AAMVA's Regional News for November 1, 2019

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Join UL & AAMVA at mDL Café
There's an app for almost everything these days, whether it's shopping, tracking your exercise or finding your way. Now driver's licenses are making the transition from a card to a digital application on your mobile phone; a mobile driver license (mDL). Jointly hosted by AAMVA and UL – mDL Café is a 90 minute webinar discussing ISO standard and implementation guidelines, as well as use cases with mDL ecosystem stakeholders. This webinar is open to issuers and industries involved in the mDL ecosystem and mDL technology providers. Read more at connect.ul.com.

Region 3 Conference Wraps Up
From October 22-24, AAMVA hosted the Region 3 Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. During the conference, members had the opportunity to network and attend sessions on hot topics, including Real ID, impaired driving, mDL, driver assistance technology, and more. View photos of the event by visiting our Flickr page. Presentations are available for download on the AAMVA website (only for AAMVA members). If you attended the conference, please don't forget to provide feedback via the survey on our mobile app. Thank you to our sponsors who made this event possible!

AAMVA Visits Jurisdictions in the Northeast
AAMVA visited several jurisdictions in the northeast recently including Vermont, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. Meetings, such as the one pictured here with the New Hampshire team, included AAMVA overviews and member engagement reviews, as well as training on the AAMVA website, CDLIS reports, and other related IT content.

2019 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute Receives CLE Accreditation
The Virginia State Bar has accredited the 2019 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute for 5 CLE hours of standard instruction and 2 CLE hours of ethics instruction. For those attending, attorneys needing a copy of the accreditation notice or certification of attendance for verification purposes, please contact Andrew Guevara at

*Register for the following training sessions HERE.*

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**Events**

**November**

- **13-14 | 2019 November Joint mDL Working Group Meeting**
  Miami, FL

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

- **20 | 2019 November State to State Governance Committee Meeting**
  Dallas, TX

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

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 by November 7, 2019. Class size will be limited to eighteen participants and we can accept only one application from each member agency. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Janice Dluzynski via email or at 703-908-5842. See what prior participants had to say about the AAMVA Leadership Academy in this video.

CONNECTICUT DMV and Travelers Launch Teen Safe Driving Video Contest

The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles and Travelers are sponsoring the 12th annual Teen Safe Driving Video contest. To participate in the contest and a chance to win cash prizes, Connecticut high school students produce and submit videos targeted to their peers with the theme “Take the Wheel, Take Responsibility.” View the press release.

New Hampshire DMV Introduces the Parent's Supervised Driving Program

New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu along with Department of Safety Commissioner Robert Quinn, Division of Motor Vehicles Director Elizabeth Bieleck, the New Hampshire Drivers Ed Teachers Association and program sponsors Safety Insurance, Grappone Automotive Group, and Citizens Bank unveiled The Parent’s Supervised Driving Program, a new and improved initiative to help parents teach their teens to drive. Read the press release.

Bill Proposes Indicator on Drivers Licenses for People with Autism (New York)

A new bill in New York State hopes to eliminate a potentially dangerous misunderstanding between law enforcement and people with autism. Read the article at wbng.com.

Oklahomans Can Download Mobile ID App This Week

Oklahoma’s mobile ID should be ready for download this week in app stores, the state’s chief technology official said. About 4,000 people already have the beta version, said David Ostrowe, secretary of digital transformation and administration. Full use of the app with state agencies will require some legislation that will be considered early next year. Read the article at tulsaworld.com.
REAL ID: State Leaders Give Glimpse Into What Oklahoma Licenses Will Look Like
As state leaders get ready for the REAL ID Act to go into effect next year, they are releasing what the state’s compliant driver’s licenses will look like in the future. Read the article at kfor.com.

Urging Pedestrian Safety as Days Get Shorter (Virginia)
When the clocks fall back this weekend, it will get darker earlier, and drivers and pedestrians are urged to use extra caution. The Virginia Governor's Executive Leadership Team on Highway Safety says the time change often results in an increase in the number of pedestrians who are hit by vehicles. Read the article at cbs19news.com.

People Swarm to DMV to Purchase REAL ID (Virginia)
Travelers may have to take a trip to the DMV if they’re looking to fly -- even domestically -- after October 1, 2020. Read the article at 13newsnow.com.

State Democrats Introduce Plan to Allow Undocumented Immigrants Driver's Licenses, ID Card (Michigan)
Democratic state lawmakers have introduced a plan in Lansing that would allow undocumented immigrants and others without proof of legal status the opportunity to get a state identification card or driver's license. Read the article at wwmt.com.

Agency Partnerships Provide IDs to Those Preparing for Release (Nebraska)
A partnership between the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) and the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has reached a new level in assisting those who are leaving prison. The agencies have expanded a project to provide state identification cards to those who are preparing for release. Read the press release.

Nebraska DMV Warns Residents To Beware Of Scam Phone Calls
The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) would like to warn residents about scam phone calls from individuals claiming to work for the DMV. The department has received reports of such calls where the individual claims the DMV will recall or “cut off” the customer’s driver license, unless immediate payment is made. Read the press release.

