Proposed AAMVA Law Enforcement Policy – Membership Vote Coming Soon

Jurisdictional voting delegates will soon be asked to vote on a new proposed "Automated Traffic Enforcement" policy. The ballot will open on November 26th and will stay open for 30 days. In consultation with the Chief Administrator of each dues-paying agency, one "policy voting delegate" has been named for each jurisdiction. The full language of the proposed policy and related background can be found on AAMVA's website. If you have questions about the policy or the voting process, please contact AAMVA's Director of Government Affairs, Cian Cashin.

AAMVA Congratulates Louisiana on a Successful S2S Launch

AAMVA congratulates Louisiana on successfully implementing State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) during the weekend of October 20, 2018 and becoming the 20th participant using the new service. All migration activities have completed on schedule. CDLIS and S2S services are fully operational now. AAMVA would also like to thank volunteer states South Dakota and New York who assisted with Louisiana's migration. Utah is scheduled to begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on January 28, 2019. Other jurisdictions will also begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) in the upcoming months and AAMVA looks forward to supporting them during their onboarding process. Read more here.

Deadline Approaching - AAMVA Leadership Academy Applications are Due November 5th

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 April 29 – May 2, 2019. 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 5, 2018. 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.

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AAMVA 2018 Fiscal Year Report Released
In fiscal year 2018, AAMVA members and staff worked hard to provide our community with programs, solutions, and services to meet members' business challenges. Our three standing committees—Driver, Vehicle, and Law Enforcement—and their various working groups tackled today's challenges with member-driven solutions to prepare us for tomorrow's opportunities. By marshalling their collective knowledge and wisdom, they developed new tools and resources to add to our ever-expanding library. These resources include topics such as ignition interlock (an update from the 2015 edition), disability placards and plates, testing and deployment of highly automated vehicles, and electronic odometer disclosure. Click here to download the full report.

Card Design Standard Committee Looking for Law Enforcement Representative
The Card Design Standards Committee has been jointly working with the eID Working Group on the topic of mobile driver licenses (mDL). The joint working group has been charged with the review and potential leveraging of existing identity credential standards and recommend standards for the AAMVA membership relating to the emergence and rising popularity of electronic identity (mDL being a prominent use case). The joint working group typically meets in-person once or twice annually, and members are funded for travel to this meeting. Additionally, members are expected to complete occasional assignments between meetings. At this time the Card Design Standard Committee is specifically looking for a Law Enforcement Representative (e.g., sworn trooper/officer). If you are interested in applying for the Card Design Standards Committee, please complete the application and return it to committees@aamva.org by November 30, 2018. If you have questions about the committee's activities, please contact Geoff Slagle, Director, Identity Management.

After Spike in Traffic Deaths, D.C. Refreshes Vision Zero Safety Initiative (District of Columbia)
Thirty-one people have died in D.C. traffic crashes so far in 2018. That's one more than the number who died during all of 2017 and four more than the number who died by this point last year. Roughly half of the people who have died in 2018 were walking or biking when a driver struck them. Read the article at dc.curbed.com.

Maryland State Highway Administration Lending Reflective Vests to Trick or Treaters
All superheroes, princesses, ghosts and goblins deserve to be seen this Halloween. The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) will lend reflective vests to children and their chaperones as part of the annual 'Vests for Visibility' Program. Designed to be worn over clothing, the reflective vests help increase the visibility of pedestrians. Every day and especially on Halloween which brings increased nighttime pedestrian activity, everyone needs to follow the rules of the road, see and be seen. Read the article at roads.maryland.gov.

State Marks National Move Over Day with Vehicle Parade (New York)
New York State Police and state transportation agencies are reminding motorists to obey the Move Over Law. The third Saturday in October has been designated National Move Over Day, a reminder to drivers to slow down and safely move over while approaching police, fire and other emergency vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped along roads and highways. Read the article at usnews.com.

Legislature Approves Ending License Suspensions for
**Certain Crimes in Pennsylvania**

In the final hours of the legislative session last week, lawmakers in Harrisburg overwhelmingly approved a bill that will end the practice of suspending driver’s licenses for those convicted of certain non-driving offenses. The measures had the support of lawmakers on both sides of the aisle and a host of other criminal-justice reform and jobs groups. Gov. Tom Wolf is expected to sign the bill this week. House Bill 163 ends suspensions for crimes such as non-driving-related state or federal drug convictions; underage purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor, malt or brewed beverages in a licensed facility; purchase of tobacco by a minor, and several other non-driving, non-violent offenses. Read the article at post-gazette.com.

