required. For

Tampa, FL

23-25 | [2018 Region 3 Conference](#)



Brook, IL

SYSTEMS TRAINING

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

SEPTEMBER

25 | [CD01 Search Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

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OUR WEBINARS

SEPTEMBER

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

26 | [NMVTIS Junk Salvage and Insurance \(Total Loss\) Information \(JSI\) – What Does it Mean?](#)

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

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OPEN RFPs

[AAMVA RFP FY18-101 UX Design](#)
Deadline: September 30, 2018

[AAMVA RFP FY19-16957: 2019 Region 2 Board / Planning / Administrators Meeting](#)
Deadline: October 1, 2018

[AAMVA RFP FY19-16956: 2020](#)

jurisdiction members, applications must be signed by the Chief Administrator of the agency. For technical advisors, associate members will be given preference in the selection process. Incomplete applications will not be considered for appointment.

AAMVA pays the travel expenses for all jurisdiction members to attend in-person meetings. Technical Advisors are expected to cover their own travel expenses. Members selected are expected to attend 2-3 in-person meetings per year, periodic conference calls as needed, and complete work assignments between meetings. Applications should be returned by email to committees@aamva.org by **September 28, 2018**. [Read more here](#).

REGION 1 NEWS

Cities, Towns Vie To Test Drive CT's Autonomous Vehicle Program

At least five Connecticut municipalities are vying to become testing hotbeds for driverless car technology. Windsor Locks and Stamford were the first to apply for Connecticut's recently launched Fully Autonomous Vehicle Testing Pilot Program, which will allow four cities and towns in the state to partner with manufacturers and fleet service providers to test driverless cars on public roadways. At least three other municipalities — Manchester, New Haven and Bridgeport — said they plan to apply for a spot in the program and are currently soliciting manufacturing partners before submitting applications. [Read the full article at hartfordbusiness.com](#)

DMV Launches Safe Selfie Zones (Delaware)

The Delaware Department of Transportation's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is proud to announce new "Safe Selfie Zones" located at each of the DMV's four locations. The Safe Selfie Zones feature a fun, colorful backdrop for new drivers to use when photographing selfies as an alternative to photographing their driver's license. This will allow new Delaware drivers to share the news of obtaining their driver's license with family and friends on social media while keeping their driver's license number and home address secure. [Read more at news.delaware.gov](#)

State: Most Opt For Standard License, Not 'Real ID' (Massachusetts)

More than four months after the state started issuing driver's licenses that comply with the federal Real ID security law, the standard license continues to be the most popular service option for customers at Registry of Motor Vehicles locations, according to data presented Monday. For customers who get their licenses at AAA locations instead of RMV branches, however, the Real ID is the most popular option, Registrar Erin Deveney told the Department of Transportation Board of Directors. [Read the full article at salemnews.com](#)

New Jersey to Roll Out Upgraded REAL IDs by Summer 2019

New Jersey residents who wish to use their driver's license as their form of photo identification to board a domestic flight will have to switch over to a new form of identification known as REAL ID by 2020. Congress passed a law in 2005 requiring new standards for driver's licenses for identification to gain access to federal buildings, airports, and other locations. This was done in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. New Jersey has filed for extensions to become REAL ID-compliant, but the head of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission says that the new IDs should be ready by the second quarter of 2019. [Read the full article at news12newjersey](#)

Nova Scotia To Allow 'X' As Gender Option On Birth

[Region 2 Conference](#)

Deadline: October 1, 2018

Certificates

Nova Scotians who don't exclusively identify as male or female will have the option of choosing 'X' on their birth certificates under changes proposed by the province. Proposed amendments to the Vital Statistics Act introduced Wednesday would also make the display of the sex field optional on birth certificates, and waive the \$24.95 fee to change the sex indicator. Another change would remove the requirement for anyone 16 or older to get a statement from a health professional to change the sex indicator on their birth certificate. [Read the full article at globalnews.ca](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

ADOR Announces Launch of Voluntary Disclosure and Nexus Questionnaire Online Portals

