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Region 4 Chief Administrators Meet



The Region 4 Chief Administrator Roundtable was held November 13-15 in Phoenix, Arizona. There were 55 attendees representing 17 DMV agencies and 13 law enforcement agencies. The group discussed several topics including mDL, autonomous vehicles, hiring and retention, data sharing, license plates and many additional topics relevant to both law enforcement and motor vehicle agencies.

REGION 1 NEWS

REAL ID Documents: Common Mistakes and How to Avoid Them (DC, Maryland, Virginia)

If you're getting on a plane to go see grandma for the holidays around this time next year, you'll need a driver's license that complies with the REAL ID requirements. And rounding up the appropriate documents to get one may take more time than you expect. WTOP talked with leaders of area licensing agencies who shared some of the most common issues people are encountering with REAL ID documentation. [Read the full article on WTOP.](#)

New Self-service Emissions Kiosk Could Save DC Residents a Trip to the DMV

D.C. residents are well acquainted with the drill: It is time to get your car emissions checked, so you head over to 1001 Half St. SW, home to the only inspection station in the city. You do it every two years, like clockwork. Now, D.C. officials have unveiled a new machine that may save you that trip. On Friday, Mayor Muriel E. Bowser and Gabriel Robinson, director of D.C.'s Department of Motor Vehicles, unveiled a self-service kiosk that will allow residents to perform their own emissions screening. The \$300,000 machine is at the Takoma Recreation Center at 300 Van Buren St. NW, and it will be available seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Can't sleep and want to get your car checked? You can do that now. [Read the article in the Washington Post.](#)

County Clerks Revolt Over NY Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants

When New York lawmakers passed the so-called Green Light Law in June, it was hailed a landmark victory by those who had fought for the measure for more than two decades. The law makes New York one of 14 states that allow undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses, which proponents argue will help them avoid deportation for relatively minor offenses, such as traffic violations. But the change has been met with resistance from county clerks in conservative areas of upstate

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New York, who are now setting the stage for a political clash when the law takes effect next month. Some say they will refuse to issue the licenses, while others are also threatening to call Immigration and Customs Enforcement if applicants show up without documentation. [Read the article in the New York Times.](#)

PennDOT Reminds Customers to Exercise Caution Online

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) reminded its customers to exercise caution while renewing their driver's license or vehicle registration online, and to make sure that they're on PennDOT's official Driver and Vehicle Services website, [dmv.pa.gov](#), for making these transactions. [Read the press release here.](#)

Uber's Self-Driving Cars Are Back on Pittsburgh's Roads, But a Fatal Crash in Arizona Still Sticks With Them (Pennsylvania)

After the first rush of excitement, Pittsburghers got pretty comfortable with self-driving cars tooling around town, picking up Uber riders and causing tourists to gawk at the big, chunky thing spinning on top of the vehicles. But the situation may have been more dangerous than it appeared, even if no one assumed it was more than an interesting experiment that still had a long way to go. A preliminary report from the National Transportation Safety Board released last week found there was more wrong than a distracted vehicle operator when a pedestrian was struck and killed in March 2018 in Tempe, Ariz. The software was not equipped to handle some situations it would likely encounter — like a person jaywalking. [Read more in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

ALEA Urges Customers to Visit Exam Offices, Now Open on Saturdays (Alabama)

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency now has four Driver's License Examining Office locations that will open on Saturdays, a change that took effect on Nov. 2. Customers in need of first driver license issuances, including STAR ID's, out-of-state transfers, and knowledge and road skills tests will now be able to use these services on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. [Read the article at wrbl.com.](#)

Palm Beach Consultant: Florida is Moving Toward Autonomous Vehicles

Florida is on the road to an era of driverless cars with its good weather, popularity as a tourist destination, and demographics. That's the assessment of two advocates of the technology — one a Palm Beach consultant and the other a state senator from St. Petersburg who says Florida is already a leader in the push toward autonomous vehicles. [Read more in the Gainesville Sun.](#)

