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AAMVA Leadership Academy Applications Now Being Accepted

The Leadership Academy provides professional development opportunities for future leaders in the AAMVA community. This program is designed for jurisdiction employees who have demonstrated leadership potential and the ability to succeed in positions of greater responsibility within their agencies. The program will take place May 4-7, 2020. Attendees must have the approval and support of the Chief Administrator of their agency to apply. All expenses will be paid by AAMVA. This week-long program will include modules on defining leadership, team work and collaboration, change management, and more. It is an intense training opportunity focused on the unique characteristics of leading and managing a motor vehicle or law enforcement agency. The draft course outline provides more information on what topics will be included. If you are interested, please fill out the application form and send it along with your resume to Janice Dluzynski. Class size will be limited to eighteen participants and we can accept only one application from each member agency. Applications are due by November 7, 2019. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact: Janice Dluzynski or 703-908-5842. See what prior participants had to say about the AAMVA Leadership Academy in this video.

One Year Away from Real ID Deadline

With one year left before the 2020 Real ID enforcement deadline, media outlets around the country have been reminding Americans to get their Real ID. While there were dozens of REAL ID stories in the news this week, here are a few samples that specifically include AAMVA members:

- [https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHS/bulletins/2632476](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHS/bulletins/2632476)
- [https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/year-real-id-requirements-fly-passengers-grounded/story?id=65982802](https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/year-real-id-requirements-fly-passengers-grounded/story?id=65982802)
- [https://www.myclallamcounty.com/2019/10/02/a-year-until-real-id-requirements-to-fly-many-passengers-could-be-grounded/](https://www.myclallamcounty.com/2019/10/02/a-year-until-real-id-requirements-to-fly-many-passengers-could-be-grounded/)
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- [https://www.today.com/video/real-id-deadline-is-1-year-away-what-you-need-to-know-70433861964](https://www.today.com/video/real-id-deadline-is-1-year-away-what-you-need-to-know-70433861964)
- [https://fox5sandiego.com/2019/10/01/you-have-1-year-to-get-a-real-id-heres-how/](https://fox5sandiego.com/2019/10/01/you-have-1-year-to-get-a-real-id-heres-how/)

mDL Working Group Meeting
Miami, FL
13-15 | 2019 November Region 4 Chief Administrators Roundtable
Phoenix, AZ

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

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OUR WEBINARS

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RMV Licensing Dysfunction Fallout Spreads to Rhode Island

The state of Rhode Island will send Massachusetts about 22,500 new notifications about motorists who broke traffic laws but escaped scrutiny here, widening the fallout from a deadly crash this summer that exposed a faulty system of sharing information among states about bad drivers, Massachusetts officials disclosed Thursday. The notices will add to the tally of suspended licenses in Massachusetts in recent months. Since the June crash in New Hampshire that killed seven, more than 6,300 driver's licenses have been suspended in Massachusetts. Thursday's memo from Jamey Tesler, the acting registrar of motor vehicles in Massachusetts, paints a picture of New England states rushing to flag thousands of drivers who have held onto their licenses despite convictions for serious traffic offenses outside their home state. [Read more at bostonglobe.com](#).

DMV Initiates Program to Educate Motorists About Traffic Stops (Delaware)

The Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles has implemented Senate Bill 168 regarding driver education on traffic-stop procedures offering resources to educate and inform drivers. In support of the bill, the DMV has developed a series of videos that clarify and define the roles of the driver, law enforcement officer and others during a traffic stop. [Read more at capegazette.com](#).

Moulton Seeks to Digitize Driver Violation Notices (Massachusetts)

Outside the Danvers branch of the Registry of Motor Vehicles on Tuesday, U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton publicly announced legislation he’s filed in hopes of making it easier for traffic safety officials to share information about drivers across state lines. The legislation comes in response to the crash involving a commercial truck driver this June that killed seven members of a motorcycle club in Randolph, New
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**REGION 2 NEWS**

**Safety Officials Want State’s Texting-Driving Law to Follow Successful Path of Seat Belt Law (Florida)**

Citations since lawmakers in June 2009 made not wearing a seat belt a primary offense for a traffic stop show Floridian motorists are increasingly heeding the advice — or the threat of a ticket — to buckle up. Law enforcement officials across the Treasure and Space coasts are hoping the new texting-while-driving law, part of which goes into effect Oct. 1, will show similar results in years to come. Read more at tcpalm.com.

