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NOVEMBER

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

JANUARY

8-9 | [2020 January Board of Directors Meeting](#)
San Diego, CA

8-9 | [2020 January Industry Advisory Board Meeting](#)

AAMVA Mourns the Passing of Mike Calvin



Retired AAMVA staff member and friend, Mike Calvin, passed away from cancer on Saturday, November 9. Mike worked for AAMVA from 1987 until his retirement in 2015. Over a span of almost 30 years, he served AAMVA in multiple capacities, including as Director and Vice President of Driver Services, Senior Vice President of Program Services, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, and Vice President for Member and Program Services. He left AAMVA a legacy of strong driver safety programs and productive relationships with federal,

jurisdictional, and non-governmental organization partners. The funeral will be held on Saturday Nov 16 at 11:00am at Potomac Presbyterian Church in Potomac, MD, and the Burial will be at Darnestown Presbyterian Cemetery. AAMVA will share additional arrangements when they are available. He is survived by a loving family, including his wife Pat, son Bob, and daughter-in-law Anna.

REGION 1 NEWS

Deadline Nears for Maryland Uninsured Motorist Debt Amnesty

Time is running out for uninsured motorists in Maryland to take advantage of a program that forgives 80 percent of uninsured-driving debts that became delinquent before 2017. [Read the article at washingtonpost.com.](#)

More Than 100 Marylanders Opt for 'X' Gender on Driver's Licenses

More than 100 Marylanders opted to list their gender as "X" or "unspecified" on their driver's licenses and identification cards under a state law that went into effect on Oct. 1. In the first month that Marylanders had the option of "X"—in addition to "F" for female and "M" for male—88 people changed their gender identification, according to the Motor Vehicle Administration. Another 15 new licenses and identification cards were issued with the "X" designation. [Read the article at baltimoresun.com.](#)

Non-binary Gender Designation is Now Available on Massachusetts Licenses

Massachusetts residents can now choose a non-binary gender designation on state driver's licenses, officials said. The change took effect on Tuesday as part of the state's Registry of Motor Vehicles system upgrade. Governor Charlie Baker's office confirmed his administration launched the second phase of the RMV's new software over the weekend. The agency said the RMV will now recognize three gender designation options: "male," "female," and "non-binary." [Read the article at](#)

San Diego, CA

bostonglobe.com.**SYSTEMS TRAINING**

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

NOVEMBER - CDLIS

19 | [CDLIS Rules for Driver Withdrawals \(intermediate\)](#)

20 | [CD16 Report Out-of-State Withdrawal \(intermediate\)](#)

21 | [CD17 Negate Out-of-State Withdrawal \(intermediate\)](#)

DECEMBER - CDLIS

10 | [CDLIS Reports Timeliness \(intermediate\)](#)

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12 | [CD90.4.1 Out-of State Transaction as SOR Reports \(advanced\)](#)

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18 | [CDLIS Reports Identifying Potential Issues Qtr1 OP \(advanced\)](#)

DECEMBER - SPEXS

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3 | [SPEXS Transactions AMIE \(intermediate\)](#)

9 | [SPEXS Transactions NIEM \(intermediate\)](#)

10 | [SPEXS Batch Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

11 | [SPEXS Bulk Load \(intermediate\)](#)

12 | [SPEXS SPM \(intermediate\)](#)

16 | [SPEXS WEB UI and Reports \(intermediate\)](#)

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Some DMV Offices Are Open on Saturday, December 14, 2019 for REAL ID Transactions Only (New Hampshire)

Certain DMV offices will be open on Saturday, December 14, 2019 for REAL ID licenses and non-driver ID cards, in addition to regular business hours. The DMV offices in Newport, Nashua, Manchester, Concord, Twin Mountain and Dover will be open from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm for REAL ID transactions only. [Learn more at nh.gov](#).

REGION 2 NEWS

North Carolina DMV Working to Reduce Wait Times Ahead of REAL ID Push

With the holidays around the corner, some people may use their time off to run errands. One of those errands may be getting the new REAL ID at the North Carolina Department of Transportation. [Read the article at cbs17.com](#).

Veterans Designation Available for South Carolina Driver's License, State ID

Happy Veterans Day to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces! Did you know that the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles offers a "Veteran" designation on beginner's permits, driver's licenses and identification cards? [Read the article at abccolumbia.com](#).

Traceable Temporary License Plates Required in South Carolina as of Monday

If you buy a car on or anytime after Monday, November 11, you are now required to have a 45-day traceable temporary license plate. Governor Henry McMaster signed the rule into law in May 2018. The SCDMV will issue the new traceable temporary license plates beginning Tuesday, November 12. On or after December 25, 2019, there should be no more non-traceable temporary tags. [Read the article at abcnews4.com](#).

REGION 3 NEWS

Illinois Reminds Residents That There's No Rush To Apply, Receive REAL IDs

The State of Illinois said hundreds of thousands of people have received REAL ID driver's licenses already, and officials remind people there is no rush to get one. [Read the article at wbbm780.radio.com](#).

DMV Rejects Thousands of Vanity License Plate Messages, from "IHATEIA" to "YASSS" (Nebraska)

Believe it or not, but someone in Nebraska has wanted the word "CHEEKS" on their license plates. Nebraskans have also requested "THONG," "HUMMUS" AND "MATH SUX." These are just a few of more than four thousand vanity license plates that have been rejected by the state in the 17 years for violating a state statute. Betty Johnson, administrator of driver and vehicle records for the Department of Motor Vehicles, has been involved in the process of approving and rejecting vanity plates for about 20 years. [Read the article at 1011now.com](#).

