AAMVA Region 3 Conference is Around the Corner

Join us in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 22-24, for the 2019 Region 3 Conference. The conference provides AAMVA members with an intimate and collaborative environment to network and learn from fellow motor vehicle and law enforcement colleagues across North America. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from and meet directly with fellow colleagues, as well as industry organizations that provide the products and services you need. The schedule is packed with sessions covering hot topics in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community. Learn more about the conference and register online today.

REGION 1 NEWS

Customs Officers Intercept Record Number of Stolen Vehicles at Port of Wilmington (Delaware)
U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers seized a stolen 2018 Cadillac Escalade, valued at more than $57,000 at the Port of Wilmington, Del, September 25...This recovery was one of a record 16 stolen vehicles that CBP officers at the Port of Wilmington seized during fiscal year 2019, which ended on September 30. The combined value of the stolen vehicles is $454,007, also a CBP Port record...Officers discovered that the Escalade’s visible vehicle identification number (VIN) belonged to a 2018 Mercedes Benz and detained the vehicle for a thorough examination. Read more at firststateupdate.com.

MDOT MVA Updates Systems for New DUI and DWI Laws (Maryland)
The Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) said it was updating its systems and programs to support new laws related to highway safety that are taking effect this month. Among these are tougher DUI and DWI laws for those found guilty of driving under the influence, as well as harsher sentences for those found guilty of human trafficking...The law took effect October 1. Now, DUI and DWI offenders will see increased fines, as well as more jail time for repeat offenders. Penalties will double for first and repeat offenders if transporting a minor while impaired by drugs or alcohol. Read more at cecildaily.com.

The Real ID Driver’s Licenses Are Here. You Have Questions, So We Got You the Answers. (New Jersey)
Real ID is now available and travelers planning to use the more secure driver’s...
**mDL Working Group Meeting**

Miami, FL

13-15 | 2019 November Region 4 Chief Administrators Roundtable
Phoenix, AZ

20-21 | 2019 November IDEC Executive Board and Test Maintenance Subcommittee Meetings
Seattle, WA

**SYSTEMS TRAINING**

*Register for the following training sessions HERE.*

**OCTOBER**

15 | CDLIS Rules for Driver Convictions (intermediate)

16 | CD11 Report Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)

17 | CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)

22 | CD07 Add New Driver (intermediate)

23 | CD09 Change Data (intermediate)

24 | CD15 Update AKA Data (intermediate)

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**OUR WEBINARS**

**OCTOBER**

15 | CSTIMS October 2019 Release

15 | NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site

17 | NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 1

22 | NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature

24 | NMVTIS Suspense

licenses to board a commercial airliner have questions about how to get it and what documents they need to bring to the motor vehicle agency. We received some insightful and a few very technical Real ID questions from readers on Twitter and by email. We turned to the experts at the state Motor Vehicle Commission and the Transportation Security Administration for the answers, as we did in our first Real ID Q&A. Read more at nj.com.

**DOJ Asks for More Time to Review Undocumented Immigrant Driver’s License Law (New York)**

The U.S. Department of Justice says it needs time to weigh in on a legal challenge to a new state law that gives undocumented immigrants access to driver’s licenses in New York. Federal prosecutors asked a judge for more time to consider their position on a lawsuit brought by several upstate county clerks that says the new law violates U.S. labor and immigration laws. There are also concerns about possible voter fraud from issuing government ID to undocumented people. Read more at wshu.org.

**Non-Profit Group Takes Road Safety Into Its Hands With North York Experiment (Ontario)**

Welcome to Pineway Boulevard, a charming suburban street complete with a tree for every bungalow, a parkette for every school and, for most of last week, signs on each block warning drivers to slow down. It was a test of a temporary measure to combat what residents say has been a plague of speeding drivers using the North York street to avoid Toronto’s Don Valley Parkway for years...The approval process for permanent traffic-calming measures is lengthy, and requires support from residents, including a community meeting, and in some circumstances, a petition. Ms. Carroll said that despite concern from the community, it has been difficult to gather support for something permanent. “The pop-up has gotten people’s attention,” she said. Read more at theglobeandmail.com.

