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**Montana to Join State-to-State Verification Service (S2S)**

Montana will begin using the [State-to-State Verification Service](#) (S2S) on Monday, November 23, 2020. Tasks related to on-boarding Montana will be conducted during the weekend of November 21, 2020. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there may be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site is in inquiry-only mode or is unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2:00 AM ET to 5:00 AM ET on Sunday, November 22, 2020). AAMVA is taking all steps possible to minimize service interruptions and will be sending alerts notifying states of Central Site availability throughout the process. [Read more here.](#)

**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**

- [Truck Driver Training Programs Overcome COVID Risks](#)
- [Appropriation Committee's Continuing Resolution Would Extend Fast Act](#)
- [US Lawmakers Raise Concerns as Border Restrictions Turn Transit Hubs Into 'Ghost Towns'](#)

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

- [Massachusetts RMV Renews Over 163,000 Licenses and IDs Online During REAL ID Promotion](#)
- [Massachusetts Traffic Down 20% Statewide, but Drivers Are Speeding Up](#)
- [NJ MVC Sets Special Hours Exclusively for Seniors and Those With Medical Mask Exemptions \(New Jersey\)](#)
- [How PEI Driving Tests Are Now Being Done Without Contact \(Prince Edward Island\)](#)

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



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...featuring news, information, and expertise for the AAMVA Community.



AAMVA joins Donate Life American and Donate Life State Teams in celebrating [National DMV Appreciation Month](#).

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has extended a [letter of appreciation](#) to DMV staff, who are continuing efforts and dedication to closing the widening gap between the demand for organ transplants and the supply for donated organs.

#### 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.

- [Texas Drivers Can Renew Expired Licenses With Saturday Appointments at Some Offices](#)
- [Pandemic-Induced Change at DMV Worthy of Keeping \(Virginia\)](#)

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

- [Illinois Extends Expiration Dates for Driver's Licenses, ID Cards Until February](#)
- [Governor Kelly Signs Executive Order Extending Driver's Licenses \(Kansas\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Extensions for Expiring Michigan Licenses, Tabs End Next Week](#)
- [New Online Service for DMV Temporary Driver License \(Nebraska\)](#)

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

- [Oahu's Driver's License Centers and Satellite City Halls To Reopen Thursday for Appointments \(Hawaii\)](#)
- [DMV Announces Saturday Hours This Week at Several Offices on Hawaii Island](#)
- [Nevada DMV Now Allowing Driver's License and ID Card Renewals Online](#)
- [Portland's Traffic Death Toll Shows the Pandemic Is Not Changing People's Driving Behavior, City Says \(Oregon\)](#)

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

#### REGION 1 NEWS

### MDOT MVA Receives Six Awards for Public Affairs, Technology, and Community Service (Maryland)

The Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) has received multiple accolades from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) related to community outreach, communications, and service. [Read more at southernmarylandchronicle.com](#).

### Comments Submitted To MVC Over Regulations To Allow Driver's Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants (New Jersey)

Nearly 1,400 public comments have been submitted to the MVC over proposed regulations to allow undocumented immigrants access to driver's licenses. But the proposed regulations require proof of not being eligible for a Social Security number, and many say getting that kind of license could discourage immigrants from trying to get a standard license. [Read more at newsbreak.com](#).

### Pennsylvania House Democrats Propose Driver's License for Undocumented Immigrants

Legislation to grant a driver's license to undocumented immigrants has been introduced in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives...If passed, this bill would enable many immigrants to legally apply for and receive a driver's license. These non-citizens are otherwise unable to acquire a license due to the lack of Social Security number and legal status. [Read more at natlawreview.com](#).

### DC Council Unanimously Approves Vision Zero Bill Aimed at Reducing Traffic Fatalities (Washington, DC)

## SYSTEMS TRAINING

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

### SEPTEMBER - PDPS

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

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

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

### OCTOBER - CDLIS

6 | [CDLIS A Overview \(basic\)](#)

7 | [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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## OUR WEBINARS

### SEPTEMBER

The D.C. Council on Tuesday approved a package of sweeping road-safety measures aimed at cutting the growing number of traffic injuries and fatalities in the nation's capital. The legislation, which passed unanimously, accelerates improvements to bike and pedestrian infrastructure, expands the city's automated traffic enforcement program, and boosts traffic safety education. [Read more at washingtonpost.com](#).

