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AAMVA Mourns the Passing of Velva Crahan



U-Haul pioneer Velva Crahan has passed away. She was 91 years old. Velva joined the U-Haul family in 1963, shortly after her husband, Pat Crahan, was hired as marketing company president (MCP) of what was then UHC of Oklahoma and Arkansas. Velva ran the marketing company office because the person who had been managing the office got very sick. "Neither Velva nor I had planned for her to come to work for me," Pat explained in 2006. "It was an emergency situation." Though it wasn't a planned career move for Velva, she soon discovered that it was a role she was made for. "We always worked very well

together," declared Pat, who passed away in 2017 after a 54-year U-Haul career. "And, Velva always made friends with the dealers, which really helped me out as MCP." Phoenix services will be held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church (4715 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85012) on Saturday November 21, 2020 at 11am. [Read more here.](#)

FEATURED NEWS

Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19

[Click here](#) to view consolidated information and see how motor vehicle administrations are handling driver licensing and vehicle registration. This document will be updated with the most current information on our [homepage](#).

Motor Vehicle Industry Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Below are a selection of news articles regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

- [CDC Recommends That Americans Don't Travel for Thanksgiving](#)
- [What Is Causing Reckless Driving During the Pandemic?](#)
- [Telework May Be the Recruitment and Retention Solution Agencies — and Congress — Are Looking For](#)
- [Logistics Community Optimistic About Distribution of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

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OUR WEBINARS

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

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- 2 | [CDLIS Timeliness and Accuracy Workbook: Enhancements](#)

- [Effective Monday November 23, 2020 Vermont DMV Will Not Be Serving Out-of-State Dealers in Person; DMV Encourages Use of Online Temporary Registration Service or Mailing Paperwork To DMV 120 State Street, Montpelier VT 05603](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Female Chiefs of Arkansas, Mississippi Highway Agencies Discuss COVID, Tell Their Stories](#)
- [Three Driver License Offices Extend Closure Following COVID-19 Cases \(Kentucky\)](#)
- [DMV Offers Online and Mailing Options for Two-Year Renewals \(Virginia\)](#)
- [BMV Additional Resources To Reduce Wait Time for Licenses and ID Appointments \(Virgin Islands\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Illinois Driver's License Offices Closing Until Dec. 7 Because of COVID-19](#)
- [Nebraska DMV Encouraging Use of Online Services](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [DMV Extends Learner's Permits Due To Expire \(California\)](#)
- [COVID in Colorado: Adams County Motor Vehicle Offices Closed Until Further Notice](#)
- [8,000 People Waiting To Take Road Tests, Says SGI \(Saskatchewan\)](#)
- [SGI To Allow More Employees To Work From Home Following Employee Concerns \(Saskatchewan\)](#)
- [Troopers Are Stopping an Alarming Number of Drivers Going Over 100 Mph on Utah Highways](#)

Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information on [COVID-19](#), [guidance](#), [press releases](#), [press kits](#), and more.

REGION 1 NEWS

'X' Gender NY Driver's Licenses Coming With Computer Update (New York)

New York intends to offer driver's licenses with a nonbinary gender identity marker of "X," but it could take more than a year before Department of Motor Vehicles computers will be able to automatically handle the option, state officials said in court filings. Officials made the disclosure in papers filed in a federal lawsuit brought against them by Sander Saba, who is challenging the state policy of limiting gender identity on licenses to either "male" or "female." [Read more at brooklynneagle.com](https://www.brooklynneagle.com).

REGION 2 NEWS

Work on New DMV Headquarters To Finish Soon (North Carolina)

Candice Moore appears to have quite a place to work in what is going to be the future state Division of Motor Vehicles headquarters...The exterior of Moore's cubicle is complete with posters of inspirational and uplifting messages, mainly emphasizing to enjoy life and not to sweat the small stuff. Moore, who trains new employees to work in vehicle services, began working

2 | [Conference Session Series: Foreign Driver License Reciprocity Best Practices](#)

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in the Twin Counties at the start of September, after having worked at the present headquarters in Raleigh. [Read more at rockymounttelegram.com](#).