**PA Ranks Third for Chance of Deer-Car Collisions, According to New Study (Pennsylvania)**

Pay attention behind the wheel. If you live in Pennsylvania, you have a 1 in 52 chance of hitting a deer while driving. According to State Farm’s annual study, the Keystone State ranks third for the likelihood of deer-vehicle collisions, behind West Virginia and Montana. Nationwide, there were over 1.9 million animal collision insurance claims in the U.S. between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. Most animal-involved crashes occur in October, November and December, primarily around dusk and dawn. Read more at pittsburgh.cbslocal.com.

**Ask the DMV: Only ‘Wave’ Plates Will Be Replaced Under Reissuance Program (Rhode Island)**

Q: I am interested in getting plates to support breast cancer research. With the new “wave” design rolling out in 2020, when is the best time to make the change from the wave to this one? And how do I order the breast research license plate? A: This is a very timely question as October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the state’s reissuance program is slated to begin in June 2020. Only “wave” plates will be replaced with a new state plate when the program begins, and this will be done upon registration renewal. This means that no charity plates will be replaced with the new state plate. Read more at providencejournal.com.

**Alabama DOR Issues Memorandum on Additional Registration Fee for Battery, Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles**
The Alabama Department of Revenue (DOR) Oct. 1 issued a memorandum concerning the Rebuilt Alabama Act for excise tax purposes. The act provides an additional registration fee for battery and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles operated on the state’s public highways. The additional fee is effective beginning Jan. 1, 2020. Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, the Uniform Motor Vehicle Valuation Manual will include a fuel type for all vehicles listed in its database. The DOR provided the list of fuel types. Read more at news.bloombergtax.com.

Operation Green Light: Florida Counties Allowing Drivers to Pay Overdue Fines Without Surcharges
In a statewide initiative, 60 Florida counties are participating in Operation Green Light to get drivers safely and legally back on the road. For one day this year, state clerks will waive the collection fee surcharges when drivers are paying their overdue tickets to get their licenses reinstated. “The legislature passed a new law addressing the issue of folks driving without a license and this is an effort to get them legal again, get them back in the system, get them back to work and to take some financial burden off of them,” said John Crawford, Nassau County Clerk of Court and Comptroller. Read more at actionnewsjax.com.

DDS Lands $83k Grant for Motorcycle Safety Program (Georgia)
The Department of Driver Services’ (DDS) Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program (GSMP) has received a grant for $83,464.00 from the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). This funding will be used to help reduce motorcycle fatalities, increase driver awareness of motorcycles, and educate motorcycle riders about safety initiatives. According to the Insurance Information Institute, motorcyclists are 28 times more likely to die in a crash than an automobile rider. “The grant from the GOHS enables the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program (GMSP) to continue making the roads safer for riders and non-riders,” said DDS Commissioner Spencer R. Moore. “We thank the GOHS for our strong partnership in helping the GMSP educate and encourage all Georgia drivers to Share the Road.” Read more at allongeorgia.com.

Kentucky Urges Motorists to Buckle Up, Put Phones Down
Highway safety officials in Kentucky have launched a campaign aimed at preventing traffic crashes by encouraging motorists to buckle up and put down their phones. The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety launched the "Buckle Up Phone Down" campaign Monday. It features videos, radio spots, digital advertising and a new dedicated website to promote the initiative. Officials say that distracted driving results in more than 50,000 crashes in Kentucky each year, along with more than 15,000 injuries and about 200 deaths. Read more at wave3.com.

LSU Gets $773,500 to Study Commercial Vehicle Crash Causes (Louisiana)
A Louisiana university has a $773,500 federal grant to use streaming traffic camera video to study commercial motor vehicle crashes. The lead researcher is Professor Helmut Schneider at Louisiana State University's Center for Analytics & Research in Transportation Safety. A news release Friday said Schneider and Supratik (soo-PRAH-tik) Mukhopadhyay (moo-koh-PAH-tay) in LSU's Division of Computer Science will use advanced analytics and artificial intelligence to analyze video as it comes in from multiple cameras. Read more at wbrz.com.

New State License Plate, Rideshare Signage Regulations Go Into Effect (North Carolina)
As the state budget standoff enters a new month, the N.C. General Assembly continues to work as its long session, which started in January, continues. New laws have passed and gone into effect, such as new license plate requirements,
rideshare regulations and an incentive for volunteer firefighters. Starting in July 2020, Session Law 2019-227 requires motorists to obtain a new license plate every seven years, per the language of the bill signed into law on Sept. 27. Read more at wataugademocrat.com.