## REGION 2 NEWS

### Georgia's First African American State Trooper Dies

The Georgia State Patrol is honoring the life of one of their own who not only broke barriers but also came to exemplify the absolute best of the Georgia Department of Public Safety. Retired Major Robert Hightower, Georgia's first African American state trooper hired by the Georgia State Patrol in 1970, died last Friday...Hightower received numerous awards and served on the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Department of Public Safety Credit Union, and Chairman of the Finance Committee for the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. [Read more at fox5atlanta.com](#).

### State Driver Services Reminds Voters: Prepare Now To Vote (Georgia)

To ensure a smooth process when casting a ballot Nov. 3, now is the time to ensure voters have proper photo identification. "Don't wait until Election Day to realize your driver's license or identification card is missing," said Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commissioner Spencer R. Moore. "Photo identification is required at the polls, so, please, secure yours now." [Read more at northwestgeorgianews.com](#).

### 2 Million in NC Now Have REAL ID (North Carolina)

With almost one year remaining until the REAL ID Act goes into effect, approximately 2 million North Carolinians have received their REAL ID license or ID enhancement as of last week. [Read more at yourdailyjournal.com](#).

### Texas Begins Letting People Register To Vote Online When They're Updating Their Driver's Licenses

Acting on a federal judge's orders, the state updated its online systems to allow people to add their names to the voter rolls when they update their licenses. While it's a limited step — the online option is still only available to people updating their licenses — the change marks the first time Texans have been able to register to vote online, which advocates say could significantly increase turnout both this year and for future elections. [Read more at texastribune.org](#).

### 50 Texas License Plates up for Auction Including YEE HAH, 1SPUR, HAN SOLO

Proud Texans, Spurs fans and other drivers who want to show off their personalities and goofy sides can now bet on a variety of license plate messages in the "Great Plate Auction." MyPlates has 50 customized license plates up for grabs, with a starting bid of \$500, from now through 8 p.m. Oct. 21. [Read more at ksat.com](#).

## REGION 3 NEWS

29 | [AAMVA's Solutions to Entry Level Driver Training \(ELDT\)](#)

30 | [Conference Session Series: Managing Your Message and the Media](#)

## OCTOBER

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

6 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

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

13 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

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

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

21 | [Conference Session Series: Contact Center for DMV Professionals](#)

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

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OPEN RFPs

## OCTOBER

5 | [AAMVA RFP FY22-23468: 2022 AAMVA Region 2 Conference](#)

5 | [AAMVA RFP FY22-23469: 2021 Region 2 Planning & Administrators Meeting](#)

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

## Blackhawks Rule Illinois Roadways

Chicago's National Hockey League franchise was not a big winner on the ice this season, but the Blackhawks remain a leader on Illinois roadways. The Illinois Secretary of State's professional sports license plate program ranks the Hawks as the No. 1 sports speciality plate, with almost 20,000 pairs out there. [Read more at espnrochester.radio.com](#).

## Iowa's Black-Out Plates Still Selling Strong

Iowans are still snatching up popular black-out license plates. Daniel Yeh of the Iowa Department of Transportation says they've sold more than 163-thousand of the plates since they became available. He says the black-out specialty plate continues to eclipse sales of all other specialty plates. The second and third most popular are the University of Iowa Hawkeye plates and the Iowa State Cyclone plates. He says plates benefitting the Iowa Department of Natural Resources are also very popular. [Read more at whoradio.iheart.com](#).

## REGION 4 NEWS

## ADOT Detectives Arrest Used-Car Dealer on Charges of Defrauding Customers and Lenders (Arizona)

Detectives with the Arizona Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General have arrested a used car dealer after he allegedly cheated customers and lenders out of hundreds of thousands of dollars through fraudulent schemes and practices...Through a special titling process known as the director's letter, ADOT was able to provide most of the victims with the titles they needed for the vehicles they purchased. [Read more at verdene.com](#).

## Arizona Transportation Officials Warn of Scam 'DMV' Websites

Arizona has a lot of unique features – like having a Motor Vehicle Division instead of a Department of Motor Vehicles. But what might seem like a simple name difference can lead unsuspecting customers to unauthorized websites and scams when they're simply searching for ways to do business online with the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division. [Read more at yourvalley.net](#).

