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Now Available: 2021 Updated Fraud Detection and Remediation (FDR) E-Learning Program

[Fraud Detection and Remediation](#) (FDR) is our most widely-accessed voluntary program. The updated courseware package (January 2020 version) is now available to member jurisdictions! The 2021 Annual Update features a number of important enhancements and new information including:

- NEW Platform: Courseware is now entirely in HTML5 format, all Flash components have been removed (Appearance, functionality, and implementation remain unchanged)
- NEW Resource: Consolidated Jurisdiction DL Guide Releases as submitted by jurisdictions -Located in parent directory of the download package for administrative distribution, Indexed, searchable format
- NEW: Abandoned Vehicle/Mechanic's Lien Fraud Best Practices Module
- NEW: Facial Recognition Best Practices Module
- NEW: US Travel Document Material
- NEW: Canadian IMM1442 and Temporary Visa Content
- UPDATED: DL/ID Standards Document
- UPDATED: NMVTIS Guide for Law Enforcement
- UPDATED: Indexed, searchable, and comprehensive Job Aids, contact lists, and guides

Visit the AAMVA website and follow the FDR Training path to review program details and access the download page. Please remember that you will need to use your AAMVA User ID and Password to access the material. Individual students should not attempt to retrieve the courseware from the AAMVA website. Instead, downloads are designed so that single training contacts can access the courseware on behalf of their agencies and then deploy the training throughout their organizations. [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.



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FEBRUARY

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

- [How To Position State and Local Government Workers for Success in 2021 For the Auto Industry. 2020 Was a Horrible Year — but It Ended Better Than Expected](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [MVC Is Anticipating a Growing Demand for Real ID in 2021 \(New Jersey\)](#)
- [New York Car Ownership Jumps Nearly 40% as Pandemic Creates Mass Transit Worries](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Despite Less Travel, 2020 Was Deadly Year for Kentucky Roads](#)
- [Temporary Waiver of Vehicle Title & Registration Requirements Ends April 14, 2021 \(Texas\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Iowa Driver's License Renewal Deadline To Return To Normal](#)
- [Face Masks, Social Distancing Required as Illinois Drivers Services Facilities Reopen](#)
- [Michigan Secretary of State Commits to More Self Service Options](#)
- [Nebraskans Drove Fewer Miles in 2020, but Traffic Fatalities Stayed About the Same](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Governor Ducey Extends Driver License Expiration Dates \(Arizona\)](#)
- [How AI Helped California's DMV Adapt To COVID Closures](#)
- [California DMV Postpones in-Person Driving Tests Until February Amid COVID Surge](#)
- [Denver Motor Vehicle Branches Reopen for in-Person Service \(Colorado\)](#)
- [Driver's License Renewal Grace Period Extended \(Oregon\)](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Massachusetts Has the Safest Drivers: Study

It's time to retire that old saw about bad Boston drivers, according to a study released this month by AutoInsurance.org. Researchers analyzed a range of metrics, including fatality rates, drunken driving, and careless driving rates to rank the states with the best drivers. [Read more at patch.com.](#)

NYSP Warn Public of On-Site Vehicle-Buying Scam (New York)

New York State Police is warning the public against answering online ads to buy privately owned, used vehicles in Western New York. NYSP is referring to an occurrence when people would respond to owners' residences, with two people or more, and going on a test drive with the vehicle that's for sale. [Read more at rochesterfirst.com.](#)

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Warns the

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OPEN RFPs

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Public About Phone Scam

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles is warning the public of a scam. The DMV says the new texting scam that is going around asks people to click on a link to update their contact information. DMV officials say to delete the message if you receive it. [Read more at weny.com.](#)

PennDOT Says Licensing Law Will Increase Safety, Opportunities for Drivers (Pennsylvania)

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation recently commended a new state law related to licensing and credentialing that includes provisions associated with commercial driver license holders. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

Video: PennDOT Collaborates With Multiple Agencies in Automated Truck Platooning Trial (Pennsylvania)

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has just released this video outlining the truck platooning trial it was involved with in October 2020, which focused on collaboration between multiple agencies across different states. [Read more at traffictechnologytoday.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Florida ‘Move Over’ Violations Drop In 2020

Crashes and citations related to violating Florida’s “move over” law were down in 2020...The preliminary 2020 totals were down from 182 crashes in 2019 and 231 in 2018, while citations exceeded 20,000 in 2019 and 17,000 in 2018. [Read more at miami.cbslocal.com.](#)

KYTC Sets Tentative Date To Open REAL ID Office (Kentucky)

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is poised to open the Daviess County REAL ID office in mid-January. According to KYTC Office of Public Affairs Deputy Executive Director Chuck Wolfe, KYTC hopes to have the Daviess County location ready to go on Jan. 18. [Read more at messenger-inquirer.com.](#)

Seatbelts Are Number One Safety Function in a Car (Louisiana)

No matter what type of vehicle you drive, one of the safest choices both drivers and passengers can make is to buckle up. Thomas Gossen with Louisiana State Police Troop I continues, “Seatbelts are the number one safety function of a car.” [Read more at klfy.com.](#)

THSO, AAA Offer ‘Reduce TN Crashes’ Award for Second Year (Tennessee)

The Tennessee Highway Safety Office has joined AAA to offer the Reduce TN Crashes Scholarship Award for a second year. The THCO says that this program aims to improve teen driver safety among their communities. [Read more at wbbjtv.com.](#)

New Virginia Law Banning Drivers From Holding Cell Phones Goes Into Effect

On New Year's Day, a new law in Virginia that bans drivers from holding their cell phone or other communication devices while driving went into effect. Officer Joshua Wright from the Albemarle County Police Department said they can pull over drivers if they're caught holding their cell phone and other personal communication devices in their hand while they're behind the wheel. [Read more at cbs19news.com](http://cbs19news.com).