**Uber Hosts Town Hall on Self-Driving Cars (Texas)**
Starting in November, Uber says two of its autonomous SUV's will begin mapping downtown Dallas streets in the first step toward launching self-driving cars in North Texas. At a town hall event at Uber's new corporate offices in Deep Ellum, Uber Advanced Technologies Group CEO Eric Meyhofer explained the mapping would take several months before the company commits to launching an autonomous service in Dallas...Dallas would be the fourth city where the ride-sharing company would offer self-driving technology. Uber already has autonomous vehicles on the streets in Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Toronto. Read more at nbcdfw.com.

**Automated Voter Registration Coming (West Virginia)**
Multiagency coordination is underway between lawmakers, the Division of Motor Vehicles, secretary of state, county clerks and the governor to provide West Virginia with new systems to implement “opt-out” Automated Voter Registration...West Virginia operates an “opt-in” program, wherein eligible citizens are asked if they want to register to vote while at the DMV. These voter registration files are sent by the DMV daily to all county clerks through an automated process. Under the pending “opt-out” program, voters are not asked if they want to register to vote; they’re registered automatically at the DMV, unless they are ineligible or affirmatively decline. Read more at wvgazettemail.com.

**How a 16-Year-Old With Vision Impairment Got Michigan Driving Law Changed**
A 16-year-old Jenison High School student was able to get a Michigan driving law changed after testifying in front of the state Senate. Two bills were brought before and eventually approved by the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives this summer. Senate Bill 192 introduced a waiver to the 10 hours of night driving needed for drivers under 18 to get a Michigan graduated driver’s license if the driver has an impairment that disallows them from driving at night anyway. Read more at mlive.com.

**Police Offer Advice to Protect Your Vehicle at Home (Michigan)**
Larcenies from vehicles, damage to vehicles and vehicle thefts are an ongoing problem and can be heartbreaking to experience, causing feelings of violation and mistrust. After experiencing such a crime, you might ask yourself, “What could I have done to prevent this from happening?” That’s where your local police can help. They see this type of thing all the time in their line of work. Help them help you by taking precautions to protect your vehicle at home. Read more at candgnews.com.

**Nebraska DMV Launching New Registration System Next Week**
The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles will officially launch its new motor vehicle registration and titling system next week. The process started back in March of 2018, but will now be readily available in all 93 counties. “VicToRy” will replace a program that has been in place since the 1990s and will be used to register 2.5 million vehicles annually. The new system will expand online services with one of the new features being the ability to check the status of specialty plates online. Read more at 3newsnow.com.
House Bill 285 Would Help Ohioans Get Suspended Driver’s Licenses Back With Amnesty Program (Ohio)
House Bill 285 (HB 285) in Ohio looks to create a permanent program to help people with suspended licenses, reduce or forgive reinstatement fees. But for a short time, beginning Oct. 17, people can use the extended pilot program to get help. “Of the 1,000,000 people with suspended licenses, if we believe they’ve just stopped driving we’re not being realistic,” State Representative Dave Greenspan said who is co-sponsoring the bill. Read more at cleveland19.com.

Enlisting Truckers to Fight Human Trafficking (Wisconsin)
Truck drivers in Wisconsin would be enlisted to help fight human trafficking under a bill proposed in the state legislature. Senate Bill 25, introduced in February and recently approved by a committee, would require commercial motor vehicle driver education classes include information on how to recognize and prevent human trafficking. Proponents said the measure makes sense because human trafficking regularly occurs along highways and at truck stops and rest areas, places populated primarily—and sometimes only—by truck drivers. Read more at routefifty.com.

Alphabet-Owned Waymo Is Mapping Los Angeles Before Determining If It Can Operate There (California)
Waymo, the self-driving car company owned by Alphabet, is heading to Los Angeles with its 3-D mapping technology to determine if it can navigate traffic congestion in the second-biggest U.S. city. The company said on Monday that it will deploy a small fleet of its Chrysler minivans in LA. Mapping represents the preliminary steps in testing out a location before potentially launching its services, which Waymo has no immediate plans to do. Read more at cnbc.com.