## California To Ban All New Gas-Powered Cars by 2035 Under Order From Gov. Gavin Newsom

California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an executive order Wednesday that calls for a ban on the sale of new gasoline-powered cars and other passenger vehicles in the state by 2035. The move was among a number of actions the Democratic governor announced to slash the state's greenhouse gas emissions and other pollution. [Read more at desertsun.com](#).

## Hawaii Oks Autonomous Vehicles for Public Roads

Just weeks after committing to a four-year long pilot project to turn Hawaii's highways into data-collecting laboratories, Hawaii Gov. David Ige approved autonomous vehicle testing on public roads throughout the state until at least 2023. [Read more at statescoop.com](#).

## DMV Opened Saturday To Help Would-Be Voters Obtain



## Proper Identification (Nevada)

Here at the DMV Office in Carson City, people with and without an appointment wait in line just about every weekday. The agency is three months behind when it comes to license renewal, car registration, and title transfer among other things. But with elections just around the corner, the DMV says there are people new to the state or who have never obtained an ID, who need to get a Nevada identification in order to vote. [Read more at kolotv.com.](#)

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## Cannabis Is an Issue Among Young Drivers (Saskatchewan)

Recently CAA did a study that would show that half a million Canadians, which is roughly 1/5 of 18-24-year-olds, say they have driven high or with a high driver. Christine Niemczyk, Director of Communications with CAA Saskatchewan details this latest trend. [Read more at discovermoosejaw.com.](#)

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### OTHER NEWS

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## NHTSA Emphasizing Car Seat, Child Safety

In accordance with Child Passenger Safety Week, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is emphasizing the importance of proper safety seat implementation and overall child passenger measures. The guidance heightened during the week of Sept. 20-26 also warns the public about the dangers of leaving a child alone in a hot car. [Read more at transportationtodaynews.com.](#)

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## Ford Trials Tech To Help Foresee Traffic Incidents; Connects Cars and Sensors To Improve Road Safety

A consortium led by Ford is developing an innovative predictive road safety tool which, using data from connected vehicles and intelligent roadside sensors, could help to make travel in towns and cities safer and easier...The Data-Driven Road Safety Tool will analyse information from connected vehicles, smart roadside sensors and local-authority data to predict the likely locations and possible root causes of potential road safety hotspots. [Read more at media.ford.com.](#)

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## Study: States with the Most Reckless Drivers

While driving patterns vary across the United States, American drivers can generally agree on the following decorum: be mindful of your surroundings, try to avoid sudden movements, and do your best to follow the traffic patterns of the vehicles around you. However, the disregard of these practices by reckless drivers seems to be more blatant in certain states. [Read more at insurify.com.](#)

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## Study: 25% of Car Accidents Happen in First 3 Minutes of Driving

The shorter the trip, the better the chances of being involved in an automobile accident, according to an Austrian telematics provider. Dolphin Technologies said its new study, based on anonymized data obtained through its devices installed in vehicles, analyzed 3.2 million car trips by 40,000 people in 2018 and 2019, in which a total of 1,986 accidents occurred. [Read more at wtop.com.](#)

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## Man Who Lost Arm in Texting-While-Driving Crash Releases Video as a Warning To Others

He wants to help scare you straight. A British man who crashed while texting and

lost his arm as a result of injuries sustained has allowed video of the incident to be released as a warning to others...Police are hopeful the video can be of good use by drawing attention to one of the "fatal five" offenses of speeding, driving under the influence, mobile phone use, not wearing a seatbelt and generally careless driving. [Read more at foxnews.com.](#)

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## **Governors Highway Safety Association Speaks Out Against Racism in Traffic Enforcement**

A new effort to promote road safety is tackling excessive force and racism. The Governors Highway Safety Association, or GHSA, released a list of recommendations to help improve community trust and provide more education for those involved in traffic enforcement. [Read more at wtop.com.](#)

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## **House Republican Introduces Legislation To Set Standards for Self-Driving Cars**

