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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

- [Enthusiasm Around Autonomous Vehicles Has Grown During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Fleets Operating in Health Care Sector Adjust To Surge in Demand Amid Pandemic](#)
- [Trucking Approaches Holiday Shipping Season 'Unlike Any Seen Before'](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Drivers Approve of DMV Online System \(Connecticut\)](#)
- [Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles Extends Deadlines](#)
- [Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles Extends Senior Appointment Hours](#)
- [MDOT MVA's 'First Stop' Is a New Tool to Help Customers Check for Online Services \(Maryland\)](#)
- [MVC Chief Tells NJ Residents: There's No Reason to Line up at Midnight \(New Jersey\)](#)
- [Expiration Dates on Commercial Licences and Permits Extended Again: PennDOT \(Pennsylvania\)](#)
- [PennDOT to Resume Motorcycle Safety Courses \(Pennsylvania\)](#)
- [RI DMV Extends Some Expiration Deadlines to End of November \(Rhode Island\)](#)
- [DMV Reopens Three More Branches for in-Person Service \(Vermont\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Kentucky Mail-in Option Extended for Some Driver's Licenses](#)
- [Reserve a Spot to Avoid the Wait at DMV \(Mississippi\)](#)
- [Waiver Still in Effect for Commercial Driver's Licenses \(Texas\)](#)
- [Feelings Mixed on COVID-19 Precautions at Driver License Office \(Texas\)](#)



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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.

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Renewal 'Grace Period' for Expired Driver's Licenses and Tabs Ending Sept. 30th. \(Michigan\)](#)
- [Michigan Secretary of State to Offer Priority Driver's License. ID Appointments](#)
- [Courts to Resume Late Penalties, Driver's License Suspensions, Collection Referrals \(Minnesota\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [California DMV Extends Grace Period for Expired Licenses Amid Pandemic](#)
- [Push for REAL ID in Montana Rising During Pandemic](#)
- [Wyoming Dead Last in U.S. for Roadway Safety During Pandemic, National Safety Council Finds](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Brake Failure, 'Disregard for Safety' Blamed for Limo Crash That Killed 20 (New York)

One-fourth of the brake capacity didn't work because of corroded lines and poor maintenance, making a Ford Excursion stretch limousine unable to stop before it crashed in Schoharie almost two years ago, killing the driver, 17 passengers and two bystanders. [Read more at 13wham.com](#).

Advocates Call on Governor To End Driver's License Suspensions For Unpaid Traffic Fines (New York)

Supporters of a law that would end suspension of driver's licenses because of overdue traffic fines are pushing for action from Gov. Andrew Cuomo. Both the State Assembly and Senate have approved legislation that repeals a law that lets the state suspend the driver's license of individuals who don't pay overdue traffic fines and penalties. [Read more at wskg.org](#).

REGION 2 NEWS

New Florida Laws on License Plates, Veterans, Shark Fins Hit the Books

From stricter penalties for ripping off military veterans to new guidelines for specialty license plates, 24 laws go into effect Thursday after being passed during the 2020 legislative session. [Read more at news4jax.com](#).

South Carolina Has the Deadliest Rural Roads in the Country

South Carolina has the deadliest rural roads in the nation, according to the State's Department of Transportation (SCDOT). Nearly 60% of fatal crashes in South Carolina happen on rural roadways according to the transportation department. [Read more at wltx.com](#).

SYSTEMS TRAINING

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

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

OCTOBER

- 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](#)

SCDMV: 'If You Wait Until January, You've Waited Too Long,' Get Real ID Now (South Carolina)

If you're headed to the airport Thursday morning, basic driver's license in hand and prepared for a quick jet across the country, you're in luck. "If we had started REAL ID tomorrow as planned, the projections nationally, we were going to have 100,000 people per day stranded in airports," explained South Carolina DMV Executive Director Kevin Shwedo on Wednesday afternoon. [Read more at abcnews4.com](#).

REGION 3 NEWS

Traffic Fatalities Are Rising in Minnesota, 6 Deaths Over Weekend

The Minnesota State Patrol reports six traffic fatalities around Minnesota over the weekend, keeping the state on track to surpass last year's total. Preliminary reports show 285 Minnesotans died in traffic accidents so far this year. That's 22 more people than this time last year. [Read more at albertleatribune.com](#).

Missouri Company Places World's First Large-Scale Order for Autonomous Trucking Technology

"This is the world's first purchase order of autonomous trucking technology," CEO Cetin Mericli said. "It's a very historical milestone for the entire industry, not just Locomotion. We are very close to seeing an actual commercial version of autonomous trucking." [Read more at bizjournals.com](#).

REGION 4 NEWS

DMV's Gordon Seeks Vendors' Ideas: 'It's OK to Throw Stuff Against the Wall'

The Department of Motor Vehicles' director, Steve Gordon, showed his private-sector roots this week in an upbeat — and at times blunt — message about modernizing technology in government. [Read more at techwire.net](#).

These State IT Projects Win Honors as 'Best of California'

One of the hallmarks of the California Virtual Digital Government Summit is the recognition for excellence in technology, the Best of California Awards. State agencies and departments were honored Wednesday by Government Technology, the virtual summit host, in recognition of these efforts. [Read more at techwire.net](#).

US EPA Chief Challenges California Effort to Mandate Zero Emission Vehicles in 2035

The head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Monday questioned California Governor Gavin Newsom's plan to require all new passenger vehicle sales in 2035 be zero-emission models, according to a letter seen by Reuters. [Read more at reuters.com](#).