Ohio Considers Major Changes to Teen Driving Laws
Ohio teens could face more training requirements, more restricted night time driving hours and six more months of waiting for their first driver license. State lawmakers are once again considering legislation to strengthen training requirements for new drivers. Read the article at daytonadailynews.com.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Renews State Self-driving Car Initiative
Governor Mike DeWine on Tuesday signed an executive order renewing DriveOhio, the state initiative promoting self-driving cars and other forms of “smart” mobility. Among other things, the order directs the state departments of transportation, public safety and administrative services to develop plans to deploy smart communications technology in all state fleet vehicles within the next four years. Read the article at cleveland.com.
DMV Director Steve Gordon Interviewed on KPCC’s Take Two (California)
Summary: For many Californians, their DMV experience hasn't been smooth, especially in the past few years. Crumbling tech had led to ballooning wait times at many locations. A troubled voter registration program misfired, even registering people who were not eligible to vote. Lawmakers held hearings about the department's troubles. And last December, the DMV's last leader stepped down. But Steve Gordon is hoping to change all that. A few months ago, he was installed as the new director of the California DMV. Check out the interview on scpr.org.

California Taking Pre-orders for its First Special Bicycle Plate for Motor Vehicles
In a partnership between public, private and non-profit organizations, the California Department of Motor Vehicles has begun accepting pre-orders for the state's first speciality plate focused on bicycle use. The DMV is accepting refundable payments for the plates; if it receives 7,500 pre-orders, the plates will be produced, if not, deposits will be refunded or supporters will request a 12-month extension. Read more at bicycleretailer.com.

Forgot Your Driver’s License? Now You Can Legally Use an Electronic ID On the Colorado App
Colorado rolled out a new electronic identification card that could eventually replace the plastic ones people carry in their wallets. Gov. Jared Polis was eager to sign an executive order Wednesday morning allowing the state to start issuing the electronic driver’s licenses via a mobile app, but the practical uses are limited. Coloradans can download the state’s myColorado app, scan their plastic driver’s licenses and upload their picture to have an electronic copy on their phones. Read more at denverpost.com.

Idaho Governor, DMV and Transportation Officials Continue to Raise Awareness about Star Card, Idaho's Real ID Deadline
One year ahead of the federally-mandated deadline, the DMV continues to raise awareness of the importance of obtaining a Star Card, Idaho's Real ID. Without a star on a driver's license after October 1, 2020, citizens won't be able to board a plane or enter a federal facility. Read the press release.

If You'll Need a Real ID, Clock is Ticking Toward Oct. 1, 2020 (New Mexico)
ENFORCEMENT LESS THAN A YEAR AWAY: That's right, as a guest column in the Sunday Journal advised, the Real ID Act of 2005 goes into effect Oct. 1, 2020. And while much can change between now and then, the current conventional wisdom is you will need a Real ID after that day for federal purposes, including boarding a commercial flight. Read the article at www.abqjournal.com.

Congress Drafts First Sections Of New, Bipartisan Autonomous Vehicle Bill
In the nation’s capital, it is a rare sight for all the players in an industry, large and small, to come together and ask for new regulations. The relationship between regulator and regulated can sometimes be adversarial at worst, tense at best. But in
the case of automated vehicles (AVs) – a technology whose driving philosophy is reducing roadway deaths and injuries – it has become a shared priority to create a federal regulatory framework to assure safety. Read the article on Forbes.com.

**New Mobile App from Microsoft Research Uses AI for Driver License Testing in India**
Microsoft is working on an interesting new app for new drivers looking to obtain a drivers license in India. The company has partnered with the Regional Transport Office in northern Dehradun India to develop Harnessing AutoMobiles for Safety (HAMS), an app that uses AI to monitor the driving of license seekers (via TheNextWeb). Read the article at onmsft.com.

**Autonomous Cars ‘Less Likely' to Be Blamed for Crashes Than Humans – Study**
The public is more likely to blame accidents involving semi-autonomous cars on the driver rather than the technology, new research claims. According to the study, in an accident where a human driver and artificial intelligence have dual control, the public is more inclined to blame the person. Read more at irishnews.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!***

**GTSC @NYSGTSC | View the Tweet**
Many New Yorkers are without power today as a result of bad weather. If you approach a broken or non-functioning stoplight, remember what to do. Treat it like a four-way stop sign.

**Indiana BMV @INBMV | View the Tweet**
It’s illegal everywhere in America to drive under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, opioids, methamphetamines, or any potentially impairing drug–prescribed or over the counter. Drive sober; you can’t drive safely if you’re impaired!
Don't be this guy. Be #LicensedToFly! Get your federally compliant driver license or identification card for air travel within the U.S. by Oct. 1, 2020. Visit https://bit.ly/2D0tLi7 for more information.

The beginning and end of #DaylightSavingTime is the perfect opportunity to check your VIN for recalls. Take a few minutes to visit http://NHTSA.gov/recalls and enter your 17-character VIN to see current recalls on your vehicle. #DaylightSavings #CheckForRecalls

Share your feedback on how the government can align speed limits in Ontario with other provinces and current driving behaviour. Complete our online survey.
KY Highway Safety @kyhighwaysafety | View Tweet
As #DaylightSavingTime ends, please make sure you are not driving while drowsy. That “extra hour” doesn't guarantee that you will be more alert behind the wheel. #DrowsyDriving

Counting on Daylight Saving Time to catch up on sleep this weekend? Emily Whitcomb of @NSSafety explains why that might mean you're already fatigued. Your kids need you to be alert and awake behind the wheel: bit.ly/2Nos8h?
@NHTSAgov @safekids #KeepEachOtherSafe

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