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OUR EVENTS

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15-16 | [2019 January Driver License & Non-Resident Violator Compact Executive Board Meeting](#)
Tampa, FL

21-23 | [2019 January Managing Data Privacy and External Access Working Group Meeting](#)
New Orleans, LA

21-23 | [2019 January Auditing Third Party Agents Working Group Meeting](#)
New Orleans, LA

29-31 | [2019 January Facial Recognition Working Working Group](#)
Tampa, FL

Texas Uses NMVTIS State Web Services

Texas recently integrated its duplicate title issuance process into its existing NMVTIS process, utilizing Web Services. Congratulations Texas on implementing this new process. For more information about NMVTIS State Web Services, please contact [Tom Manuel](#), Senior Program Manager

AAMVA Awards Program 2019 – DEADLINE EXTENDED

AAMVA's new online awards application is a big hit – so much so that we're extending the deadline for 2019 entries! Don't miss this opportunity to be recognized for the great work your jurisdiction does every day.

The award submission deadline has been extended to **MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019**. Submit an entry today! If you have started an entry, please be sure to log back in and complete your submission.

The AAMVA Awards Program recognizes members of the motor vehicle and law enforcement community by honoring individuals, teams, and organizations who have committed their time and resources to the following categories: **Safety, Service, Security, Public Affairs & Consumer Education (PACE), and International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC)**. AAMVA Awards are open to all AAMVA jurisdiction members that are in good standing. Entries submitted for the 2019 Awards must have been conducted (produced, implemented, and/or developed) between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018. If an entry won an award in 2018, it cannot be resubmitted in 2019 unless it has major upgrades or developments.

Award entries must be submitted through the new online portal. No mail-in entries will be accepted. Go to AAMVA Awards Program for info on logging in or contact awards@aamva.org with questions.

SUBMIT AWARD ENTRY

Law Enforcement Member Needed for Autonomous Vehicles Working Group

AAMVA is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Autonomous Vehicle Working Group with a jurisdiction member with highway safety law enforcement expertise and knowledge of automated and autonomous vehicles. The purpose of the Working Group is to work with the AAMVA jurisdictions, law enforcement, federal agencies and other stakeholders to gather, organize and share information with the AAMVA community related to the development, design, testing, use and regulation of autonomous

SYSTEMS TRAINING

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JANUARY

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

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OUR WEBINARS

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

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

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

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

31 | [NMVTIS Suspense](#)

vehicles and other emerging vehicle technologies. Based on the group's research, guidance to assist member jurisdiction in regulating autonomous vehicles will be updated. If you are interested in serving on this Working Group, please [complete the volunteer application](#) and submit to committees@aamva.org by January 25, 2019. If you have questions about the working group, please contact [Cathie Curtis](#), Director, Vehicle Programs.

Region 3 Member Needed for IDEC Executive Board

AAMVA is looking for a Region 3 jurisdiction representative to serve on the [International Driver Examiner Certification](#) (IDEC) Executive Board. The IDEC Executive Board is directly responsible for maintaining and distributing new and revised IDEC materials to AAMVA members. These include both commercial, non-commercial and motorcycle examiner testing materials. The IDEC Executive Board will meet face to face at least twice a year, as well as via conference call or webinar as the work load requires. Applicants need to come from an IDEC accredited jurisdiction and are required to attend and actively participate in all Executive Board meetings, assist in all Board activities, and be the liaison between the AAMVA member jurisdictions in your Region. Applicants should have or have had driver examination experience. If you are interested in applying for the IDEC Executive Board, please [complete the application](#) and return it to committees@aamva.org by **January 18, 2019**. If you have any questions about IDEC, please contact [Denise Hanchulak](#), Program Director, Certification & Standards.

Foreign Reciprocity Resource Guide (FRRG) Working Group Seeking Volunteer from Region 4

The Foreign Reciprocity Resource Guide Working Group will identify obsolete or out-of-date sections of the Foreign Reciprocity Resource Guide and support the creation and distribution of a new and updated FRRG. The guide will assist in maintaining highway safety standards by providing a recommended process to allow jurisdictions to make informed decisions on recognition of foreign driving privileges.