California Makes It Illegal to Sell DMV Appointments
Selling appointments at the California DMV is now against the law. Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 317 Monday, making it an infraction for companies to sell appointments to people. Appointments made through the Department of Motor Vehicles are free and can be made 90 days in advance. However, due to the REAL ID requirement, trying to make an appointment can be a challenge and wait times at the DMV can get long. At least one company, YoGov, started offering a service to help people get an appointment. Read more at sacramento.cbslocal.com.

State Transportation Director Answers Real ID Questions (Hawaii) (Video)
There is about a year left to get the REAL ID that will be needed to travel. So what happens if you miss the deadline? State Department of Transportation Director Jade Butay joined Take2 to clear up any confusion. Read more at khon2.com.

Kauai County’s Drivers License Division Is Looking to Make the Acquirement Process More Efficient (Hawaii)
Kauai County’s Drivers License Division is piloting a take-a-number system starting Monday, Oct. 7, to make acquiring licenses and permits for drivers of motor vehicles and customers seeking State of Hawaii Identification Cards more efficient and comfortable. “With the recent reminder of the REAL ID compliant identification, the lines at the Drivers License Division have increased,” said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami. “To make the process more comfortable and efficient for our customers, we are implementing a take-a-number system similar to what we have in place at the Motor Vehicle Registration office starting on Monday.” Read more at khon2.com.

Oregon DMV Says It’s on Track for Real ID Licenses by
July
Oregon driver licenses and identification cards will continue to be accepted at airport security for domestic flights until Oct. 1, 2020, if Oregon stays on schedule to offer a Real ID option on driver licenses and ID cards by July of next year, the Oregon DMV said Thursday. Oregonians who fly domestically starting in October 2020 will need to present a passport, passport card or other federally acceptable identification at airports. Read more at ktvz.com.

SGI #StopTheGoat Contest Hopes to Encourage Safe Driving Habits (Saskatchewan)
SGI is hoping teen drivers can get their goat. The provincial insurance provider is holding a contest leading up to national teen driver safety week to encourage teens to drive safely. The Stop The Goat social media contest is set to run in the leadup of the safety week, an initiative of Parachute Canada held from Oct. 20 to 25. When Saskatchewan teens see the goat pop up on SGI's Facebook and Instagram pages, they can like posts featuring the goat and tag two friends. Teens who like and share on both Facebook and Instagram get two entries...During National Teen Driver Safety Week, two winners will be selected each day. Read more at paherald.sk.ca.

OTHER NEWS

FMCSA Administrator Ray Martinez to Leave Post
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator Ray Martinez will be leaving his position at the end of October. The U.S. Department of Transportation, which encompasses FMCSA, announced Oct. 10 that Martinez will be leaving his post, although he will remain with DOT. In his new position, he will oversee redevelopment construction taking place at the agency's John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center in Cambridge, Mass. The Volpe Center, a hub for transportation experts, focuses on infrastructure and innovation. FMCSA Chief Counsel Jim Mullen will move into the deputy administrator role at the agency. Mullen is expected to assume the role of acting administrator. Read more at ttnews.com.

U.S. Travel Launches Initiative to Get Travelers Real ID Deadline-Ready
Almost three out of four Americans are unprepared for the October 2020 deadline for full implementation of REAL ID, and millions could be prevented from boarding a plane due to lack of required identification, according to a U.S. Travel Association-commissioned study. To combat this problem, USTA is leading an initiative by private-sector travel stakeholders to better prepare the country for the REAL ID deadline. The association has developed a toolkit filled with resources for its membership and other allies to help educate Americans about REAL ID and is coordinating engagement with policymakers and government agencies to proactively address the public awareness deficit well ahead of the deadline. Read more at tsnn.com.

ATA Establishes Policies on Recreational Marijuana Laws
American Trucking Associations executives have approved a set of policies meant to help the industry safely operate amid the growing legalization of recreational marijuana. ATA announced the policies at the group’s annual Management Conference & Exhibition on Oct. 8. The policies were developed by ATA’s newly formed Controlled Substances, Driver Health and Wellness Subcommittee...Specifically, the new policies call for the government to uphold the right of employers to test for marijuana, support lifting federal restrictions on marijuana research and encourage more research on the drug’s impact on impairment, support the development of oral fluid testing and impairment standards and call for a marijuana victims compensation fund. The fund would be paid for by dispensaries and those who cultivate and manufacture marijuana. Read more at ttnews.com.
Cars With High-Tech Safety Systems Are Still Really Bad at Not Running People Over
For years now, automakers have been stuffing their cars with loads of advanced technology on the promise that all these sensors and software will make for a less deadly driving experience. But new research suggests that new technology isn’t doing enough to keep pedestrians safe. The American Automobile Association (AAA) conducted a series of tests using vehicles with automatic emergency braking and pedestrian detection alerts on a closed course with dummy pedestrians. And what they found was highly upsetting. The vehicles struck the dummy pedestrians that were crossing the road 60 percent of the time — and this was in daylight hours at speeds of 20 mph. Read more at theverge.com.