**Lehigh Valley International Airport Helps with Getting REAL ID (Pennsylvania)**

For those looking to ditch the DMV and get their REAL ID, Lehigh Valley International Airport brought in a REAL ID Mobile Verification Unit. This unit will be at the airport until 8 p.m. Wednesday night. 'PennDOT's here to make the process of getting a REAL ID, if you decide you do want one, as easy as possible,' said Alexis Campbell, PennDOT Driver Services. Read the article at wfmz.com.

**Vermont DMV and Agency of Education Win National Award for Online Training Program**

The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles and Agency of Education were recently named winners of the 2018 Government Experience Awards for the online Driver Education Certification Service (DECS). The Center for Digital Government, a leading national research and advisory institute that focuses on technology in state and local government, annually announces winners for their Government Experience Awards, which highlight exceptional progress and delivery of digital government services. The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles and Agency of Education received an award in the Government-to-Government Experience category. DECS is an online web application that allows Vermont Driver Educators to report completion status and print certificates for students enrolled in approved driver education programs. Read the article at dmv.vermont.gov.

**Federal Government Shuts Down Autonomous School Bus Service in Florida**

The world’s first autonomous school bus service has been shut down in Florida. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has shut down an autonomous school bus service in Babcock Ranch, Florida for operating illegally outside of permit, according to a statement from the agency. In a world’s first, Transdev North America operated a driverless shuttle service in the small Southwest Florida town, taking students to and from school every day. Transdev is a Paris France-based company that focuses on developing autonomous shuttles for public transportation projects. In a statement posted to the NHTSA website, the agency explained that the Transdev shuttles operated outside of their approved permits, which allowed for testing and demonstration use only. Read the article at therichest.com.

**State Prepares to Unveil License Plate Reading System to Hunt for Uninsured Motorists (Oklahoma)**

State officials Tuesday unveiled plans to implement an automated license plate scanner system designed to clamp down on uninsured motor vehicles. The system, the first of its kind in the country, will be operational by Nov. 1 and use technology that can issue up to 10,000 violation notices per day, officials said during a news conference held in Tulsa. Read the article at tulsaworld.com.
Self-Driving Car Service is Available for Anyone in This City (Texas)
If you're visiting Arlington, Texas, and have been itching to try out an autonomous vehicle, you're in luck. Starting Friday, three Drive.ai self-driving cars (and eventually five) will be available to ride — for anyone, not just office workers, city officials, or a select group of ‘early riders.’ Back in July, Drive.ai piloted the autonomous Nissan NV200 vans in Frisco, Texas. The Arlington deployment will be around for the next year. Read the article at mashable.com.

Virginia State Police Urges Teen Motorists to be Road Responsible
As National Teen Driver Safety Week gets underway, Governor Ralph Northam, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian J. Moran and Virginia State Police are encouraging young people, who are just taking to the roads, to take charge of their safety...As part of National Teen Driver Safety Week, VSP joins Youth of Virginia Speak Out About Traffic Safety (YOVASO) in encouraging youth and teens to make good choices and celebrate responsibly as part of its statewide Halloween Safety Campaign. Read the article at drive.google.com.

IDOT Encourages Public to Send Highway Sign Safety Messages (Illinois)
The Illinois Department of Transportation is encouraging the public to submit ideas for safety messages on electronic signs. The department hopes the messages will connect with drivers and passengers on Illinois highways by sharing information that could help save lives. Read the article at wifr.com.

Kansas Driver's License Renewals Now Available Through Mobile App
Kansas officials say several changes should decrease the time people spend renewing their driver's licenses. Starting Tuesday, people ages 21 to 50 can renew licenses through the Department of Revenue's iKan mobile app and online at https://ikan.ks.gov/. The department said in a news release Monday that people who want a Real Id must go into a driver's license office but the state plans to eventually make that process available through the iKan app. Read the article at kfdi.com.