AAMVA is seeing one jurisdiction member to serve on the Working Group from **Region 4**. If you are interested in serving on this Working Group, please [complete the volunteer application](#) and submit to committees@aamva.org. If you have any questions regarding this working group, contact [Kevin Lewis](#), Director, Driver Programs or [Jessi Ross](#), Program Director, Driver License Compacts & Reciprocity.

Auditing Third Party Agents Working Group Still Seeking Members

AAMVA is establishing a working group to develop guidance for using and auditing motor vehicle agents, third parties and dealers acting as motor vehicle agents. The working group will look at the use of current fraud resources, including tools and analytics in systems to flag inconsistencies, and incorporate lessons learned. In addition, the best practice will address Memorandums of Understandings or Agreements (MOU or MOA) with those third parties. The working group will take into consideration the best practices for data sharing and protection of data by agents and third parties, as they will be working in coordination with the Managing Data Privacy and External Access Working Group.

This working group is seeking subject matter experts from multiple disciplines. The working group will be comprised of title and registration subject matter experts, vehicle fraud investigators, subject matter experts who audit third party agents, subject matter experts who oversee the functions and processes of third party agents, and subject matter experts on the MOU/As and contracts with the third party agents. Specifically, the working group is still seeking subject matter experts with experience investigating motor vehicle fraud, driver license policy, and procedure, as well as subject matter experts who have experience reviewing driver license transactions to ensure they are properly processed by third party agents, excluding

[Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 2](#)

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OPEN RFPs

JANUARY

[AAMVA RFQ FY19-16956: 2020 Region 2 Conference](#)

January 11, 2018

CDL, such as county officials, contact agents, etc.

If you are interested in applying for this working group, please [complete the application](#) and return it to committees@aamva.org. If you have any questions, please contact [Casey Garber](#), Manager, Vehicle Programs.

RFQ Announcement: Demographic and Technological Trends Impacting the DMV of the Future

The Transportation Research Board has entered into a partnership with AAMVA. With funding from AAMVA, TRB will be managing a project on how current technological and social trends are likely to evolve over time and how they will affect the future operation of Motor Vehicle Departments. [Read more here.](#)

REGION 1 NEWS

CT Leads Nation in Alcohol-Impaired-Driver Deaths, Federal Study Says (Connecticut)

A new federal study shows that Connecticut recorded the highest rate of alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities in 2017 among all U.S. states. Of 278 fatal crashes in 2017, 43 percent involved at least one driver with a blood alcohol level of 0.08 or more, the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) said. [Read the article at dailyvoice.com.](#)

More Drivers Complying with 'Move Over' Highway Safety Laws (Maryland)

Maryland drivers are increasingly following a 'Move Over' law in the five years since it was expanded to protect other emergency and service workers stopped on highway shoulders. State police troopers issued 5,408 citations and 12,107 warnings in 2014, and following the expansion of the law, those numbers fell to 1,349 citations and 5,671 warnings in 2018, state police spokesman Ron Snyder said. [Read the article at bethesdamagazine.com.](#)

Despite Harsh Penalties, Distracted Driving Isn't Going Away, Says Hamilton Police Traffic Safety Officer (Ontario)

While fines for distracted driving have skyrocketed, many drivers still aren't getting the message, according to Hamilton police Const. Claus Wagner. Wagner, a traffic safety specialist, said that while provincial penalties have increased as of Jan. 1, distracted driving laws remain unchanged. Drivers on public roadways caught holding a smartphone, programming a GPS or watching an electronic entertainment device can be hit with a \$615 fine upon conviction for a first offence. 'Driving in to work today I saw four people on their cellphones,' Wagner said Jan. 4. 'When you're on the roadway and you're driving, even if you're stopped at a stoplight, that's an offence.' [Read the article at hamiltonnews.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Phased County Rollout of Kentucky's New, Secure Driver's Licenses Begins in March

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has announced the anticipated rollout of the state's new identity credentials, slated to become available gradually in counties beginning in March 2019 through spring. The Cabinet is spearheading the Confident Kentucky initiative to offer two new license, permit and personal ID card versions applicants can choose from the next time they are due to renew existing credentials at their local Circuit Court Clerk office. The new system is expected to be

in place statewide by May and is part of an effort to introduce a new REAL ID compliant credential by boosting the security of all card production and issuance. [Read the article at wmkv.org.](#)