Houston Airports Implement Facial Recognition Technology for International Travelers To Enhance Speed (Texas)

Houston Airports announced a new upgrade for international travelers that officials claim will increase efficiency and decrease touchpoints at Customs and Border Protection checkpoints. The technology is called "Simplified Arrivals" – a camera takes a picture of the arriving international traveler and compares it against a federal database of previously provided photos, such as passport or visa photos. [Read more at khou.com](#).

If You Got a Texas Driver's License Before February 2019, Your Personal Data Might Have Been Leaked

The personal information of as many as 22.7 million Texas driver's license holders has been compromised, according to a Denver-based insurance software firm. Vertafore, which uses driver data to help insurance companies, said the breach occurred earlier this year when three files containing names, dates of birth, license numbers and vehicle registration history were uploaded to an unauthorized server. [Read more at hppr.org](#).

REGION 3 NEWS

TSA at Dayton International Airport in US Deploys CAT Unit (Ohio)

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at Dayton International Airport (DAY) in the US has deployed a credential authentication technology (CAT) unit that authenticates the validity of travellers' identifications (IDs), along with their flight information, in near real time. This technology will increase capabilities for detecting fraudulent documents at the security checkpoint. [Read more at airport-technology.com](#).

WisDOT: Wisconsin DMV Launches Program That Helps Companies Manage Their Fleet

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) launches eMV Fleet Registration System...Businesses and organizations with multiple vehicle types, including fleet cars, heavy trucks, trailers and vehicles registered at 54,000 lbs and under, can use DMV's new online renewal program to manage their fleet's license plates. [Read more at wisbusiness.com](#).

REGION 4 NEWS

Up To \$1,500 Off: California Rolls Out a New Incentive Program for Clean Cars

In another example of California encouraging drivers to buy zero- or low-emissions vehicles, the California Air Resources Board and the state's utilities have teamed up to launch a program offering a discount of up to \$1,500 on the purchase or lease of new electric vehicles or plug-in hybrids. [Read more at sandiegouniontribune.com](#).

LA Mayor Announces First Test Zone for Transportation Technology (California)

Mayor Eric Garcetti Tuesday announced the first Transportation Technology Innovation Zone in Los Angeles, an area where innovators can test their transit solutions...“Transportation and technology each have the ability to connect communities, create jobs and contribute to progress on sustainability, equity and economic growth, and Los Angeles takes pride in serving as a testing ground for dynamic and innovative mobility solutions,” Garcetti said. [Read more at thefourth-revolution.com](https://www.thefourth-revolution.com).

Colorado DMV Driver License Offices Get Security Update

The Department of Motor Vehicles is implementing new upgrades for all drivers license offices across Colorado. These upgrades are aimed to better protect driver data and reduce wait times. “All of our state offices and all of our county offices that issue documents on behalf of the state are getting an upgrade,” said Director Driver License for the State of Colorado Rosalie Johnson. [Read more at krdo.com](https://www.krdo.com).

Some Services Available and Grace Period Granted While Motor Vehicle Services Down (Montana)

Despite the Montana Department of Motor Vehicles being shut down for computer upgrades, people will still be able to do some work online and will have a grace period for renewals. Driver Services Bureau Chief Rebecca Conners said the Montana Motor Vehicle Division in Helena will be closed Friday, Nov. 20, through Friday, Nov. 27, to allow for major system updates. [Read more at havredailynews.com](https://www.havredailynews.com).

Motional Receives Permission To Begin Testing Autonomous Vehicles Without Safety Drivers in Nevada

Motional, the joint autonomous driving partnership between Aptiv and Hyundai, today announced it has received permission from the state of Nevada to test its autonomous cars without a driver behind the wheel. The company says this is part of the completion of a self-imposed testing and assessment period. [Read more at venturebeat.com](https://www.venturebeat.com).