How Does ODOT Come Up with Its Clever Safety Billboards? (Ohio)
Every major holiday, the Ohio Department of Transportation rolls out a new set of safety messages on highway billboards to remind you to be safe and cautious on the roadways. For the last three years, some of those signs have been intentionally funny and punny in nature. 'Quite frankly, we need to spark conversation. We need to get people interested,' said Highway Safety Program Manager Michelle May. 'We've seen four consecutive years of rising traffic deaths across the state, and about 93 to 95 percent of all these traffic deaths begin with some kind of driver error or bad decision.' Read the article at cleveland19.com.

Youth Billboard Contest Begins [October 21] for Teen Driver Safety Week (Ohio)
The 2018 Billboard Contest begins...Oct. 21, for National Teen Driver Safety Week, according to a release. The contest is held until Oct. 27 by Greene County Safe Communities and State Farm...Students are given the opportunity to design their own public service announcement billboard that promotes a message surrounding teen driver safety, read a release. The goal of this challenge is to raise awareness among high schoolers and their peers about teen driver safety. Read the article at whio.com.
Eau Claire Students Get Lesson in the Dangers of Distracted Driving (Wisconsin)

Students at Regis Middle and High School got a lesson about the dangers of smartphone use while driving. AT&T, AAA, and the Wisconsin State Patrol hosted an assembly on Monday called 'It Can Wait.' It featured AAA's distracted driving simulator and two short films about distracted driving. Students were also encouraged to sign a pledge to keep their eyes on the road while driving. Around 300 students attended Monday's assembly. Read the article at weau.com.

Self-Service DMV Kiosks Installed at More San Diego County Grocery Stores (California)

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has added more self-service kiosks for San Diegans to renew their vehicle registration...The kiosks accept credit or debit cards, and they will soon take cash. Customers will need to have their renewal notice or most recent vehicle registration card to complete the renewal. Read the article at 10news.com.

Colorado Police Warn Canada of Drug-Impaired Driving Rates

A retired Colorado police chief is warning Canadians that legalizing marijuana in his state came with a deadly cost on the roads. Marco Vasquez is a retired police chief from Eerie and was asked to speak on behalf of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police about the impact of marijuana legalization. He said Canadians are wise to be concerned about the potential for a spike in people driving while impaired by marijuana. Vasquez pointed to a report released in September by the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area which was established by the U.S. federal government specifically aimed at supporting the drug-control policy. Read the article at cjme.com.

Here's the State's Latest Traffic Safety Message to Drivers (Hawaii)

Over the weekend, Oahu saw its 56th traffic fatality of 2018. The deadly year on roadways — especially for pedestrians — has prompted more enforcement, stepped up messaging campaigns, and even new measures on the roads to try to get drivers to look out for walkers. It's also triggered some outside of the box ideas, from deploying the 'grim reaper' to crosswalks to asking Hawaii drivers not to be 'lolos.' Read the article at hawaiinewsnow.com.

EPS Handing out Positive Tickets to Teen Drivers (Saskatchewan)

With an overrepresentation in serious and fatal collision, police are rewarding teen drivers demonstrating safe driving behaviours during Teen Safety Driving Week. 'We've been part of it in different years under different slogans,' explained Sgt Tyler McMillan, 'and with this week with Teen Driver Safety Week, we're doing the same thing.' EPS will be handing out different items like windshield scrapers and chances to win a $250 Visa gift card. Read the article at discoverestevan.com.

Saskatoon Police Issue 1st Ticket for Using Cannabis in a Car (Saskatchewan)

Three days after recreational pot was legalized in Canada, the Saskatoon Police Service has issued the first ticket for consuming cannabis in a vehicle. A woman received a $360 ticket after an officer observed her consuming cannabis in a car Saturday morning, Saskatoon police said in a tweet. The tweet also clarified that the woman was a passenger in the vehicle, not the driver. Read the article at cbc.ca.
Utah Aims to Prevent Airport Travel Problems for Residents
Utah state legislators are set to consider a proposal at a special session next month that would ensure state driver's licenses have a federally required gold star on the front, which would prevent residents from being turned away by airport security in the future. The Salt Lake Tribune reports that a transportation committee at the Legislature endorsed the bill this week, marking the first step in a process aimed at ensuring Utah residents don’t have any problems in 2020 when the Department of Homeland Security will require the gold star on licenses. Read the article at idahostatesman.com.