Deaths on Austin Roads Down Slightly in 2018, Two Years into Traffic Safety Campaign (Texas)

Road deaths in Austin dropped slightly in the city's second full year of a campaign for traffic safety. Seventy-four people died on city streets in 2018, according to numbers from the Austin Police Department. That's two fewer deaths than the year before. [Read the article at kut.org.](#)

Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Schedules Highway Safety Grant Workshops

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles has scheduled regional workshops to assist nonprofits, state agencies and law enforcement agencies with the 2020 highway safety grant application submission process. Beginning Feb. 1, DMV will accept applications for grants to support programs throughout Virginia that strive to reduce traffic deaths and injuries. The deadline for highway safety grant submissions is Feb. 28. [Read the article at tidewaternews.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

High Schools to Take Part in Driver Safety Campaign (Michigan)

Strive For a Safer Drive is a peer-led traffic safety campaign that seeks to reduce traffic crashes, the leading cause of death for teens. The Office of Highway Safety Planning announced this week 62 schools statewide have been selected to receive grants of \$1,000 to create the driver safety campaign. The top five in the state will get cash prizes ranging from \$500 to \$1,500. [Read the article at wsjm.com.](#)

Minnesota Says 380 People Died in Traffic Crashes in 2018

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety says more people lost their lives on state roadways in 2018 compared to the year before. Initial reports show 380 people were victims of fatal crashes last year, up from 358 in 2017. Mike Hanson is director of the department's Office of Traffic Safety. Hanson says there are four things that would prevent 80 percent of the fatalities - seatbelts, obeying the speed limit, driving unimpaired and paying attention to surroundings. [Read the article at kfgo.com.](#)

Reducing Traffic Deaths Remains Priority for Fred Zwonechek in Retirement (Nebraska)

Fred Zwonechek, who just retired after years of leading the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, had a remarkable ability for effortlessly quoting statistics. But a colleague said he never forgot that every number or percentage point represents real people...Zwonechek, 71, retired Dec. 31 after 44 years, including 37 years as administrator of the office. He's leaving the job but not the mission to save lives on Nebraska roads. [Read the article at omaha.com.](#)

Brown County Study Shows Need to Adjust Anti-Drunk Driving Efforts (Wisconsin)

2019 is bringing on a new push to curb drinking and driving in Brown County. It's all about location. A year ago, we showed you the start of a new initiative called the Place of Last Drink (POLD) study, where police started asking drunk drivers where they'd been drinking before they were pulled over. After a year of collecting data, police discovered some surprising trends. [Read the article at wsaw.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Alaska Begins Issuing Licenses Compliant with REAL ID

Alaska has begun issuing licenses compliant with national proof-of-identity standards. The Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles has made available across the state licenses that follow guidelines under the federal REAL ID law, the Anchorage Daily News reported this week. [Read the article at chron.com.](#)

Homeland Security Grants Temporary Real ID Extension, Allowing CA Driver's Licenses to Be Used to Fly (California)

California has been granted a reprieve from rules that could have prevented millions of Californians from flying anywhere without a passport or other federally accepted ID. The Transportation Security Administration told ABC sister station KFSN-TV on Wednesday, 'According to (the Department of Homeland Security), California's extension has been extended through April 1, 2019, to allow sufficient time to complete the review of their REAL ID compliance certification.' The DMV said the extension allows all valid California driver's licenses and ID cards to continue to be accepted for federal purposes such as boarding domestic commercial flights. [Read the article at abc7.com.](#)

Colorado DMV: Glitch Means Some Drivers Will Get Money Back

The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles says upwards of 100,000 people have been overcharged for registration renewals. 'So the people affected are those whose registrations expired at the end of December 2018, and those who have vehicle in model years 2014 through 2018 and 2010,' said Sarah Werner, Communications Specialist for the Division of Motor Vehicles. Werner says depending on the make and model of vehicles, the amount the DMV owes individuals varies. [Read the article at denver.cbslocal.com.](#)

REAL ID License Applications Now Available to Montana Drivers

Montana drivers can now apply for REAL ID drivers licenses at Montana Motor Vehicle Division offices across the state. The Montana MVD began offering REAL ID drivers licenses to the public on Monday, January 7. The division says the main deadline the public needs to know about concerning the IDs is October 1, 2020. Once that deadline passes, driver's licenses that aren't REAL IDs won't be considered an acceptable form of ID when boarding a plane. [Read the article at abcfoxmontana.com.](#)