Oregon DMV Opens 200,000 Appointment Slots as ‘Driver Licenses for All’ Takes Effect

Oregon DMV on Friday opened about 200,000 new customer appointment slots for dates into January and February 2021 due to an expected surge in demand under a new state law. Customers are encouraged to schedule appointments using the online tool at [DMV2U.oregon.gov](https://dmv2u.oregon.gov) where you can choose an in-person service by location, date, and time. [Read more at ktvz.com](https://www.ktvz.com).

FMCSA Says Washington’s Meal, Rest Rules Pre-Empted

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has determined that Washington state’s meal-and-rest-break rules for commercial truck drivers are pre-empted by federal hours-of-service regulations...According to the notice, FMCSA has determined that Washington’s meal-and-rest-break laws have no safety benefits that extend beyond those provided by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, are incompatible with federal HOS rules and place an “unreasonable burden” on interstate commerce. [Read more at tnews.com](https://www.tnews.com).

OTHER NEWS

FCC Votes To Open Airwaves Devoted To Road Safety To WiFi, Despite Concerns From Some in the Government

The Federal Communications Commission voted Wednesday to open a new chunk of the airwaves for wireless Internet, a step designed to immediately make it easier for people to get online but which critics say could imperil future highway safety technology with the potential to save thousands of lives a year. [Read more at washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com).

National Safety Council Estimates 485 Fatalities May Occur on Roadways During Thanksgiving Holiday Period

The National Safety Council estimates that as many as 485 people may be killed on the roads during the four-day Thanksgiving Holiday period and another 55,300 may be seriously injured in crashes. The estimate is the highest the Council has issued for the Thanksgiving holiday period since 2008. If it holds, it would be the highest number of fatalities the U.S. has experienced for a Thanksgiving holiday period in just as long. [Read more at prnewswire.com](https://www.prnewswire.com).

TuSimple Snags Goodyear Tire in Latest Autonomous Trucking Partnership

TuSimple is partnering with Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., as the self-driving trucking company continues to build a network of supplier and OEM partners. The collaboration, announced Tuesday, will provide tires and tire management solutions to TuSimple's Autonomous Freight Network (AFN). [Read more at freightwaves.com](https://www.freightwaves.com).

IIHS Study Underlines the Perils of Driver Disengagement

It turns out there's a name for the false sense of security provided by modern driving aids. According to researchers with the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's AgeLab, the phenomenon is called "driver disengagement" and it's assumed to be a contributing factor to roadways fatalities. The duo recently published a rather basic study examining how evolving automotive technologies might be eroding safety under the guise of progress. [Read more at thetruthaboutcars.com](https://www.thetruthaboutcars.com).

FMCSA Clarifies Ag Products That Qualify for Hours-of-Service Exemptions

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has published an interim final rule clarifying agricultural commodity and livestock definitions in hours-of-service regulations. During harvesting and planting seasons as determined by each state, drivers transporting agricultural commodities, including livestock, are exempt from the HOS requirements from the source of the commodities to a location within a 150-air-mile radius from the source. [Read more at truckinginfo.com](https://www.truckinginfo.com).

New TSA Advisory Committee Targets Increased Information Sharing Between Transportation Modes

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officials discussed a new committee designed to better inform various surface transportation operators

on security risks to the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) attendees during its Federal Forums Plus virtual conferences. [Read more at stnonline.com.](#)

TWITTER NEWS

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community on social media. You may be surprised at what you're missing! Here are a few highlights of last weeks' activity.

Colorado State Patrol @CSP_News | [View the Tweet](#)

It's hard to believe with weather like today, but we do actually get snow and slick roads in Colorado. Check out our latest podcast about winter driving for some simple tips to get ready now.

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Maui Police Department will be kicking off its 2nd Hannah Brown Holiday Impaired Driving Awareness on November 25, 2020. Please think before you drink.

fb.watch/1TReU1X0_z/ via @FacebookWatch



Maui Police Department on Facebook Watch
Maui Police Department will be kicking off its 2nd Hannah Brown Holiday Impaired Driving Awareness on November 25, ...
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We'll see you on Tuesday! #MDOTExperts



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Administrator, Chrissy Nizer

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Great job!!



