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**SYSTEMS TRAINING**

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**DECEMBER - CDLIS**

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**MOVE Magazine: Fall 2018 Issue Released**

The new issue of AAMVA's Move Magazine is now available! This issue features articles on:

[Loaded and Locked](#)

The recently released ignition interlock program best practices guide tackles reciprocity in a comprehensive update

[Gaming the System](#)

Working to reduce the fraudulent use of disability placards and plates

[Crossroads: Impeding Impairment](#)

Ignition interlock devices save lives, but so does proper record keeping

[Behind the Wheel: Q&A with Raymond Martinez](#)

FMCSA administrator shares insights on leadership in public service



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Look for the new issue of MOVE Magazine in your mailbox, or visit [movemag.org](http://movemag.org) to read online.

**Newly Published! AAMVA's NMVTIS Best Practices for Title and Registration Program Managers, Edition 4**



The [National Motor Vehicle Title Information System \(NMVTIS\)](#) was created to give jurisdictions access to information maintained by other states, regarding automobile titling. NMVTIS is part of a larger vision that creates a complete history of a vehicle, known as the Vehicle Lifecycle Administration (VLA). The [NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group](#) is made up of stakeholder groups that provide input and guidance, which supplements the technical aspects put together by the NMVTIS Working Group. The NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group reviewed previously identified issues and determined the best way to address many of the concerns was to create a

best practice guide. This guide ensures title and program managers across all of AAMVA's jurisdictions can consistently develop business policies and practices, by providing them with reliable information and resources. It is the working group's objective that all jurisdictions implement these best practices, which the working group believes will go a long way to help ensure NMVTIS is the best tool available for preventing title fraud; ensuring vehicle brands are carried forward; and ensuring a comprehensive vehicle history is established, ultimately improving customer protection and public safety. This document will continue to evolve and be revised by the Business Rules Working Group. [Click here](#) to see the recently updated best practice guide.

**Utah to Join State-to-State Verification Service (S2S)**

Utah will begin using the [State-to-State Verification Service \(S2S\)](#) on Monday, January 28th. Tasks related to on-boarding Utah will be conducted during the weekend of January 26th. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there may be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site is in inquiry-only mode or is unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled

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**OUR WEBINARS**

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**OPEN RFPs**

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[AAMVA RFP FY19-17400: Financial System Requirements and Needs Analysis](#)  
December 14, 2018

maintenance window of 2AM to 5AM on Sunday, January 27th).

Following Utah, several states will be joining the S2S program throughout 2019. Please visit [click here](#) for a full timeline and more information.

**AAMVA Awards Program 2019 - Call for Entries**

Apply now for AAMVA's Awards Program! Don't miss this opportunity to be recognized for the great work your jurisdiction does every day improving day-to-day business, reaching out to the community, and saving lives. The AAMVA Awards Program recognizes members of the motor vehicle and law enforcement community by honoring individuals, teams, and organizations who have committed their time and resources to the following categories: **Safety, Service, Security, Public Affairs & Consumer Education (PACE), and International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC).**



AAMVA Awards are open to all AAMVA jurisdiction members that are in good standing. Entries submitted for the 2019 Awards must have been conducted (produced, implemented, and/or developed) between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018. If an entry won an award in 2018, it cannot be resubmitted in 2019 unless it has major upgrades or developments.

**SUBMIT AWARD ENTRY**

**REGION 1 NEWS**

**2 Big Changes to NJ Driver's Licenses Expected (New Jersey)**

Two big changes are expected for New Jersey driver's licenses that could impact how much you pay – and who's allowed to have them. The first change could come in the form of legislation introduced this week that would expand access to drivers licenses in New Jersey. Gov. Phil Murphy has supported legislation that would essentially allow undocumented immigrants to get driver's licenses. The legislation would create a new two-license system in New Jersey, including a REAL ID federal license and a standard license for driving and identification purposes for qualified drivers...The bill also permits the Motor Vehicle Commission to 'increase certain fees,' though its not exactly clear what fees the MVC would want to raise. [Read the article at patch.com.](#)

**Drivers Will Now Lose Licence If They Illegally Pass a School Bus (Prince Edward Island)**

P.E.I. drivers will now lose their licence for a time if they illegally pass a school bus, Transportation Minister Paula Biggar said in the legislature Thursday. School bus drivers, parents and others have been calling for more action on illegal passing for years, ramping up efforts after some vehicles nearly hit children getting on and off buses this fall. Failing to stop for a school bus will also result in 12 demerit points and driver's licence suspension for three months, plus a \$5,000 fine. [Read the article at cbc.ca.](#)