Nevada Had Increase in Roadway Fatalities in 2018, People Not Wearing Seat Belts

Nevada experienced an increase in deaths on roadways in 2018 compared to the previous year, according to statistics released by the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety. Around the state 331 people lost their lives last year. Roadway deaths were up more than 6 percent statewide and up more than 8 percent in Clark County (226) compared to 2017. The largest increase during that time was with unrestrained occupants. That was up almost 24 percent statewide and 42 percent in Clark County. One area that was down statewide (80) and in Clark County (62) was pedestrian deaths. Those were down 18 percent. This was the first decrease in nine years. [Read the article at lasvegasnow.com.](#)

Sisolak Names New Heads of Nevada DMV, Tax Department

Nevada Gov.-elect Steve Sisolak on Friday announced the appointment of heads to

the departments of motor vehicles and taxation. Longtime state government worker Julie Butler will be director of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Former director Terri Albertson, who was appointed by Gov. Brian Sandoval, stepped down in December to become the director of the DMV's office of project management. Cyndie Munoz has been acting director of the DMV since then...Sisolak also named Melanie Young to lead the Department of Taxation, replacing director Bill Anderson, who was also appointed by Sandoval. [Read the article at reviewjournal.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Pedestrian Deaths Rise in 2018

A number of factors may be contributing to high numbers of pedestrian deaths in communities nationwide. GHSA's Kara Macek discusses, pointing out that while vehicles have gotten safer, pedestrians remain as vulnerable as ever. [Read the article at ghsa.org.](#)

Eight States Form Partnership to Help Truckers Find Parking

A group of midwestern states are launching a new system to give truck drivers access to real time information about truck parking availability. The new system is called Trucks Park Here and it is designed to give truckers access to parking availability information through websites, newly erected highway signs, and smartphone applications. [Read the article at cdllife.com.](#)

USDOT Offers \$60M in Grants to Test Automated Driving Systems

Up to \$60 million in federal grant monies is being offered by the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund projects aimed at testing what the agency calls the 'safe integration' of automated driving systems or ADS technology with the country's road network. USDOT said in a statement on Dec. 21 that this \$60 million in grant money 'aims to gather significant safety data to inform rulemaking, foster collaboration among state and local government and private partners, and test the safe integration of ADS on our nation's roads.' [Read the article at aashtojournal.org.](#)

Ford Will Equip All New U.S. Vehicles with 5G Technology Starting in 2022

Ford Motor Co. is pursuing another path with talking-car technology that could reduce road deaths, break up gridlock, and even ease ordering at the McDonald's drive-thru. The automaker announced Monday that it's outfitting all its new U.S. models starting in 2022 with cellular vehicle-to-everything technology. Known as C-V2X, the system will enable Ford's cars to communicate with one another about road hazards, talk to stop lights to smooth traffic flow, and pay the bill automatically while picking up fast food. [Read the article at fortune.com.](#)

Audi, Ford, and Ducati Demonstrate Car-to-Bike Communication Tech at CES 2019

We've heard a little bit in the past about V2V technology being applied to motorcycles and now another step has been made in that direction thanks to a partnership between Audi, Ford, Ducati, and tech firm Qualcomm. The result of this partnership is ConVeX (Connected Vehicle to Everything) or C-V2X technology being demonstrated at the 2019 Consumer Electronics Show. [Read the article at thedrive.com.](#)

How High is Too High to Drive? Weed Was Found in 40% of Car Victims in 2016 - but It Is a LOT More Complicated to Test for Than Alcohol

Marijuana is now legal for medical use in the majority of US states, for recreational use in 10 and counting and while that is bringing individual health and business benefits to those areas, it introduces a new public health challenge: high driving. Marijuana was found in the systems of 40 percent of people who died in car accidents while driving under the influence of a substance in 2016. Yet some studies suggest stoned drivers are 'safer' drivers while others suggest their reflexes are slower. And determining when someone is too high to drive is a problem that has thus evaded the chemists, psychiatrists, law enforcement agents and public policy makers. [Read the article at dailymail.co.uk.](#)

TWITTER NEWS

@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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