REGION 4 NEWS

OUR WEBINARS

NOVEMBER

19 | [CDLIS 5.4 Release Overview](#)

19 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

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3 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

5 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(Web Service Version\) – Part 1](#)

10 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

12 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(Web Service Version\) – Part 2](#)

17 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

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OPEN RFPs

[AAMVA RFP FY21 - 21104: 2021 March Workshop & Law Institute](#)
Deadline: November 15, 2019

[AAMVA RFP FY-21-21222: 2020 October Combined Standing Committee Meeting](#)
Deadline: November 15, 2019

[AAMVA RFP FY20-21221 2020 April S2S Governance Committee Meeting](#)
Deadline: November 18, 2019

[AAMVA RFQ FY20-21062:](#)

More Arizonans Getting REAL-ID Compliant Licenses

According to the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division, 65% of Arizonians have acquired their AZ Travel ID, a jump from 20% in January. Through a prepared statement, MVD Director Eric Jorgensen said that Arizonians who don't have the AZ Travel ID risk being stopped at TSA airport checkpoints when new federal ID rules take effect on Oct. 1, 2020. [Read the article at mohavedailynews.com.](#)

Colorado Driver's Licenses Go Digital

Colorado residents who download a special app can use their phones as a form of ID in places like bars, restaurants and banks, but it is up to the establishments to decide whether they accept the new format. Rolled out late last month, the technology that digitizes driver's licenses or state IDs is part of an effort led by Theresa Szczurek, the state's chief information officer, to modernize the way services are delivered. Colorado Digital ID, a new feature in the state's myColorado app, can't be used as official identification for law enforcement or flights, though that could change later. [Read the article at wsj.com.](#)

Governor Little Signs Traffic Incident Safety Awareness Proclamation (Idaho)

Gov. Brad Little and the Idaho Transportation Department are collaborating to bring attention to the importance of traffic incident responders during National Traffic Incident Management Awareness Week. [Read the article at kivity.com.](#)

Oregon DMV: Electric Cars Face Higher Registration Fees

New Oregon vehicle registration, title and trip permit fees—including higher registration fees for electric vehicles than gas-powered ones—will take effect Jan. 1 as part of "Keep Oregon Moving," the biggest transportation investment in state history, Oregon DMV officials said Tuesday. Under the transportation funding package the Oregon Legislature passed in 2017, passenger vehicle registration fees will be based largely on the vehicle's fuel efficiency rating. Drivers of more efficient vehicles will pay more to register and renew their tags, so they contribute more for use of the roads. [Read the article at ktvz.com.](#)

Mistake Means Some Utahns Got Multiple Gold Star Driver License Cards

The Utah Driver License Division confirmed that nine drivers were issued multiple Real ID licenses by mistake. The law says you should have only one. It's possible more people got multiple cards but haven't reported the issue to the state. "That's a big concern to us," said Chris Caras, director of the Utah Driver License Division. The new Real ID license cards bear a gold star that indicates a person is clear to board a plane or enter a federal facility. [Read the article at kjzz.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

U.S. Senate to Hold November 20 Hearing on Testing, Deployment of Self-Driving Cars

The U.S. Senate Commerce Committee will hold a Nov. 20 hearing on the testing and deployment of self-driving vehicles that will include top U.S. safety officials, as Congress has struggled to pass legislation on autonomous vehicles. The hearing will come one day after the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) meets to determine the probable cause of a March 2018 Uber Technologies Inc self-driving vehicle crash that killed a pedestrian in Arizona. Documents made public by the NTSB last week show Uber's system had significant flaws and was not programmed to detect a jaywalking pedestrian. [Read the article at reuters.com.](#)

Most Drivers Say Safety Systems Helped Prevent Crashes,

[Consulting Support for Mobile DL Final](#)

Deadline: November 22, 2019, 5pm ET

[AAMVA RFP FY20-17376: Investment Management Services](#)

Deadline: November 26, 2019, 5pm ET

Survey Shows

Drivers of all ages reported in a Consumer Reports survey that they were satisfied with the automatic emergency braking feature on their car and also separately that the safety feature helped them avoid a crash. [Read the article at consumerreports.org.](#)

Automated Vehicle Consortium Recommends Test-Driver Training, Oversight

Municipalities are ill-prepared to create regulations for self-driving vehicle testing on public roads, according to the Automated Vehicle Safety Consortium. The AVSC said Tuesday that its first best practice as a consortium to address this and other concerns with self-driving vehicles includes guidelines on in-vehicle safety-test driver selection, training and oversight procedures. [Read the article at autonews.com.](#)

Fewer People Died on U.S. and Washington Roads in 2018, Except in Two Critical Groups

If you're not one of those people who each year waits with anticipation for the federal government to release traffic crash data, you might not have seen the 2018 numbers from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). [Read more at bellinghamherald.com.](#)

Brake Safety Week Puts 13.5% of Trucks Out of Service for Violations

This year's Brake Safety Week, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's annual nationwide brake inspection event, saw 13.5% of 34,320 vehicles placed out of service for critical brake-related violations identified during roadside inspections. [Read the article at truckinginfo.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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Mayor Bowser participates in a demo of DMV's new self-service emissions kiosk.



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Christine Champagne @itsthechampagne | [View the Tweet](#)

My day started with a trip to the DMV to renew my license... and it was nice! I went to the @nysdmv on Greenwich Street in Manhattan and was in and out of there in under two hours. The staff is organized and efficient. Thanks for making the process painless!

Georgia DDS (DMV) @GeorgiaDDS | [View the Tweet](#)

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