**Feldman: Wording on Standard Driver’s Licenses Causing Confusion (Kentucky)**

“That language ‘Not for Real ID purposes’ is what’s confusing people,” said Franklin County Circuit Court Clerk Amy Feldman, whose office issues the identification. Feldman has been hearing daily from citizens complaining that some businesses are refusing to accept their standard driver’s license. One man attempting to buy a home ran into trouble when presenting his standard driver’s license. “His mortgage company wouldn’t accept it because their underwriter from another state said it wasn’t valid,” she said, reiterating that a standard driver’s license is still a valid ID. Read more at state-journal.com.

**New North Carolina Law Requires Drivers to Replace License Plates Every 7 Years**

North Carolina said, “No more,” to old, hard-to-read license plates. A new law means North Carolinians will need to get new plates every seven years. Gov. Roy Cooper signed the House bill into law on Friday. House Bill 211, in part, aims to make sure plates are clearly visible at night. Beginning July 1, 2021, when drivers renew their car registration, they will need to replace any license plates that already 7 years old or older or that will hit that 7-year mark during the registration year. Read more at myfox8.com.

**Oklahoma Receives Real ID Extension Through Sept. 18, 2020, Officials Say**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has granted the state's REAL ID extension through Sept. 18, 2020, officials with the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety announced Thursday morning. Officials said this means the federal government will continue to recognize Oklahoma driver's licenses and ID cards for flying on commercial airlines or entering federal facilities until that time. Read more at koco.com.

**DMV Honored with Governor’s Award (Virginia)**

The work done each day at DMV helps to save lives, and that work was recognized by Governor Ralph Northam in September. DMV was the recipient of the Governor’s Honor Award for best Public-Private Partnership for the Driven to Protect Program. The award recognizes the exceptional contributions of the Commonwealth’s external partners that enhance innovation, productivity, and efficiency in the Commonwealth. Read more here.

**Partnership Helps People Leaving Correctional System Get New ID Cards (Virginia)**

Earlier this week, a new partnership began offering REAL ID-compliant identification cards to citizens who are leaving the correction system in Virginia. Governor Ralph Northam announced the partnership between the Virginia Departments of Motor

Vehicles and Corrections on Wednesday. The ID cards are being offered at all DOC facilities across the Commonwealth by the DMV Connect mobile operations teams that serve the state’s prisons...The release adds that the popularity and ease of the program inspired the state agency to add DMV Connect teams to its overall services and provide full DMV services at locations where customers frequent, such as shopping centers, libraries, retirement communities, military bases, government centers, and more. Read more at cbs19news.com.

REGION 3 NEWS

Applications Now Being Accepted for a Teen-Led Traffic Safety Awareness Campaign (Michigan)
Students at every Michigan high school have the opportunity to help make their fellow teens better drivers by participating in this year's Strive for a Safer Drive (S4SD) safe driving campaign. This public-private partnership between Ford Driving Skills for Life (DSFL) and the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning aims to reduce the leading cause of death for teens: traffic crashes. Read more at imtonline.com.

Expect to Pay More for Vehicle Titles and Registration Beginning Oct. 1 (Wisconsin)
Vehicle title and registration fees in Wisconsin increased on Tuesday. Automobile registration fees increased from $75 to $85. Title fees increased from $69.50 to $164.50. A $75 annual surcharge for hybrid electric vehicle is also being implemented. Wisconsin's 2019-2021 biennial budget included a provision to increase motor vehicle title and registration fees and implement a hybrid electric vehicle surcharge. Read more at nbc15.com.

Drunk Driving on Mower Carries Same Penalties as Car, Wisconsin Court Rules
A Wisconsin appeals court has ruled that operating a riding mower while drunk carries the same penalties as driving a car while intoxicated. The ruling Tuesday came in the case of a northern Wisconsin man who was arrested for drunken driving in 2017. Police pulled Keith Shoeder over while he was operating a riding mower on the streets of Rhinelander after leaving a tavern. Shoeder appealed his convicted of fourth offense drunken driving. Read more at wifr.com.

REGION 4 NEWS

Albertans With Distracted Driving Tickets Are Finding It Hard to Get Car Insurance (Alberta)
Albertans with distracted driving convictions are finding it increasingly difficult to get full insurance coverage at reasonable rates, insurance brokers tell CBC News. In Alberta, legislation only mandates auto insurance companies to provide liability and accident benefits coverage...Companies can choose not to provide collision and comprehensive insurance because they're optional by law. Read more at cbc.ca.