Kentucky Plans to Set Up 12 Regional Offices to Distribute Real ID Licenses

Facing an Oct. 1, 2020, federal deadline to start issuing Real ID driver's licenses, Kentucky plans to set up 12 regional offices to issue the special licenses needed to board domestic airline flights. Matt Henderson, vehicle regulation commissioner in the state Transportation Cabinet, told state lawmakers Monday that the state eventually would like to have 28 to 30 regional offices. [Read the article in the Lexington Herald Leader.](#)

South Carolina DMV Chief Warns of Waits for REAL ID Procrastinators

Planning to wait until the last minute to obtain a REAL ID in person? You might want to bring a cellphone charger along. As an October 2020 deadline approaches for

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OPEN RFPs

[AAMVA RFQ FY20-21062: 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

[AAMVA RFP FY20-21238 2020 February Resource Reciprocity Working Group Meeting](#)
Deadline: November 27, 2019

[AAMVA RFP FY21-21222 2020 October Combined Standing Committee Meeting](#)
Deadline: November 27, 2019

[AAMVA RFP FY20-21331: 2020 January Third Party Agent Working Group Meeting](#)
Deadline: December 2, 2019

residents to acquire the U.S. Department of Homeland Security-mandated documentation, wait times could be unbearably long for procrastinators. [Read the article in the Post and Courier.](#)

DMV Workers Accused of Taking Bribes to Allow Man to Skip Long Lines, SC Officials Say

Three people – including two DMV employees – are facing bribery charges in South Carolina after investigators accused a man of paying money to skip long lines to transfer 18 vehicle titles, a published report said. The two employees, 21-year-old Alyson Leigh McFerrin and 25-year-old Elizabeth Seay, are accused of taking cash in two separate bribery cases involving Robbie Ray Biershenk, according to warrants from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), The State newspaper reported. [Read the article on foxnews.com.](#)

Texas Driver's License Centers to Get New Appointment System to Shorten Wait Times

The Texas Department of Public Safety will unveil a new appointment system at driver's license centers next year in an effort to reduce hourslong waits that politicians and residents have denounced for years. Officials told The Dallas Morning News that the new system, which could be in place as early as next spring, would allow people to book an appointment up to six months in advance. [Read more in the Dallas Morning News.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Quad Cities Auto Dealership Owners Indicted on Federal Charges of Defrauding Customers (Iowa, Illinois)

A Quad City car dealership is under investigation after a criminal indictment accused its owners and others of defrauding customers. The indictment was filed in early November against the owners of Moline's Fourth Avenue Auto Sales, Bradley Shane McCorkle and Isaac Bell, along with four other men. They're facing 18 counts of federal felony charges for crimes dating back several years. The eight page indictment accuses the owners and other men of being part of a scheme to mislead customers into buying cars in which the mileage was rolled back. [Read the full article at kwqc.com.](#)

New Michigan Rules Allow Transgender People to Easily Change Gender on Driver's License

In a major boost to Michigan's transgender community, it's going to be a whole lot easier for people to change their gender identity on driver's licenses and state-issued IDs under new rules Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced Monday. Effective immediately, people who would like to correct the sex designation on their driver's license or ID card will now only need to fill out a form, go to a Secretary of State branch to have their photo taken and pay the \$9 correction fee for a driver's license, or \$10 for a state ID. They will no longer need to provide a birth certificate, passport or court order, as was required under the old policy for changing the sex-indicator on a driver's license. [Read the full article in the Detroit Free Press.](#)

Nebraska Is 1st State To Share Driver's License Records With Census Bureau

Nebraska's Department of Motor Vehicles has agreed to share its state driver's license records with the U.S. Census Bureau, the bureau and the state's DMV said Wednesday. The confirmation makes Nebraska the first state to cooperate with the Trump administration's efforts to produce data about the U.S. citizenship status of every person living in the country. So far, no other state has signed a similar agreement with the Census Bureau, Michael Cook, a spokesperson for the bureau,

tells NPR. [Read the full article on NPR.](#)