AAA Offers Safety Tips on Avoiding Animal-Vehicle Collisions
Fall is officially here and AAA is warning drivers to be more cautious on the roads. Deer mating season is beginning and October through December are the most dangerous months in Ohio for motor vehicle collisions with animals. A collision with a deer or other animal can put a serious dent in your vehicle, if not destroy it completely, and could result in serious injuries or fatalities. Read the article at dailycall.com.

Driverless Cars Generate 'Vast Amounts of Personal Information’, Committee Warned
Queensland's Transport and Public Works Committee is holding an inquiry into transport technology, including the rise of electric and driverless vehicles, and their impact on roads and jobs. In a written submission, the Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC) details the 'vast amounts of personal information' that driverless car technologies generate. This includes your real-time location, in-car camera footage, places you frequently visit, even favourite restaurants, music choices, air conditioning settings and fingerprints. Read the article at abc.net.au.

Electric Cars are a Hazard for Blind People
Electric cars are good for the environment – but not for people who cannot see. They have problems detecting the silent vehicles. However, Norwegian research scientists are working on a solution. In noisy surroundings it can be impossible for people who cannot see to detect an electric car, but from next year new international requirements will be in place. All electric cars must then be modified to emit a warning sound, making it easier for pedestrians to hear them approaching. Read the article at phys.org.

Global Preferences for Who to Save in Self-Driving Car Crashes Revealed
If self-driving cars become widespread, society will have to grapple with a new burden: the ability to program vehicles with preferences about which lives to prioritize in the event of a crash. Human drivers make these choices instinctively, but algorithms will be able to make them in advance. So will car companies and governments choose to save the old or the young? The many or the few? Read the article at theverge.com.

Here’s What Happens When Police Pull Over a Driverless Car
As self-driving cars become increasingly common on American streets, an obvious question arises: What happens when police want to pull over a robot-driven vehicle that has no human backup driver? In their recently updated 'Emergency Response Guide,' Alphabet’s Waymo — which has hundreds of autonomous Chrysler Pacifica...
minivans on the road in Phoenix — provides a protocol that may offer some glimpse of what is to come. Read the article at washingtonpost.com.

The National Road Safety Foundation Challenges SADD Students to Create Messages About Risk of Too Many Passengers in Car

Members of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) are being challenged to spread the word about the risks teen drivers face when having too many passengers in the vehicle, in the annual #DrivingSkills101 campaign sponsored by The National Road Safety Foundation, a non-profit organization that promotes safe driving, and SADD. The #DrivingSkills101 "Pass on Passengers" contest offers a $2,500 top prize for teens in SADD chapters to create a short video with their creative ideas for a Public Service Announcement about the dangers of driving with too many passengers, with the goal of gaining school involvement, media engagement and community interaction. Read the article at prnewswire.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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New Jersey MVC @NJ_MVC | View the Tweet
Chief Administrator @SueFulton cutting the ribbon at our new Delanco agency today with Sen. @Troy4NJ7 Singleton, #BurlingtonCounty #Freeholder Tom Pullion & #Delanco Mayor Kate Fitzpatrick. Biggest #MVC agency in NJ next to @BakersBasin! Congrats to all!

NYS DMV @nysdmv | View the Tweet
As part of National #TeenDriverSafetyWeek, DMV and @NYSGTSC engaged students about safe driving through interactive activities at Union-Endicott High School. Below: Students participate in the Battle of the Belts seat belt competition.
Ontario Prov Police @OPP_News | View the Tweet
7 victims of #humantrafficking safety ensured with 45 charges laid against 15 people during #OperationNorthernSpotlight. #OPP #RCMP and 43 Ontario police services joined forces as part of @ONgov’s Strategy to #EndHumanTrafficking

Texas Department of Transportation @TxDOT | View the Tweet
A DWI could haunt you with up to $17,000 in fines and fees, jail time and you could lose your license. #PlanWhileYouCan http://SoberRides.org

OHBureauMotorVehicle @Ohio_BMV | View the Tweet
We ain’t afraid of no ghost . . . . Enjoy this Halloween weekend by keeping your eyes
and focus on the road!

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