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Now Available: PDPS System Specifications (Release 2.0.8) and PDPS State Procedures Manual Updates (Release 3.1.1)

Release 2.0.8 of the [Problem Driver Pointer System \(PDPS\) System Specifications](#) and release 3.1.1 of the [PDPS State Procedures Manual](#) are now available on the Documentation tab of the [PDPS page](#) on the AAMVA website. The page also provides you with links to each of the change proposals implemented in these releases. None of the changes implemented affect the functionality of PDPS. However, we recommend that you review change proposals [PDPS020 – "Not-the-Same-Person" Letter Standard](#) and [PDPS025 – NHTSA Authority to Delete PDPS Pointers](#) with regard to the state procedures manual, and [PDPS039 – Modify Gender Code Description](#) with regard to the specification. These changes may affect the current procedures in some jurisdictions.

If you have any questions, please contact the AAMVA Operations Department at helpdesk@aamva.org or 1-888-AAMVA80, option 1.

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 is a selection of news articles regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

- [U.S. Traffic Deaths Skyrocket After Coronavirus Lockdowns Expire](#)
- [CDL Fraud Could Rise Under Relaxed Requirements](#)
- [Highway Safety Report: 'Disturbing Trends Emerge in 2020'](#)

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- [New Evening Hours Coming To DMV \(Delaware\)](#)
- [Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fully Open Again. Time To Renew All](#)



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- [DPS Server Issue Causes Problems for Already Backlogged Appointments \(Oklahoma\)](#)
- [1 Million North Texans Still Need To Get Vehicle Registration Renewed Before Waiver Ends in April](#)
- [More Than 100,000 People Have Taken Advantage of DMV's Two-Year Renewal Option for ID Cards, Driver's Licenses \(Virginia\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Older Arizonans Receive Year-Long Extension for Driver's License Renewals Due To Pandemic](#)
- [Latah County DMV Asks for Patience from Public \(Idaho\)](#)
- [Bannock DMV To Increase Hours, Continue Implementation of New System \(Idaho\)](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Rhode Island, New York Top [Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety] Group Highway Safety Ranking

Rhode Island and New York have tied for the top spot on Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety's list evaluating states' road safety enforcement efforts...This year marks the fifth in a row that Rhode Island, which has enacted 13 of the recommended safety laws, received the top score. New York, which enacted a primary enforcement rear seat belt law in 2020, also has 13 of the recommended laws in place. [Read more at tnews.com.](#)

Keystone Mission Leader Praises New State Law for Free Photo IDs for Homeless Residents (Pennsylvania)

An advocate in Northeast Pennsylvania welcomes a new state law that will allow homeless residents to obtain free photo identification cards. Act 131 of 2020, which Gov. Tom Wolf recently signed into law, makes it possible for Pennsylvanians experiencing homelessness to be issued a free initial photo ID or renewal. [Read more at citizensvoice.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Driver Services To Close Statewide This Week for System Upgrade (Georgia)

Georgia's Department of Driver Services is using the upcoming long weekend for a little self-improvement. The DDS, the state agency responsible for issuing driver's licenses, will close statewide Thursday through Monday for a major systems upgrade, the state organization announced. [Read more at ajc.com.](#)

Tag Agencies Warn Longer Wait Times Due To REAL ID Process (Oklahoma)

If you've been to a local tag agency to renew your license or get a Real ID

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lately, you may notice that you're experiencing longer wait times, and it's not just because of the pandemic. Last year, the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety started issuing Real ID driver's licenses to comply with federal regulations. [Read more at ksw.com.](#)

Clarksville Police Traffic Unit Wins Awards in Three Categories (Tennessee)

Each year the Clarksville Police Department's Traffic Unit submits a "Challenge Booklet" to the Governor's Highway Safety Office Lifesaver's Committee...As a result of their "Challenge Booklet" submittal, The GHSA Lifesaver Committee judges chose C.P.D.'s Traffic Unit as recipients of the following awards for 2020. [Read more at clarksvillenow.com.](#)