**DMV: 'No Need to Rush' to Upgrade to REAL ID in RI (Rhode Island)**

State-issued identification cards and driver's licenses will soon be changing as Rhode Island enters into a new federal system. But this doesn't mean you need to rush to update your current ID - not by any means, according to the R.I. Division of Motor Vehicles. 'No need to rush in,' DMV spokesman Paul Grimaldi said Thursday. Under the REAL ID program, the biggest difference with the cards is a yellow star in the top right corner, and some extra documents that will be required to verify your identity. [Read the article at wpri.com.](#)

**REGION 2 NEWS**

### **Bike Ride Aims to Promote Traffic Safety and Awareness of Bicyclists (Florida)**

Tampa has miles to go when it comes to bicyclist safety. 'We absolutely need to become a more bike-friendly city,' said Stephanie Vinson. 'Cycling is not an obstruction to traffic. We are traffic and that's really the purpose of the ride.' The two-hour ride the last Friday of every month through the city is called 'Critical Mass Tampa Bay.' The ride takes place globally and 135 riders showed out this weekend in Tampa. [Read the article at abcactionnews.com.](#)

### **South Memphis Testing Traffic Circle to Improve Safety (Tennessee)**

Could a circle be the solution to slowing down speeders in a Memphis neighborhood? It's one thing being tried after engineers found some drivers were going 60 mph near IDA B Wells Academy. In the heart of South Memphis at Walker Avenue and Wellington Street, an experiment's underway. 'We've been receiving a lot of complaints from citizens about speeding traffic on the street,' said Nicholas Oyler, City of Memphis bike and pedestrian manager. The City of Memphis installed a temporary traffic circle...The circle is designed to slow down drivers, prevent stop sign runners, and reduce T-bone crashes. [Read the article at wmcactionnews5.com.](#)

### **Governor Northam Announces Executive Directive Establishing Executive Leadership Team on Highway Safety (Virginia)**

Governor Ralph Northam today issued Executive Directive Two which establishes an Executive Leadership Team on Highway Safety that is charged with reducing the rising number of fatalities on Virginia's roadways. The team is comprised of representatives from the Virginia Departments of Motor Vehicles, Transportation, Health, Education, and State Police, and is led by the Deputy Secretaries of Transportation and Public Safety and Homeland Security. 'Nearly every crash is preventable and it's important that we focus on altering the behaviors that threaten the safety of the citizens who use our roads every day,' said Governor Northam. 'The Executive Leadership Team will work proactively to drive a positive traffic safety culture in Virginia—I encourage all Virginians to get involved and offer input to help ensure we're tackling the highway safety issues that people across the Commonwealth are most concerned about.' [Read the article at vsp.state.va.us.](#)

## **REGION 3 NEWS**

### **Unusual Highway Signs Grab Drivers' Attention (Illinois)**

Creative signs posted by the Illinois Department of Transportation have drivers' eyes on the road, and their minds focused on safety. IDOT said the goal of the dynamic sign campaign is to 'inform travelers about weather, safety and the enormous responsibility of operating a vehicle.' A serious message that can be delivered with a bit of humor. '[I remember] the ones that are funny and have a pun to them,' driver Janeen Winters said. [Read the article at newschannel20.com.](#)

### **Manitobans Caught Driving Drunk Will Face Tougher Penalties**

Drivers in Manitoba who get behind the wheel while drunk will soon face tougher penalties under new legislation. Under a law tabled Thursday at the Manitoba Legislature, a driver who has a blood alcohol level of between .05 and .08 will pay \$200 for a first offence, rising to \$400 for a third offence. Tests are done at roadside by an approved screening device that determines whether the driver gets a 'pass, warn or fail.' The driver would also have their vehicle impounded for three days for a first offence and up to a month for a third offence. [Read the article at globalnews.ca.](#)

### **MoDOT Team Creates Multi-Cultural Safety Message (Missouri)**

How do you say, 'Buckle Up Phone Down?' When your employee base is as diverse as the Missouri Department of Transportation, the ways seem nearly unlimited. St. Louis Community Liaison Shirlyn Myles took camera in hand to give MoDOT employees a chance to voice the Buckle Up Phone Down message in their native languages. The two-and-a-half minute video shares the safety message in a variety of languages including French, Spanish, Thai, Igbo, Arabic, Croatian, Tigrigna-Eritrean, Amharic, Dutch, English and American Sign Language. [Read the article at dailystarjournal.com.](#)

### **Ohio Highway Patrol Video Shows Drunk Driving Over a**

## 24-Hour Period

Drunken and drugged driving happens every hour of every day across Ohio. Just take a look at a highlight reel put together by the Ohio Highway Patrol from a single 24-hour period. The patrol hopes the video will cause people to be more responsible during the holiday season, when alcohol-related fatalities tend to tick up. In Ohio last year, 30 percent of the drunk driving arrests by the patrol came between midnight and 3 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays: a total of 8,439 people. The least likely time to be arrested for drunken driving was between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. on Tuesdays or Wednesdays: 16 arrests. [Read the article at daytondailynews.com.](#)