CDOT Launches New Motorcycle Safety Campaign (Colorado)
The Colorado Department of Transportation is teaming up with local bars around the state to urge motorcyclists to wear proper safety equipment...In an effort to prevent motorcycle fatalities and serious injuries, CDOT is launching a new campaign aimed at informing motorcyclists about the importance of wearing proper safety gear...For the new campaign, CDOT is working with local bars and motorcycle events to distribute information with catchy phrases — such as “Don’t want to leave a mark? Wear a helmet.” — about the life-saving benefits of helmets, gloves and other
'Vegas Strong' License Plates Available on 2-Year Anniversary of Mass Shooting (Nevada)
Nevada motorists soon will be able to use their license plates to honor the victims and survivors of the 1 October shooting. On Tuesday – the two-year anniversary of the tragic event – the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles will release “Vegas Strong” license plates designed with a black and gold heart-shaped logo with the phrase “Forever Strong.” Some of the money the plates generate – $25 from first-time registrants and $20 from renewals – will support the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center. Read more at rgj.com.

New Mexico Relaxes Basic Requirements for Driver’s Licenses
New Mexico is making it easier for residents to obtain a basic driver's license that is recognized by state agencies and private businesses but will not be valid for commercial airline travel starting in October 2020, taxation and motor vehicle officials announced Tuesday. Requirements won't change for licenses that are compliant with federal Real ID standards that ensure continued access next year to commercial airlines and some federal facilities. New procedures for obtaining the state's "standard" license do away entirely with requirements for fingerprints and a Public Safety Department background check from people with no proof of lawful U.S. residency. Read more at bradenton.com.

Real Time Data: Helping Our Partners on the Road (Oregon)
Every day, law enforcement officers like Trooper Lopez help keep our roads safe and traffic moving. One of the most important tools he needs to do his job is information. At Oregon DMV, we connect directly with law enforcement systems to provide data for officers in the field. In the past, some important data wasn’t able to be updated right away and instead was refreshed every night. As part of DMV’s transformation, new computer systems will enable partners like law enforcement and courts to see changes in vehicle and driver records in real time as soon as they are entered at the DMV office. Read more at oregondot.org.

SGI Distracts Drivers to Show the Dangers (Saskatchewan)
Distracted driving is one of the biggest problems on Saskatchewan’s roads, and on Tuesday four local celebrities learned what being distracted behind the wheel can do, on the RCMP driving course. The race was set up by SGI as police officers start looking out for October’s driving spotlight, distracted driving..."That was a real eye-opener to all the distractions that you encounter on the road every day that you don’t realize are distractions until they’re all coming at you at once,” said Tenille Lafontaine, blogger and media personality. Read more at ckom.com.

50k New Utah Driver Licenses Returned, New Addresses Needed
Utah transportation officials have sent out more than 1 million new driver licenses for identification at airports, but 50,000 were returned to the state. The Salt Lake Tribune reported Tuesday that the Utah Driver License Division is urging people to update their addresses online to retrieve their new licenses. Read more at standard.net.

OTHER NEWS

How ICE Picks Its Targets in the Surveillance Age
The officers were looking for people, and seemingly for specific people. For the peninsula’s Spanish-speaking families, this fact led to some urgent questions. How were the officers picking their targets? And how did they find them?...Based on hundreds of government-procurement records, dozens of interviews and thousands of pages of documents I and others obtained via public-records requests, the account that follows reveals new evidence of surveillance of detainees’ voice and video calls at ICE facilities and extensive proof that the agency relies on state D.M.V. databases and information products like CLEAR, from Thomson Reuters, to target immigrants. It shows how the Real ID Act of 2005, along with funding from the Department of Homeland Security (D.H.S.) and help from umbrella groups like the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (A.A.M.V.A.), has laid the groundwork for real-time, real-world monitoring of American residents. Read more at nytimes.com.

**Truckers Against Trafficking Expands Mission to Canada**

A new partnership aims to fight human trafficking in Canada. Truckers Against Trafficking is partnering with the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking to raise awareness of both the issue and a new hotline for reporting trafficking to Canadian authorities. As trafficking is a global problem, and with the natural industry overlap between the U.S. and Canadian borders, TAT is indeed expanding its programming into Canada,” said Kendis Paris, executive director of Truckers Against Trafficking. Read more at landline.media.

**NTSB Calls for National Limousine Safety Standards**

Just days away from the one-year anniversary of a limousine accident that killed 20 in Schoharie last October, the National Transportation Safety Board is calling for national limousine safety standards. The NTSB specifically cites the deadly crash as one of the investigations that led to its recommendations. It’s calling for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to require lap and shoulder belts for all passengers in new limousines. It’s also calling on the National Limousine Association to educate its members on the benefits of using seatbelts and to encourage their passengers to use them. Read more at spectrumlocalnews.com.