Former DMV Employee Sentenced for Role in Bribery Conspiracy (Virginia)

A former Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles employee was sentenced to prison on Tuesday for his role in a seven-year bribery conspiracy involving the DMV's Virginia Rider Training Program. According to prosecutors, Bruce A. Biondo, 64, of Mechanicsville, was the former Program Manager of the VRTP. [Read more at nbc12.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Police Using the Word 'Accident' Less To Describe Traffic Crashes (Michigan)

While many of the incidents on icy roads Tuesday morning would be categorized as an accident, a new study from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration finds that 94% of all traffic crashes are due to driver errors. With that information, police say they're done using the word "accident" to describe traffic crashes and they hope more drivers will take responsibility for their actions behind the wheel. [Read more at abc12.com.](#)

New Odometer Mileage Reporting Requirements Implemented in Nebraska

When selling or transferring a vehicle with a model year that is 10 years old or newer, the odometer mileage must be reported to the new owner. A new federal regulation will gradually expand that requirement to 20 years for newer vehicles beginning this year. [Read more at theindependent.com.](#)

A North Dakota Digital Driver's License, Coming Soon To Your Smartphone?

Residents would be able to access their driver's license on their smartphone under two bills to be considered by North Dakota lawmakers. The mobile driver's license could be used for identification and age verification and when a driver is stopped by law enforcement; for example, in the case of a traffic violation. [Read more at inforum.com.](#)

Legislation Aims To Tighten North Dakota Seat Belt Law (North Dakota)

A bipartisan group of lawmakers want to tighten North Dakota's seat belt law to allow police to pull over anyone they see driving unbuckled — or any of their passengers. It's the latest and the most stringent in a decades-old and

contentious effort to encourage more seat belt use among North Dakota drivers. [Read more at tulsaworld.com.](#)

Wisconsin DOT Suspends Motor Vehicle Dealer License for Suamico Business

State officials say a Suamico business' motor vehicle dealer license has been suspended...DOT officials say the order was issued by the department's Division of Motor Vehicles, saying the business violated state law when they failed to complete a purchase contract when accepting a down payment or deposit for a motor vehicle. [Read more at wbay.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

DMV Director Discusses Modernization, Procurements in 2021 (California)

Steve Gordon, the Department of Motor Vehicles' director, discussed its ongoing technology modernization, and IT projects and initiatives that are planned, being tested or likely to deploy this year. [Read more at techwire.net.](#)

Here Are DMV's Top 5 IT Services Purchases of 2020 (California)

It was a summer to remember for the California Department of Motor Vehicles; the department, which is in the midst of an IT modernization, activated four of its five most costly contracts in June. Together, the four contracts represented a spend of nearly \$29.9 million. [Read more at techwire.net.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Study: 2021 Roadmap of State Highway Safety Laws

The traumatic and dramatic challenges experienced in 2020 have been unprecedented in modern day, yet there is still some good news. The tried-and-true solutions of prevention and mitigation continue to be effective. [Read more at saferoads.org.](#)

FMCSA Proposes Pilot Program to Study Splitting Sleeper Berth Time

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has proposed a new pilot program that would give truck drivers more flexibility with splitting up time in the sleeper berth. Specifically, the pilot program, which was announced Jan. 14, would evaluate two options for drivers to divide their required 10 hours off duty in the sleeper berth: a 6/4 split and a 5/5 split. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

US NHTSA Opens AV TEST Autonomous Vehicle Tracking Program To 'All Stakeholders'

In June, the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) division of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) revealed the Automated Vehicle Transparency and Engagement for Safe Testing (AV TEST)...After an underwhelming debut in September, the NHTSA today announced an expansion to AV TEST that it says will offer greater information about testing throughout the U.S. [Read more at venturebeat.com.](#)