## REGION 4 NEWS

### Google-Owned Waymo Launches Autonomous Ride-Hailing Service in Phoenix (Arizona)

Google's self-driving car spinoff is finally ready to try to profit from its nearly decade-old technology. Waymo is introducing a small-scale ride-hailing service in the Phoenix area that will include a human behind the wheel in case the robotic vehicles malfunction. The service debuting Wednesday marks a significant milestone for Waymo, a company that began as a secretive project within Google in 2009. Since then, its cars have robotically logged more 10 million miles on public roads in 25 cities in California, Arizona, Washington, Michigan and Georgia while getting into only a few accidents — mostly fender benders. The company is initially operating the new service cautiously, underscoring the challenges still facing its autonomous vehicles as they navigate around vehicles with human drivers that don't always follow the same rules as robots. [Read the article at foxnews.com.](#)

### Jean Shiomoto Announces Retirement (California)

AAMVA would like to extend congratulations and best wishes to California DMV Director Jean Shiomoto, who has announced her retirement after 38 years of state service. As of December 31, Jean will use her new found time to travel, catch up on reading and increase her volunteering for the non-profit Asian Community Center (ACC) as they continue to expand care for seniors. Jean has served the AAMVA community in many capacities over the years including terms on the Region 4 Board of Directors and on the International Board of Directors, including serving as International Chair in 2016-2017. Congratulations Jean and you will be missed!

### It's 'Older Driver Safety Awareness Week,' Here Are Some Tips to Stay Safe on the Roads (California)

This week is 'Older Driver Safety Awareness Week' and authorities say that many accidents in the Coachella Valley are caused by the effects of aging such as changes in vision or responsiveness. In April of this year, a 73 year old driver crashed into a gas station in Thousand Palms, confusing the gas pedal for the break. In February of this year, a bystander at a boutique in Palm Desert suffered major injuries after a vehicle plowed through the front. And a Baskin-Robbins in Rancho Mirage was forced to close for several days after a 62-year-old driver failed to yield at a stop sign in time back in January. [Read the article at kesq.com.](#)

### New Colorado Law Allows Immigrants to Get Driver's License with Social Security Number

Beginning Jan. 1, 2019, Colorado residents who are unable to demonstrate lawful presence in the United States will be able to use a Social Security number to obtain a driver's license, instruction permit or identification card and renew their driver's license online. These changes are a result of Senate Bill 18-108, legislation the Colorado General Assembly passed this year to modify the Colorado Road and Community Safety Act to simplify the process for these individuals seeking or renewing a driver license. Currently, these residents are required to provide proof of an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number to obtain a driver license, instruction permit or identification card, and a Social Security number is not accepted. They are also required to make an appointment to visit one of four driver license offices (Westgate, Grand Junction, Colorado Springs or Aurora) to renew their credential. [Read the article at postindependent.com.](#)

### Terri Albertson to Head Star Project (Nevada)

'As most of you know, over the past few months, our modernization effort has had some uncertain moments; however, we are moving forward in a very positive direction. Recently, our modernization project was ranked the number one prioritized technology project in the State. We are currently awaiting proposals from new vendors who are required to have completed similar projects in other states. We are very excited about the direction we are headed and will continue to keep you

informed. With all of the good news about the STAR project, I have one more important piece I'd like you to hear directly from me: I have been offered the position of Director of Office of Project Management, to lead the STAR project. I have accepted and intend to begin this position as of December 10, 2018.' [Read the letter here.](#)

### **'Tis the Season to Drive Sober': SGI Puts Twist on Carols to Curb Impaired Driving (Saskatchewan)**

Saskatchewan Government Insurance has put a new twist on some popular Christmas carols to drive home a message about impaired driving this holiday season. SGI is reminding anyone who wants to drink alcohol or use marijuana should plan ahead before heading out the door by arranging a safe ride home or staying over at a friend's house. Regina police will also be focusing on catching impaired drivers this holiday season. 'Impaired driving is a problem for our community and for our province,' Supt. Darcy Koch said. 'We are continually aware of that and continuing doing enforcement action on a regular basis.' [Read the article at ctvnews.ca.](#)

### **Study: 9% of Washingtonians Erroneously Believe Smoking Pot After Drinking Sobers Them Up**

Some eye-opening findings have been released about what many of us believe we should and shouldn't do when getting behind the wheel. It's all part of a new study released by the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission that looked at driving under the influence. When we asked commission spokesperson Shelly Baldwin about why we still have to warn people about the dangers of drinking and driving in 2018, her response began with a sigh. 'You know, we've decreased (driving after drinking) a lot,' Baldwin began. 'It used to be the punchline of a joke to drive drunk. It's no longer treated that way.' [Read the article at kcbj.com.](#)