As the Real ID Deadline Closes In, How Will the Requirement Affect Tribal Citizens? (North Dakota)

Americans now have less than a year to switch over from your average driver's license to the Real ID. As the clock winds down, KX News is putting you first to answer any remaining questions about the process. Today, we spoke with the head of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission to find out if the Real ID poses a problem for those who only have a Tribal ID. [Read the full article on kxnet.com.](#)

ND Driver's License Offices Gearing Up to Shorten Wait Times

North Dakota transportation officials have come up with a plan to reduce waiting times for drivers queuing to renew their licenses at offices here, as well as in Bismarck and Williston. The three offices, which handle the highest volumes of drivers in the state, are receiving increased temporary staffing — to accommodate the issuance of Real ID licenses and identification cards, which require more documentation — as well as remodeled offices. [Read the article in the Dickinson Press.](#)

Eight-year Driver's License Could Trim BMV Lines, Ohio Lawmaker Says

An Ohio lawmaker wants to make the lines at the BMV shorter by giving drivers the option to renew their licenses every eight years instead of every four. "The main thing we are trying to do is save Ohioans time," Rep. Derek Merrin, R-Monclova, said. House Bill 372 would let people choose whether they wanted to pay for a four- or eight-year driver's license, motorcycle license, commercial truck license or photo identification card. The price would double the cost minus \$1 starting in July 2021, so a driver's license would cost either \$25.75 or \$50.50. [Read the article in the Columbus Dispatch.](#)

DPS: State's REAL ID System Meets Federal Requirement (South Dakota)

Gov. Kristi Noem has announced that South Dakota is now more than 99 percent compliant in its efforts to meet the federal government's enforcement deadline of the Real ID license regulations next year. The federal Real ID Act established minimum security standards for license issuance and production. The act prohibits federal agencies from accepting for certain purposes driver's licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet the minimum standards. The purposes covered by the act include accessing federal facilities and boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft. [Read the article on Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan.](#)

Time is Running Out to Get a New 'Real ID' (Wisconsin)

The countdown is on for drivers to switch their licenses in order to be able to continue flying in 2020. [Watch the video on WISN.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

MVD Begins Sky Harbor Arizona Travel ID Awareness Campaign

If you see Arizona Department of Transportation employees at Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix beginning this holiday travel season, don't be surprised. They're raising awareness about the Arizona Travel ID. The AZ Travel ID is the driver license or ID card that meets the new federal ID requirements that the U.S. Transportation and Security Administration will impose at all airport security checkpoints beginning Oct. 1, 2020. [Read the full article at yourvalley.net.](#)

Safety Agency Says Distracted Driver Caused Fatal Uber Crash (Arizona)

The National Transportation Safety Board on Tuesday condemned the lack of state and federal regulation for testing autonomous vehicles before finding that a distracted human safety driver was the main cause of a fatal 2018 Arizona crash involving an Uber vehicle. The board criticized the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the government's road safety agency, for failing to lead in regulating tests on public roads. But it also said states need to adopt their own regulations.

[Read the article in the Associated Press.](#)

How Did California's Voter Registration Rate Get So High?

The most recent report on voter registration from the California Secretary of State offers startling news: the registration rate is now just above 80%, the highest it's been before a primary election since World War II... The state implemented an important reform in April 2018. The California New Motor Voter (CNMV) program takes a fairly aggressive approach to registering eligible residents at the Department of Motor Vehicles. DMV customers getting a new driver's license or state ID, renewing an existing one, or updating an address must now answer voter registration questions to complete their DMV transactions. If they don't want to register they have to say so explicitly. [Read the full article in Fox & Hounds.](#)

"Protect Native Culture" License Plate Initiative Launches in California

The California Native American Heritage Commission has come up with a new avenue to raise funds for the protection of the state's Native American cultural resources: license plates. [Read the article at ktvl.com.](#)