**FMCSA Advisory Committee Offers Tough Questions on HOS Proposed Rule**

For more than a month, drivers, motor carriers and other trucking stakeholders have been commenting on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s revised proposed hours-of-service rule designed to give drivers more flexibility on the ways they spend their days behind the wheel. And on Sept. 30, members of the agency’s diverse advisory committee took their turn. The Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee had lots of questions about the major changes proposed for the rule, but no angry words were spoken by its 25 members. They range from police officers and safety groups to union officials and trucking trade organization representatives. Read more at ttnews.com.

**US Safety Agency Gathering Info on Tesla Parking Lot Feature**

The U.S. government’s highway safety agency is gathering information on reports of malfunctions with a Tesla feature that lets drivers summon their cars in parking lots. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration stopped short of saying it had opened a formal investigation. But in a statement Thursday it said that it’s aware of the reports about “Smart Summon” and is in contact with the company. Read more at abcnews.go.com.

**Truck Safety Systems That Could Save Lives Go Unused. New Legal Tactic May Change That**

Two years after a semi rammed into the back of his pickup in a highway work zone, Dale McWilliams can’t stand up straight and has what his wife says is “kind of a
hump back." Throbbing pain keeps the 72-year-old Rolla, Missouri, great-grandfather awake most nights...It was the semi driver’s fault. Authorities said he was reading a text when the big rig caused a seven-vehicle pileup on Interstate 70 in Clark County, Illinois, killing a Connecticut man and severely injuring the man’s wife, McWilliams and a woman from Overland Park. Read more at kansascity.com.

Voluntary Registration for FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Database Opens, Mandatory Compliance Date Looms

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has opened registration for its Commercial Drivers License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. Voluntary registration for the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse opened on October 1, 2019. The mandatory compliance date is January 6, 2020. At this time, motor carriers will be required to query the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse database before hiring a driver and one per year for existing drivers. Read more at cdllife.com.

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.).

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community. You may be surprised at what you’re missing! Follow @AAMVAConnection.

Check out recent @AAMVAConnection Twitter action.

***Thank you for the @AAMVAConnection mentions!***

DC DMV @dcdmv | View the Tweet

DC DMV Director Gabriel Robinson (third from the right) participated at today’s REAL ID press conference at Ronald Reagan Airport. A REAL ID compliant credential is needed by October 1, 2020 to fly domestically.

MD_MVA @MD_MVA | View the Tweet
ICYMI: Yesterday we held a press conference at @BWI_Airport to announce the 1-year mark until the #RealID deadline.

Administrator Nizer - "We want to make sure everybody is aware of that deadline and clear on the requirements."

New Jersey @NJGov | View the Tweet

Buckle up, New Jersey!

Starting October 2020, you must have a REAL ID (or another federally approved form of ID, like a U.S. passport) to fly within the U.S.

@NJ_MVC will be offering REAL ID by appointment only!
For more info, visit http://RealIDNJ.com
TN Dept. of Safety @TNDeptoSafety | View the Tweet

Oct 1, 2019 - Oct 1, 2020 =1 year

Federal ID requirements are changing for those who use a state-issued to board a plane within the US, certain federal buildings, or nuclear power plants NEXT October. Visit http://TNREALID.gov for more info! #TNREALID


VirginiaDMV @VirginiaDMV | View the Tweet

These cows herd about the great service at DMV, so they moseyed over to our #Tazewell office. We were udderly surprised, but had to milk it for all it's worth!

Since our bovine friends aren't eligible for #RealID, we politely asked them to mooove along. They got home safely.
Do you have your gold star? Today marks one year until the REAL ID deadline. We got together with TSA and Iowa airports to talk about why you might need a REAL ID and how to get one. Find out more: https://www.news.iowadot.gov/newsandinfo/2019/10/real-id-deadline-one-year-away-but-theres-no-need-to-wait-to-get-your-gold-star.html …
Wisconsin DOT @WisconsinDOT | View the Tweet


ITD @IdahoITD | View the Tweet

Thank you to @GovernorLittle, TSA, Buster Bronco and Joe Vandal for joining @IdahoITD to raise awareness about the Star Card-Idaho’s Real ID. Plan ahead and learn about the documents you’ll need to get one at http://itd.idaho.gov/starcard

Oregon DOT @OregonDOT | View the Tweet

Join us now for a #livestream on #RealIDOregon:
Utah Public Safety @UtahDPS | View the Tweet

Is your address up to date? 50,000 gold star IDs have been returned to DLD because state mail does not forward. Check your license status here: https://dld.utah.gov/licensestatus/

Spokane Airport GEG @iflyspokane | View the Tweet

In Oct. 2020 passengers will need REAL ID-compliant ID to fly from Spokane International Airport. Airport CEO Larry Krauter joined @TSA’s Lorie Dankers and @WA_DOL’s Teresa Berntsen earlier today to encourage Washington residents to get their enhanced driver’s license or ID card.
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