The Alabama Department of Revenue is upgrading its Voluntary Disclosure Agreement (VDA) process and nexus questionnaire. The Voluntary Disclosure Program is offered as a service to business taxpayers who want to become compliant with the tax laws of Alabama and limit their exposure for retroactive tax liability and penalties. The questionnaire is designed to allow business taxpayers to provide information to the department for use in determining whether the taxpayer has a tax filing obligation with the state. [Read the press release here](#)

Get Ready – New KY 'Real ID' Coming

Starting in January, Kentucky will begin rolling out equipment to Circuit Clerks across the state. All counties will be able to process the new IDs by the end of March. For those who aren't ready to renew, a new ID is not a requirement. The new IDs, or REAL IDs as they are known nationally, will be the new standard of identification all over the US. The new form of identification will enable you to board an airplane or enter a federal facility such as a military base. Without the new identification card, you will be out of luck. To board an airplane with a standard ID, flyers will need an official US passport. [Read the full article at mountainadvocate.com](#)

New Law on Handicapped Parking Takes Effect Monday (Kentucky)

Kentucky's new law regarding issuance of handicapped parking placards, which takes effect Monday, could mean a trip not only to the county clerk's office but also a visit to a doctor for people applying for the placards. Because the law is a reset of Kentucky's regulations regarding handicapped parking, those wanting to get a placard will need to complete a new form they can pick up from a county clerk. The form, which requires confirmation of disability from a doctor, is part of an effort to curb fraudulent issuance of the handicapped placards. [Read more at bgdailynews.com](#)

Oklahoma City Stores Will Deliver Groceries With Autonomous Vehicles

Next year, Oklahoma City residents will be able to have their groceries delivered to them by an autonomous vehicle. Udelv announced this week that a new partnership will bring its self-driving delivery vehicles to the city's largest local chain of grocery stores, which includes supermarkets such as Uptown Grocery, Buy For Less, Buy For Less Super Mercado and Smart Saver. Ten vehicles are scheduled to be delivered to the stores by the end of June 2019. [Read the full article at engadget.com](#)

TxDMV: Reagor-Dykes Auto Group and 10 Finance Companies to Blame for 100 Title Complaints

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles filed documents today with the federal

bankruptcy court stating it has sent letters to Chief Restructuring Officer for Reagor-Dykes Auto Group, and to Ford Motor Credit, First Capital, Liberty Capital, Universal Underwriters, Vista Bank, MUSA Auto Finance, U.S. Bank, Gulf States Toyota, Santander and GM. [The letter to CRO Robert Schleizer](#) states the bankruptcy has had a delaying effect on the passage of title from the dealerships to consumers. The letter says there are approximately 100 complaints that the Texas DMV is currently fielding against the dealerships, mostly in regards to titling issues. [Read the article at KCBD-TV](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

State: Illinois Licenses, IDs Still Valid to Board Planes

Officials say people will be able to board airplanes using current Illinois driver's licenses and ID cards even though the state won't be in full compliance with the federal Real ID law by next month's deadline. The State Journal-Register reports that Illinois' latest extension to comply with the stricter federal requirements ends on Oct. 10. Henry Haupt is a spokesman for Secretary of State Jesse White. He says the Department of Homeland Security has assured the office that Illinois licenses and ID cards will continue to be accepted for domestic air travel after Oct. 10. Read more at usnews.com.

Slow-Speed Driver-Less Shuttle Service Set To Begin Testing In Columbus Next Week (Ohio)

Self-driving shuttles will begin driving around the city next week when a Michigan-based start-up will begin testing the vehicles on downtown streets. May Mobility has been operating a "driver-less" slow-speed shuttle in downtown Detroit for about 10 weeks and company CEO Edwin Olson says they have had seen any problems... With 10,000 passengers under their belt in Detroit, the company is poised to begin operating in Columbus by the end of the year. [Read more at nbc4i.com](#)

Detroit Gets Share Of \$5.25M To Give Residents Voice In Self-Driving (Michigan)

Detroit will share in a \$5.25 million project to help cities tap into the self-driving car revolution. The Motor City, along with Long Beach and San Jose, California, Miami and Pittsburgh, have been selected as part of a five-year, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation initiative to bring "residents to the center of self-driving vehicle pilot projects." [Read more in the Detroit Free Press](#)