New Colorado Digital ID Includes a Colorado Mobile Driver's License

Digital ID use cases extend well beyond driving privileges, and the Colorado mobile driver's license aims to offer an array of these advanced services. Gov. Jared Polis recently signed an executive order paving the way for the state to use digital ID for official purposes. The digital ID program, called myColorado, centers around an app designed to function as a one-stop option for biometric, digital, and physical authentication for state residents. [Read the full article in Secure ID News.](#)

20% of New Cards are Real ID Compliant, State Panel Told (Montana)

Nearly 20% of identification cards being issued since January in Montana are Real ID compliant, a percentage that reflects what has occurred in other states, officials of a legislative panel were told. The Montana Law and Justice Interim Committee was told Monday that since Jan. 1, 129,654 noncompliant cards have been issued. In that same time, 32,495 compliant cards have been issued, said Michele Snowberger, who added the state's numbers are within a 20% adoption rate, which she said is in the range of adoption rates seen in other states. [Read the story in the Great Falls Tribune.](#)

Use of Facial Recognition Software on Driver License Photos? Utah Lawmakers Don't Like It.

A proposal to clearly authorize but regulate the use of facial recognition software on Utah's driver license database fell flat at the Legislature on Wednesday, with the bill facing a bipartisan chorus of concerns related to privacy and warrantless searches. But the bill's sponsor, West Valley Republican Sen. Dan Thatcher, warned that inaction would mean the practice continues without legal guardrails as the state's Department of Public Safety works to block bad actors from obtaining fraudulent identification. [Read the article in the Salt Lake Tribune.](#)

Washington State Adds Gender 'X' Option to ID Cards

Washington residents can now change their gender designation on their license or identification card to read "X." "X" will be an additional designation to "M" for male and "F" for female. The Department of Licensing said the third gender option ensures all residents have IDs that reflect their gender identity, WLTX reported.

[Read the full article on wthr.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

FCC Backs Tech to Let Self-driving Cars Talk to... Everything

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai issued a proposal Wednesday to dedicate slivers of the 5.9 gigahertz spectrum band to unlicensed Wi-Fi use and the use of Qualcomm's cellular vehicle-to-everything (C-V2X) protocol. The move is considered somewhat controversial since it goes against recommendations from the US Department of Transportation. [Read the full article at CNET.](#)

Self-driving Car Groups Face Stricter Safety Oversight

Until now, America has been the Wild, Wild West for autonomous driving. California alone has 62 companies testing driverless vehicles — and some of them are seeking to deploy commercial fleets in the next two years. The idea that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration would step in and make this transition difficult has largely been dismissed. Instead, the NHTSA has been supportive of the efforts, playing a reactive role that lets companies “self-certify” that they meet safety standards. But the NHTSA's approach came in for a scathing attack on Tuesday when the US National Transportation Safety Board, an investigative agency, held a public hearing to determine the cause of the fatal accident in March 2018 when a self-driving Uber killed a pedestrian as she crossed the street with a bicycle. [Read the full article in the Financial Times.](#)

How Selfish Are You? It Matters for MIT's New Self-Driving Algorithm

Our personalities impact almost everything we do, from the career path we choose to the way we interact with others to how we spend our free time. But what about the way we drive—could personality be used to predict whether a driver will cut someone off, speed, or, say, zoom through a yellow light instead of braking? There must be something to the idea that those of us who are more mild-mannered are likely to drive a little differently than the more assertive among us. At least, that's what a team from MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL) is betting on. [Read more on singularityhub.com.](#)

Senators Demand Answers on the Safety of Self-driving Cars

Members of a U.S. Senate committee Wednesday questioned whether the Trump administration is doing enough to protect the public from self-driving cars under development in dozens of states. A day after a federal investigatory board made recommendations in the aftermath of a pedestrian being killed by a self-driving test vehicle in March 2018, several senators raised concerns that federal agencies still don't require safety assessments from companies testing self-driving vehicles and haven't put in place specific standards for the development of autonomous vehicles. [Read the full article in the Detroit Free Press.](#)

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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