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TROOPER SAVES MAN FROM A CAR FIRE: Brighton Post trooper on patrol comes across a traffic crash today on Ann Arbor Rd over I-275 in Wayne County, where a 56 year old man is trapped and the vehicle is on fire. Trooper pulls man from vehicle before the car is fully engulfed.

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It may seem like an ordinary Monday, but today is the day our new MNDRIVE system launches! Learn what to expect in our latest #DPSblog: go.usa.gov/x7EJm.



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Today marks the one year anniversary of BMV Field Rep, Jim Stinson, donating a kidney to his brother. Both are healthy, doing well and are loving their new commemorative license plates!



Ohio State Patrol @OSHP | [View the Tweet](#)

Can you drive with takeout alcohol? Explaining Ohio's open container laws



Can you drive with takeout alcohol? Explaining Ohio's open container laws
COLUMBUS, Oh. (WCMH) — To-go alcohol sales recently became permanent. Alcohol can now come in coffee, soda, and even slushy cups. But is it okay to put...
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MTO's annual Road Safety Achievement Awards recognize the outstanding contributions of individuals, groups, and organizations whose work improves Ontario's road safety. Congratulations to this year's winners!

For more on this year's winners, visit:

[linkedin.com/posts/ontario-...](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/ontario-...)



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Recently, 29 PennDOT employees from around the state were given a Star of Excellence Award for their outstanding service to Pennsylvanians. This year, because of COVID-19, they were honored during an online ceremony.

Read our blog to learn more:



PennDOT honors its 2020 Stars of Excellence virtually
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Craig Price @PriceDPS1 | [View the Tweet](#)

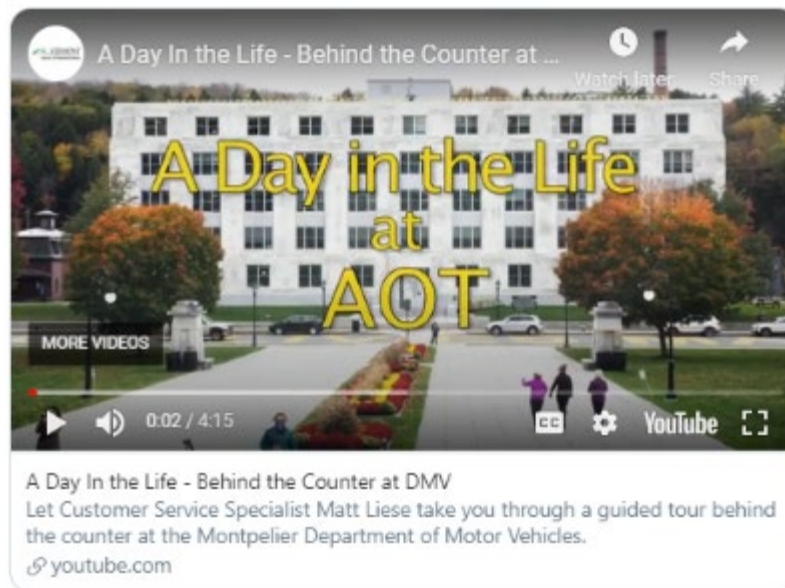
Stopped in to visit with the hard working team at the Sioux Falls Driver License Exam Station. If you've got an expired license, head to Renew2020SD.com and renew online... these folks will get you taken care of!



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AOT is proud to launch a new video series highlighting a day in the life for different parts of our diverse agency.

Our first stop is [@VTDMV](#), where a new online scheduling system is making wait times a thing of the past.



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Due to the pandemic, almost all residents are currently eligible to renew their driver license or ID online — including those over age 70 and under 24. Take advantage while you can!

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It's International Fraud Awareness Week. A Wisconsin DMV investigator was recently recognized for uncovering a string of fraudulent vehicle titles worth more than \$4 million, resulting in criminal charges and 16 recovered stolen vehicles.

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