Nearly 49% of CMV Drivers Could Be at Risk for Sleep Apnea, Study Says

A new obstructive sleep apnea study of 20,000 drivers using a more comprehensive screening evaluation method estimated that nearly 49% of commercial motor vehicle drivers could be at risk for obstructive sleep apnea, a condition that can cause sleepiness while driving. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

Airbag Motorcycle Trousers Are Now a Thing, Apparently

The quest for motorcycle safety rolls on, and in 2021, airbag-equipped trouser might be the next big thing! With everyone from track riders, Dakar racers, and even motorcycle couriers (yes they still exist!) wearing airbag protection, it's fair to say that the tech is well and truly here to stay. [Read more at visordown.com.](#)

ELDs Have Improved HOS Compliance in First Year Since Full Implementation

The federal electronic logging device mandate has leveled the playing field among motor carriers and reduced driver hours-of-service violations, but it may still be too early to determine how ELDs have affected safety on the nation's roadways, industry experts said. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

Message from the Acting Secretary to All DOT Personnel

In accordance with the Department's established order of succession, I assumed the duties of Acting Secretary of Transportation this morning. Our focus in the final days of the current Administration is to keep the Department under steady leadership and ensure an orderly transfer of power to the incoming team on January 20th. [Read more at transportation.gov.](#)

2020 Traffic Index Report

Covering 416 cities across 57 countries on 6 continents, [TomTom's] Traffic Index ranks urban congestion worldwide and provides free access to city-by-city information. You, along with drivers, city planners, automakers and policy makers, can use the index to help tackle traffic-related challenges. [Read more at tomtom.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.

MaineSOS @MESecOfState | [View the Tweet](#)

Visiting the BMV branches today with BMV Deputy Secretary Patty Morneault.



MD_MVA @MD_MVA | [View the Tweet](#)

Missed our stream? Catch it here Rightwards arrow <https://bit.ly/38CfXqy>.
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OPP Central Region @OPP_CR | [View the Tweet](#)

#CaledonOPP observed 2 young children not properly secured in their car seats during a #RIDE spot check. Proper use of car seats is always critical, especially in unpredictable winter road conditions. Driver was educated.
#ClickItOrTicket #CommunityPolicing ^jb



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Florida's Move Over Law is designed to protect law enforcement, emergency personnel and various service workers exposed to danger on the side of busy roads.

Listen to a discussion about real-life impacts from Ep. 5 of our 3PointTurn podcast. #MoveOverFL

<http://flhsmv.gov/3PointTurn>

“We're having to deal with situations where drivers don't move over, and it could cost a trooper's life. It could even cost a motorist's life. Our biggest thing to avoid crashes is focus on your driving. Make sure you're putting everything aside, and make sure you're watching what's around you.”

from 3PointTurn: Episode 5 "Move Over"

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NC Public Safety @NCPublicSafety | [View the Tweet](#)

North Carolina Department of Public Safety participated in #WearBlueDay to raise awareness of human trafficking across our state, nation and world. Learn more about the indicators of human trafficking and find resources on how to help victims at <https://dhs.gov/blue-campaign/what-human-trafficking>.



Texas DPS @TxDPS | [View the Tweet](#)

Today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. We hope you'll join us in thanking our commissioned officers — along with all of our fellow law enforcement partners across the state & around the country — for their commitment to serving and protecting their communities.



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

Can you get a perfect score on the Kansas Drivers Practice Test?



Michigan State Police @MichStatePolice | [View the Tweet](#)

Today is #HumanTraffickingAwarenessDay. Human Trafficking involves the exploitation of someone for the purposes of compelled labor or a commercial sex act through the use of force, fraud or coercion.

Can you spot the indicators of human trafficking? -->



North Dakota Highway Patrol @NDHighwayPatrol | [View the Tweet](#)

Strong winds can be a problem for high profile vehicles and empty trailers. Today is one of those days to think twice about traveling if you are driving or pulling a larger vehicle. #VisionZeroND



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