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Campaign Spotlights Issues Relevant to Safety for Older Drivers**

This week is Older Drivers Safety Awareness Week. Adults 65 and older make up more than 16 percent of all licensed drivers nationwide. And the numbers are growing as baby-boomers age. By 2040, it is estimated that 1 in 5 Americans will be 70 or older. The American Occupational Therapy Association along with AAA, AARP Driver Safety, The Hartford Financial Services Group Inc., the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the National Center for Senior Transportation and other organizations are raising awareness of ways to keep older drivers safe on the road through the awareness week. [Read the article at texarkanagazette.com.](#)

### **Uber Hires Former US Safety Official for Self-Driving Effort**

Uber on Monday confirmed it hired a senior U.S. auto safety official involved in the federal government's handling of self-driving cars for its autonomous vehicle efforts. Nat Beuse, a long-time official at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) overseeing vehicle safety research, is the latest federal official to join the private sector's effort to commercialize self-driving vehicles. 'Uber's approach to self-driving vehicles is an opportunity to make a difference in the safe commercialization of this revolutionary technology, which I've spent a considerable amount of time working with in recent years,' Beuse said in a statement released by Uber. 'It's clear to me that the team here is dedicated to prioritizing safety.' [Read the article at cnbc.com.](#)

### **Study: Aggressive Driving Spikes During Holidays**

A study by GasBuddy found that people's driving habits are 175 percent more "aggressive" during the holidays compared to the rest of the year. It came to that conclusion after examining data from drivers using its smartphone app. GasBuddy examined data from millions of drives in the U.S. during the Thanksgiving holiday week and the frequency of such 'aggressive events' while driving. The 'aggressive events' include quick accelerating, hard braking, and speeding. The data also revealed that aggressive driving habits occur most during the beginning of the season, with more instances happening during the drive to the holiday destination versus the return from. [Read the article at ctpost.com.](#)

### **Study Examines Effects of Different Opioids on Driving Performance**

Taking opioids for the treatment of pain has been associated with increased risks of crashing among drivers, but it is unknown whether this applies to all opioids or pertains to specific opioids only. A new British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology study found that the influence of single analgesic doses of methadone and buprenorphine—two different opioids—on driving performance was mild and below the impairment threshold of a blood alcohol concentration of 0.5 mg ml-1. Both opioids produced impairments of cognitive task performance and increased sleepiness at the highest dose, however. Four out of the 22 participants in the study stopped their on-road driving test while under the influence of either opioid due to sleepiness. [Read the article at eurekaalert.org.](#)

## 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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### MD\_MVA @MD\_MVA | [View the Tweet](#)

We were recognized w/ the 2018 National Security Excellence Award 4 our secure #MD driver's license & ID cards from @securelicense. The award recognizes the efforts of MDOT MVA 2 protect & secure the personal information of MD citizens. Learn more: <http://www.mva.maryland.gov/about-mva/press-releases/2018/12.4.18>

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### MaineDOT @MaineDOT1 | [View the Tweet](#)

Transportation professionals from all over Maine (and beyond) gathered today in Augusta to discuss the future of transportation. Autonomous vehicles and smart cities are just a couple of the subjects being discussed. #KeepingMaineMoving #TransportationMatters



**New Jersey MVC @NJ\_MVC | [View the Tweet](#)**

MVC Chief Administrator @SueFulton celebrates the #FestivalofLights at home with wife Penny Gnesin over the weekend. All of us at #NJMVC send everyone warm wishes for happiness, love and peace during this week's #Hanukkah celebration.



**TH Highway Patrol @TNHighwayPatrol | [View the Tweet](#)**

We are always looking for new & innovative ways to promote traffic safety. Our goal is to influence & change bad driving habits. We want drivers to voluntarily comply w/ traffic laws. That is why we have placed Ghost Stripes on a select few aggressive driver enforcement vehicles.



**SGI @SGItweets | [View the Tweet](#)**

December's Traffic Safety Spotlight is impaired driving and in the spirit of the season, the SGI Not-Ready-For-Christmas Singers sang three soon-to-be-classic holiday hits: "Tis The Season To Drive Sober," "Christie Was Impaired," and "Call a Friend, Hail a Cab, Stay the Night."



**Trooper H. Axtman @wspd7pio | [View the Tweet](#)**

◆◆ The traffic out there is frightful. But the radio is so delightfu! And since Leo the Elf is on patrol, all the #leftlanecampers get a lump of coal, lump of coal, lump of coal! ◆◆ #elfontheshelf2018







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