Lytx Reports Top Trends in Truck Driving Safety and Risk
Lytx, a global provider of machine vision and artificial intelligence-powered video telematics solutions for commercial and public sector fleets, shared its second annual "State of the Data" presentation at the American Trucking Associations Management Conference and Exhibition (ATA MC&E). Based on more than 6.2 billion miles of driving data from Lytx trucking clients this year alone, the presentation highlights noteworthy trends in truck driving safety and concentrated areas of risk. Read more at waste360.com.

ATRI: Driver Shortage Tops Trucking Concern List for Third Straight Year
For the third year in a row, the driver shortage is the top-ranked issue for trucking fleets, as they struggle to recruit and retain qualified drivers, according to the American Transportation Research Institute. ATRI, the trucking industry’s not-for-profit research institute, unveiled its annual Top Industry Issues report Oct. 6, including a list of the Top 10 critical issues facing the North American trucking industry, here at American Trucking Associations’ Management Conference & Exhibition. The hours-of-service rules remained the No. 2 issue in the survey for a second consecutive year, reflecting what ATRI and ATA officials said was the industry’s call for additional flexibility in the rules, particularly the sleeper berth provision. Read more at ttnews.com.

A Major Transportation Safety Group Weighed in on New HOS Rules — and They Aren’t Impressed
A federal transportation safety group has weighed in on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) proposed changes to Hours of Service regulations and found that there is “no evidence” that the changes will improve highway safety. On September 20, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) submitted formal comments on the FMCSA’s Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule Making (ANPRM) on truck driver Hours of Service (HOS) regulations. Read more at cdlife.com.

ATA Elects Randy Guillot as 75th Chairman
American Trucking Associations’ annual Management Conference & Exhibition drew to a festive close Oct. 8 following the naming of Randy Guillot as its 75th chairman...Guillot, president of Triple G Express Inc., a trucking company based in Louisiana, officially took up the mantle of ATA chairman. Guillot characterized the people in the trucking industry as hardworking, competitive members of the same big family. Read more at ttnews.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.).

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

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**CO Dept. of Revenue @CO_Revenue | View the Tweet**

Thanks to @DenverPolice and @CityofDenver for inviting us to talk to your students! We always enjoy being able to talk directly to Coloradans about driver licenses and ID cards. #AlwaysHelp

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**Cornell Robertson @FraCoEngineerOH | View the Tweet**

My pleasure to introduce Registrar Charlie Norman as our keynote speaker at Columbus Rotary Meeting. Thank you for your leadership, open mindedness, & improved efficiencies at the @Ohio_BMV. Looking forward to hosting one of the Rotary Vocational Meetings at FCEO on 10/14/19.
In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, The DC City Council held a Ceremonial Resolution on October 8 recognizing DC DMV for offering Breast Cancer Awareness specialty tags to District residents. Tag fees benefit a special breast cancer awareness and treatment fund.

#GAPrekweek #DDSCARES
KansasDOT @DriveSafeKansas | View the Tweet

Put The Brakes On Fatalities Day #PSA #video #PTBOFD

Ontario Prov Police @OPP_News | View the Tweet

Taking a chance without your #SealBelt is just #NotWorthIt. #BuckleUp
PHLAirport @PHLAirport | View the Tweet

#PHLairport was pleased to host representatives from @PennDOTNews and @TSA for a press conference reminding passengers of the October 1, 2020 #REALID deadline.

Tracy Montross @CLT_Tracy | View the Tweet

Oct 1, 2020 - all air travelers will need a #REALID to access airport security checkpoints. Today, @CLTAirport hosted a presser with @TSA @SC_DMV @NCDOT #DMV. Visit your state’s #DMV for more info before you’re #wheelsup on @AmericanAir or another carrier.
Trooper Johnna Batiste @wspd1pio | View the Tweet

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