Minnesota Extends REAL ID Deadline to 2020

Minnesota residents can now take their time in getting their REAL IDs. After a two-year deadline extension by the state, Minnesotans have until October 1, 2020 to apply for the new form of identification. The previous deadline was October 1, 2018. While the deadline was extended, residents can start applying for the REAL IDs, although it's not necessary to do so right now. [Read the full article at keyc.com](#)

South Dakota Assisting With Hurricane Response

Two staff members from the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management have deployed to North Carolina to assist that state with its response to Hurricane Florence. Cari Leidholt and Autumn Stout will be stationed in the state emergency operations center in Raleigh, N.C. They will help North Carolina officials with coordinating requests to other states for assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). EMAC is a state-to-state mutual aid agreement that allows governors to send personnel, equipment and commodities to a requesting state that has declared an emergency. North Carolina officials specifically requested that South Dakota send Leidholt and Stout. [Read the press release here.](#)

White Lake High School Receives \$10,000 In Highway Safety's "Lesson Learned SD" Program (South Dakota)

Because one of its students wanted to learn how to be a safe driver, White Lake High School is now \$10,000 richer. Former White Lake student Audrie Lawrence is the winner of this year's "Lesson Learned SD" program. The South Dakota Office of Highway Safety designed the program to encourage young people to be safe drivers. This is the third year for the program. [Read the press release here.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Gov. Ducey Announces World's Largest Autonomous Truck Fleet Coming to Tucson (Arizona)

TuSimple, a Chinese-American artificial intelligence company, is bringing 500 new jobs and 200 new autonomous semi trucks to Tucson. These additions were announced alongside TuSimple's news expanding its Tucson location, planning to double their warehouse size in 2019... TuSimple focuses on self-driving semi trucks, and is already testing their systems on Interstate-10 between Tucson and Phoenix. The autonomous trucks still have a driver and co-pilot engineer on board. [Read more at tusconlocalmedia.com](#)

Where All Those Extra Vehicle Fees in California Actually Go

Californians pay a number of different taxes and fees in order to operate their vehicles, but only a percentage of certain fees have been designated for roads and infrastructure. Even if the gas tax is excluded, there are still a number of fees associated with owning and operating a vehicle. These range from vehicle emission fees to vehicle registration fees. However, not all of these fees, despite being based on the vehicle, go toward roads. Cumulatively, Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) fees actually total about \$8.2 billion per year. The bulk of that money gets split up among different agencies and governments. [Read more at abc10.com](#)

Aging Drivers Can Be Reported To DMV If It's Unsafe For Them To Be On The Road (California)

Just because drivers are getting older doesn't mean they are unsafe, but the California Department of Motor Vehicles wants the public to know about services available to help make roads safer. "The goal of the DMV is to keep experienced senior drivers as mobile as possible for as long as possible, extending their safe-driving years," DMV spokesperson Jaime Garza said. The DMV has a list of warning signs to look out for when assessing if an elderly adult should stop driving. If one or more of these signs are recognized, it may be time to have a conversation with the older adult about his or her driving. [Read more at bakersfieldnow.com](#)

Utah Lawmakers Explore Quick Fix to State Driver-License Problem That Could Run Afoul of Federal Airport Security

Utah leaders are considering calling a special session of the Legislature to quickly fix a problem that soon could prevent Utahns from using their driver licenses to pass through airport security. The Department of Homeland Security is requiring Utah to reissue all of its driver licenses by Oct. 1, 2020 — to include a gold star on the front as a sign that Utah reviewed birth certificates or passports to prove license holders are U.S. citizens. Without the gold star — which allows officers to see compliance at a glance — DHS is warning it would no longer accept Utah driver licenses at airport security or to enter federal facilities after the 2020 deadline. [Read the full article at the Salt Lake Tribune](#)

OTHER NEWS

Shortage of Truckers Has Industry Considering 18-Year-Olds

A nationwide shortage of truckers has some industry officials and national lawmakers supporting a plan to allow 18-year-olds to become long-haul drivers, while others in the industry say it's a bad idea that will decrease safety on the nation's road. [Read more on kansas.com](#)