Colorado's Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gases Calls for More Electric Cars, Cuts to Oil and Gas Emissions

Gov. Jared Polis' draft plan to drastically cut greenhouse gas pollution in Colorado calls for an accelerated move to electric vehicles and buses, deep reductions of

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

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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](#)

methane emissions from the oil and gas industry and at least an 80% drop in emissions from electricity generation.

[Read more at denverpost.com.](#)

Utah Expands Connected Vehicle Project to Include More Autos

A connected vehicle partnership project between the Utah Department of Transportation and Panasonic is moving into phase two, which includes more vehicles, roadside units and expanded data sharing. [Read more at govtech.com.](#)

Wyoming Legislature Weighs a Future for Self-Driving Vehicles

Once the fantasy of science fiction writers, it now looks as if self-driving, autonomous vehicles will soon be an integral part of Americans' daily lives. [Read more at trib.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Mark Rosenker, Transportation Safety Expert Who Served George W. Bush, Dies at 73

Mark Rosenker, a public affairs specialist who served in Republican presidential administrations and became an authority on planes, trains and automobiles, directing the National Transportation Safety Board for four years under President George W. Bush, died Sept. 26 at a hospice center in Alexandria, Va. He was 73. [Read more at washingtonpost.com.](#)

TSA Deadline: 62% of Americans Have Exactly One Year to Get a Driver's License With a Star on It

Americans are flying a whole lot less since the Covid-19 pandemic began, according to throughput data from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). But there's a deadline looming for those who want to get on a plane a year from now. [Read more at forbes.com.](#)

HHS Secretary Praises Department of Motor Vehicles for Their 'Pivotal Role' in Another Record-Setting Year in Organ Donation

As new organ donation records are being realized for the tenth consecutive year, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services has applauded the Department of Motor Vehicles for their critical role in achieving this milestone. [Read more at businesswire.com.](#)

US Traffic Deaths Fell 2% in 2019; 3rd Straight Yearly Drop

Traffic deaths in the U.S. fell for the third consecutive year in 2019, the government's road safety agency reported. The downward trend is continuing into this year with people driving fewer miles due to the pandemic, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Thursday. [Read more at abcnews.go.com.](#)

More Than 90% of Driver's License Suspensions Are Not Related To Traffic Safety

A study conducted by researchers at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)

and Brown University found that the vast majority of license suspensions are for non-driving-related events, such as failure to pay a fine or appear in court, and that these suspensions disproportionately affect those living in low-income communities and in communities with a greater percentage of Black and Hispanic residents. [Read more at phys.org.](#)

FAST Act's Yearlong Extension Signed Into Law

The law governing the country's transportation operations was extended for a year after President Donald Trump's recent signing of a temporary funding measure that averts a shutdown of the federal government...Tucked in the funding law is the yearlong extension of the FAST Act highway law, which was set to expire Sept. 30. [Read more at tnews.com.](#)

FMCSA Unveils HOS Resource as Revised Rules Take Effect

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has launched an online tool to help carriers and drivers better understand the hours-of-service regulations that took effect Sept. 29. [Read more at tnews.com.](#)

FMCSA Denies Request for Longer Workdays for Autonomous-Truck Drivers

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration denied an application from Pronto.ai requesting that its drivers be allowed to operate longer hours than current hours-of-service regulations allow, saying there wasn't enough data to prove there wouldn't be an adverse impact on safety. [Read more at truckinginfo.com.](#)

Think You're a Good Driver? Most Canadians Admit to Dangerous Habits in New Report

A new safe-driving report says most Canadians have admitted to dangerous driving in the past year. And by dangerous driving, we're talking about motorists who've engaged in eating, speeding, driving while tired, and forgetting to signal. [Read more at globalnews.ca.](#)

TuSimple Hires Former FMCSA Official Jim Mullen

Jim Mullen, former acting administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, has taken a position at TuSimple, a company that specializes in autonomous driving technology for trucks. [Read more at tnews.com.](#)

License Plate Scanners Aren't Just for Cops Anymore

Police have long relied on license plate readers to investigate crimes. Now the technology is coming to the masses—and the trend is sounding alarm bells for privacy experts. Maryland-based Rekor Systems Inc. has started offering home video surveillance software through a service called Watchman, starting at \$5 a month. [Read more at bloombergquint.com.](#)

Federal IoT Guidelines Move Closer to Becoming Law

Legislation that establishes minimum security standards for IoT devices procured by the federal government is moving closer to becoming law. The House passed the Internet of Things Cybersecurity Improvement Act of 2020 on Sept. 14, and it now awaits a vote by the Senate. [Read more at bankinfosecurity.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.

Arizona DOT @ArizonaDOT | [View the Tweet](#)

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Find out more: <https://azdot.gov/terrify>



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DMV is proud to be an avenue for New Yorkers to register to be an organ donor and to save lives. If you're interested in registering, please go to <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/register-become-organ-eye-or-tissue-donor>.



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Happy #NationalCoffeeDay ! Many of us love our cup 'o coffee in the morning (afternoon, mid-afternoon, evening...). Enjoy, but don't let it distract you while driving!



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This October, we're partnering with the @USDOTFHWA to launch the first-ever National Pedestrian Safety Month. Join us as we share tips for drivers and pedestrians on staying safe on our nation's roads.

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<https://nhtsa.gov/pedestrian-safety/national-pedestrian-safety-month>



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