Driver Privilege Cards Available in VA (Virginia)

Virginians eligible for driver privilege cards may now set up an appointment with Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to apply and be tested for a card. [Read more at southwesttimes.com](http://southwesttimes.com).

REGION 3 NEWS

Kansas Department of Revenue Partners With AAA Kansas To Expand Driver's License Services

The Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) and AAA Kansas...announced a collaboration that will bring a remote drivers licensing unit to AAA's West Wichita retail store, offering another location for a variety of driver's license services. [Read more at ksn.com](http://ksn.com).

Ohio State Highway Patrol Says Distracted Driving Safety Corridor Is a Success

At the Ohio State Highway Patrol, they know it's no coincidence. Sections on area interstate highways were designated as a Distracted Driving Safety Corridor last summer. [Read more at wtrf.com](http://wtrf.com).

REGION 4 NEWS

Know the Road With the CHP: If I Forget My Driver's License, Would a Picture Work? (California)

An ABC30 viewer wanted to know: if I forget my driver's license, would a picture of it on my phone work if I get pulled over by law enforcement? "If you're driving a motor vehicle the law is very specific, you shall have in your possession a valid driver's license," said Sgt. Brian Pennings with the California Highway Patrol. [Read more at abc30.com](http://abc30.com).

Idaho Distracted Driving Law Means Tickets Starting Friday

Drivers violating Idaho's hands-free device, distracted driving law will now risk getting a citation. The law has been in effect since July 1, but Idaho State Police troopers have been issuing warnings to drivers about the dangers of distracted driving. [Read more at spokesman.com](http://spokesman.com).

Deadline To Get Star Card, Idaho's Version of REAL ID, Less Than 10 Months Away

In 2005, Congress passed The REAL ID Act to put more security standards on state-issued driver's licenses and ID cards as a result of 9/11 terrorist attacks...The deadline for Idahoans to get their Star Cards is Oct. 1, 2021. [Read more at ktvb.com](http://ktvb.com).

Wyoming Considering Primary Seat Belt Enforcement

From 2018 to 2019, seat belt usage in the United States went up by 1.1%. But in Wyoming, usage dropped by eight percentage points. Only New Hampshire (70.7%) and South Dakota (75.2%) had lower percentages of seat belt usage than Wyoming's 78.3%, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. [Read more at thesheridanpress.com](http://thesheridanpress.com).

OTHER NEWS

Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao Resigns

Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao announced her resignation Jan. 7 on her Twitter account, one day after a mob of supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol Building. Chao's resignation takes effect Jan. 11. [Read more at ttnews.com](http://ttnews.com).

Traffic Safety Trends to Keep an Eye On in 2021

More than 35,000 people a year are killed, and some three million are injured, in vehicle-related crashes in the United States each year...The traffic safety stories of 2020 will resonate in 2021 and beyond; here are a few trends and initiatives that drivers will want to watch in the new year. [Read more at caranddriver.com](http://caranddriver.com).

NHTSA Fines Daimler \$10 Million Over Timing of Truck Recalls

Daimler Trucks North America will pay a \$10 million fine and change how it recalls trucks after an investigation by federal safety regulators that found it did not recall vehicles in a timely fashion and comply with other reporting requirements. [Read more at ttnews.com](http://ttnews.com).

FMCSA Proposes Revised Guidance on Yard Moves

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is proposing to revise regulatory guidance related to how truck drivers record yard moves as part of their hours of service. [Read more at ttnews.com](http://ttnews.com).

FMCSA Proposes to Add Truck Rear Underride Guards to Safety Checklist

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has issued a proposed rule amending federal safety regulations to specifically add rear impact guards as a required item on the list of annual inspections for motor carriers and roadside inspectors. [Read more at ttnews.com](http://ttnews.com).

Recent Study Finds That 'Scare Tactics' Fail To Make Young Drivers Safer

Motorists shown examples of responsible behaviour are more likely to drive safely than those subjected to scare tactics, according to fresh research. In a recent study, those who viewed 'positive' driving messages were less likely to take risks than those exposed to 'fear-based content'. [Read more at rac.co.uk](http://rac.co.uk).

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](#)

New year, new Revenue Online! We've streamlined our site and improved its features to make things easier for Coloradans. Explore more at <http://Colorado.gov/RevenueOnline>.



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

Watch the scary moment an @OSHP trooper gets run off the road by a commercial driver. Luckily no one was hurt! It is important to keep your Eyes on the road and not your Mobile phone. #DistractedDriving puts everyone's safety on the roads at risk! #ItCanWait



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

New year, new tags. Make sure you renew before the end of the month on yours!

You can renew online at <https://nebraska.gov/dmv/vtr/start.cgi>, by mail or at your local county treasurer's office.



IllinoisStatePolice @ILStatePolice | [View the Tweet](#)

Happy New Year!



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

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month! #GADDSCares



VermontDMV @VTDMV | [View the Tweet](#)

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration recently updated the waiver

from certain regulations applicable to commercial driver's license (CDL) and commercial learner's permit (CLP) holders <http://ow.ly/ol1i50D3smB>



New Jersey MVC @NJ_MVC | [View the Tweet](#)

"We are going to put safety first. We don't want Motor Vehicle to be the source of spreading COVID-19."

@SueFulton @NJ1015



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