Judge: U.S. Can't Deny Passport Application Over Refusal To Pick Gender

U.S. officials cannot deny a passport application from an intersex Colorado resident based solely on a refusal to select male or female for gender, a federal judge said Wednesday. The U.S. State Department's varied explanations for rejecting the application weren't reasonable, U.S. District Judge R. Brooke Jackson said in his ruling, forcing him to set aside the decision as "arbitrary and capricious." The ruling is limited, but advocates said they hope it leads to expanded gender choices on federal identification. [Read more in the Chicago Tribune](#)

Here's How Much Ride-Sharing Is Keeping Drunk Drivers Off The Road

For better or worse, transportation network companies (TNCs) like Uber and Lyft have transformed how people get around in urban areas in the U.S. The worse portion comes mostly from Uber's near-constant controversy and the way TNCs have decimated the livelihood of taxi and limo drivers — and even driven some to suicide. The better part is they give people a better and cheaper option than taxis. Now there's evidence that TNCs are putting a dent in drunk driving, thanks to people using Uber and Lyft when they're out partying. [Read the full article on autoblog.com](#)

Sleep-Deprived Drivers More Likely To Cause Car Crashes, Study Finds

Not getting enough shut-eye each night can be detrimental to your health. It [can also affect your ability to drive](#), according to a new report. Researchers from the [AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety](#) recently conducted a study, published in the [Sleep](#) journal, to determine the relationship between sleep deprivation and motor vehicle crashes. [Read more at wsbradio.com](#)

IKEA Designs Future Autonomous Cars That Work As Hotels, Stores, And Meeting Rooms

Once cars can finally drive themselves, we'll have more time to enjoy the journey and do other, much more interesting stuff instead. At least that's the concept behind some of the designs below, developed by retail giant IKEA's "future living lab," SPACE10, based in Copenhagen. The design studio/research lab came up with designs for autonomous vehicles that would be extensions of our homes, offices, and local institutions. Some of its seven ideas, shown below, are almost practical. Who can't imagine autonomously driven cafés or pop-up stores? In fact, they already exist in California—in the form of self-driving cars that have groceries stocked in their back seats. [Read more at technologyreview.com](#)

More Mass Transit Riders Mean Fewer Traffic Deaths, Study Shows

Public transit is 10 times safer, per mile, than traveling by car. This is part of the findings included in a recent report by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). The analysis examined data by the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, and was a project jointly led by APTA and the Vision Zero Network. [Read more at govtech.com](#)

Volvo Trucks' Vera Is Electric, Autonomous, And It Could Change Trucking In A Big Way

Simple as it might seem, moving shipping containers into, out of and around a port is complicated and labor-intensive work. Volvo Trucks wants to simplify that process with Vera, its cabless autonomous electric truck. Announced Thursday, Volvo Trucks' Vera is a compact, battery-electric truck with no provisions for a human driver, and is intended to take over short, repetitive routes based around fixed hubs like a shipping port, or any sort of dense industrial facility. [Read more at cnet.com](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

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.).

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community. You may be surprised at what you're missing! [Follow @AAMVAConnection](#).

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Thank you for the @AAMVAConnection mentions!

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#TBT Last month we were at the @AAMVAConnection Conference in Philadelphia! We are proud partners with @VirginiaDMV but they're not the only state making great strides in #DrunkDrivingPrevention. We were glad to provide a technology update to a wider group.



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Back in January, Kentucky changed the minimum limits for mandatory insurance from 25/50/10 to 25/50/25. The combined limit remains at \$60,000. Make sure you've got the right coverage!



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It may be the Bat-Phone but it's still illegal to use while driving! #Batman



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#TurnAroundDontDrown It is illegal to drive around barricades and is also dangerous. You never know what might be or not be under the water! #staysafe #drivesmart



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Next week is Child Passenger Safety Week - a good reminder to keep young ones safe!

<https://itd.idaho.gov/news/child-passenger-safety-week-reminds-us-to-keep-young-ones-safe/> ...



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