Rep. Bob Latta (R-Ohio) on Wednesday introduced legislation to set standards for the safety and security of autonomous vehicles. The Safely Ensuring Lives Future Deployment and Research in Vehicle Evolution Act, or Self Drive Act, would provide standards for the testing and deployment of self-driving cars — including those on cybersecurity — along with improving the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) ability to adapt federal driving regulations to autonomous vehicles. [Read more at thehill.com.](#)

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## **UPS Wants FMCSA to Reconsider Exemption Request**

UPS Inc. has requested reconsideration of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's denial of its 2019 request for an exemption from a requirement that its driver training instructors have two years' minimum experience as trainers, FMCSA announced Sept. 22. [Read more at tnews.com.](#)

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## **The Crash Test Dummy Family Now Has a Child, and Her Name Is Q3**

U.S. auto safety regulators unveiled a new model Thursday to test automobile safety and it's a lot younger. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration introduced the first child-sized side impact crash test dummy in federal regulations. The new dummy, known as Q3, represents the average weight and height of a 3-year-old child. [Read more at bnnbloomberg.ca.](#)

### **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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## **State Troopers @State\_Troopers\_ | [View the Tweet](#)**

GEORGIA STATE PATROL ACCEPTS THE WINNERS PLAQUE FOR AAST'S 2020 BEST LOOKING CRUISER CALENDAR CONTEST  
John Bagnardi, AAST Development Director (non-uniform) presents the winners plaque to AAST Georgia State Director Sergeant Michael Hall and some of Georgia State Patrol's Command Staff.



American Association of State Troopers posted on LinkedIn  
GEORGIA STATE PATROL ACCEPTS THE WINNERS PLAQUE FOR AAST'S 2020 BEST  
LOOKING CRUISER CALENDAR CONTEST John Bagnardi, AAST Development ...  
[linkedin.com](#)

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## CO Dept. of Revenue @CO\_Revenue | [View the Tweet](#)

Well done, Christina! Partying face Thank you for all the work you do for our state, each and every day.

 **donatelifeco** @DonateLifeCO · 6h  
#DMVMonth: La Junta Driver License Office Manager Christina Salas was presented with the @DonateLife 2020 Lifesaver Award for all of her work in raising awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation! Congratulations 🎉, Christina – job well done! 💙💚  
\*Photo courtesy @CO\_Revenue



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

### BREAKING NEWS

The Center for Digital Government announced the winners of the 4th annual Government Experience Awards.

The #CADMV is happy to announce it was awarded for its modernization efforts during the #COVID19 pandemic!

Read more here: <https://bit.ly/364PqkR>



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

Since driver exam skills testing resumed on June 16, the BMV has completed more than 100,000 driving skills tests. You can schedule your test online at <https://bit.ly/2DTEVFI>



**Drive Safe Kansas - KDOT @DriveSafeKansas | [View the Tweet](#)**

What better time to hold a child passenger safety technician class than during #ChildPassengerSafetyWeek? If you're interested in helping your community by learning how to keep kids safe in vehicles, contact the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office (<http://ktsro.org>).





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### SCDMV @SC\_DMV | [View the Tweet](#)

The #SCDMV recognized three employees on September 24th with awards from the American Association of Motor Vehicles Administrators, #AAMVA. What a way to represent the SCDMV! Hats off to each of you!



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

Team DDS recently visited the Dekalb Access and Resources Center (ARC) to deliver a supply of bookbags, luggage and backpacks. Many foster children are forced to use large black garbage bags when moving. Many will now have a bag to call their own! #GADDSCares



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

This just in! MDOT MVA has received multiple accolades from @AAMVAConnection related to community outreach, communications and service. Read more in our newsroom: <https://bit.ly/2FNrMic>. #MDOTScenes



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**BeA\_Donor @BeA\_Donor | [View the Tweet](#)**

We appreciate all DMV employees who help save lives by asking customers if they'd like to register to be donors! Congrats to @dcdmv Director Gabriel Robinson for winning the 2020 @DonateLife DMV Innovation Award for his efforts to increase donation rates! #DMVMonth



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**State of Connecticut DMV @CTDMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

AAA opened a new store and DMV 'Express' licensing center in Glastonbury, co-locating with Nutmeg State Financial Credit Union), a unique, first-of-its-kind collaboration that will be to everyone's benefit. (1/8)





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