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AAMVA Hosts Virtual 2020 Law Enforcement Memorial and Town Hall



AAMVA's 2020 Law Enforcement Memorial and Town Hall, normally held in conjunction with the Annual International Conference, was conducted virtually on December 10, 2020. This Go-To-Webinar was attended by 66 State & Provincial Police leaders and other invited special guests. Hosted by Brian Ursino, AAMVA's Director of Law

Enforcement, speakers included Mike Dixon, Executive Director, Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles and Chair, AAMVA Board; Chief John Batiste, Washington State Patrol and AAMVA Board member; Colonel Matt Langer, Minnesota State Patrol and Chair, IACP Division of state & provincial police; and Anne Ferro, AAMVA's President & CEO. The special keynote speaker was Marcia Ferranto, CEO, National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum. The memorial included a tribute video honoring the 14 state & provincial officers killed in the line of duty between August 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020.

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

- [Trucks Carry First Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine To Hospitals Across the US](#)
- [Strong Freight Rates Drive Up Demand for Leased Trucks](#)
- [FedEx Reports Record FY Q2 Earnings](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Traffic Deaths in NJ Are up This Year, Despite Fewer Cars on the Road. Bad Behavior Is To Blame. \(New Jersey\)](#)



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

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COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [License, Registration Waivers Expire in April: DPS Says Make Appointments Now \(Texas\)](#)
- [How Car Thieves Are Changing Their Tactics During the Pandemic \(Texas\)](#)
- [WV Driver's License Expiration Dates Extended \(West Virginia\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [North Iowans Should Check Expiration on ID Cards and Driver's Licenses](#)
- [DVS Relaunches Online Driver's Test With Changes \(Minnesota\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Canyon County Looks To Add New Nampa DMV, Additional Staff \(Idaho\)](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Ways To Give Back This Holiday Season (New York)

It is the season of giving, so we thought we would share some examples of the generosity we're seeing right now in Western New York...This is the time of year for bringing tidings of comfort and joy and where better to find that... than the DMV? DMV employees in Lockport have been taking part in the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program for several years now. [Read more at wgrz.com](#).

Over a Million Pennsylvanians Switch To REAL ID Cards and Licenses

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) recently issued its millionth REAL ID card, a major milestone in transitioning to REAL ID compliant cards and licenses...“I am so proud that we have reached this milestone,” said PennDOT Secretary Yassmin Gramian. [Read more at northcentralpa.com](#).

Vermont State Police Get Creative With 12 Days of Safety Campaign

After a deadly summer on Vermont's highways, state police have decided to go about their holiday safety campaign a little differently this year...State police, partnered with the Agency of Transportation, the Montpelier High School choir and others, decided to make the 12 Days of Holiday Safety. It's a video they've shared on social media to remind people to play it safe on the roads this year. [Read more at wcax.com](#).

REGION 2 NEWS

Kentucky Office Of Highway Safety Begins 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' Campaign

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and law enforcement nationwide in the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign Dec. 16, 2020 through Jan. 1, 2021. [Read more at eaglecountryonline.com](#).

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Law Enforcement Increasing Patrols and Setting up Checking Stations During Holiday Season in North Carolina

The North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program's Holiday "Booze It and Lose It" campaign begins Monday, December 14 and ends Sunday, January 3. It's recognized as one of the nation's most effective anti-drunk-driving campaigns. [Read more at wfmynews2.com.](#)

Investigation Finds Major Problems on Cars That Have Clean Titles (Texas)

After months of searching, Luke Jackson finally found his dream car. The Tesla Model 3 he'd been saving up for and paid for in cash...Jackson checked the Carfax report and did his research but it wasn't until months later he learned his car's true history...The 4-Runner and the Tesla have something in common: both got their clean titles in Texas. [Read more at wsbtv.com.](#)

The Texas License Plate Vendor MyPlates.com, Is Now Hosting All License Plates in Texas, Making It the One-Stop-Plate Shop in the Lone Star State

The website of the state's official specialty license plate vendor, My Plates, is now home to all 450+ specialty license plates in Texas. The new site launch achieves the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) objective for the plate vendor to build a new online store that provides the public with the convenience of a one-stop-shop to acquire all specialty license plates, ending visits to multiple website stores. [Read more at prweb.com.](#)

Virginia To Offer Driver Privilege Cards To Non-U.S. Citizens

Beginning in January, Virginia will offer driver privilege cards for non-U.S. citizens. The credential is for those who cannot meet Virginia's legal presence requirements and therefore are ineligible to receive a standard or REAL ID-compliant driver's license in the Commonwealth. [Read more at wistv.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Police Enforce Illinois' Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign This Holiday Season

The Police Department, along with the Illinois Department of Transportation and law enforcement, are cracking down on impaired driving this holiday. Starting Dec. 18 to Jan. 4, police will be increasing patrols and traffic stops to help reduce the risk of impaired driving. [Read more at wandtv.com.](#)

Iowa Law Enforcement To Increase Holiday Patrols

Iowa law enforcement will be increasing their patrols to look for drunk drivers this holiday season. It's part of an enforcement effort that will happen from Dec. 18 through Jan. 1. The Iowa Department of Public Safety says the holiday season is known for being the deadliest season when it comes to impaired driving. [Read more at kcci.com.](#)

Secretary of State Says More Online, Self-Service Station

Options Coming This Spring (Michigan)

Michiganders will soon have more ways to do business with the Secretary of State, including renewing their standard and enhanced driver's licenses and state identification cards at self-service stations and online...The new options will be available in March of 2021 thanks to a long-desired technology rehaul of the driver-record database. [Read more at wbkb11.com.](#)

Following Hijacking Attempt, Michigan School Bus Driver Embraces Survivor Role

Following the announcement of an \$810,000 grant from the state of Michigan to complete Proactive Response Training for School Bus Drivers statewide by next fall, one Michigan driver shared how important this training would have been to her nearly a quarter of a century ago when her school bus was involved in an attempted hijacking. [Read more at stnonline.com.](#)

Holiday Highway Safety Campaign Begins Friday (Wisconsin)

To enhance public safety and discourage impaired driving, law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin will patrol in greater numbers and for longer hours watching for impaired drivers. The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" holiday safety campaign begins Friday and continues through New Year's Day. [Read more at ehextra.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

ADOT Expands Traffic Safety Public Awareness Offerings in 2020 (Arizona)

At the Arizona Department of Transportation, 2020 saw the creation of a terrifying distracted driving awareness campaign, a tragic reminder of the need to drive safely in work zones and the adaptive nature of traffic safety professionals. [Read more at sedona.biz.](#)

Truck Registration Mistakenly Being Denied by DMV (California)

There have been reports of farmers having issues renewing their truck registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The problem revolves around compliance with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) Truck and Bus Regulation and Solid Waste Collection Vehicle Regulation. [Read more at agnetwest.com.](#)

Electric Foil Surfboards Causing Waves in Oceanside Harbor, Are They Considered Vessels? (California)

Oceanside Harbor Police have been dealing with an uptick in reports of electric foil surfboards in the harbor, prompting questions about whether the devices are considered vessels by regulatory agencies. The California Department of Motor Vehicles says yes. [Read more at thelog.com.](#)

SGI Marks 75th Year With National Sponsorship of Canadian Red Cross (Saskatchewan)

SGI is celebrating its 75th year of operations with an anniversary gift in the form of a \$125,000 sponsorship to the Canadian Red Cross. The donation is SGI's first-ever national sponsorship. The company will provide \$25,000 to

the provincial branches of the Canadian Red Cross in each of the five provinces where SGI CANADA operates. [Read more at weyburnreview.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Biden Introduces Buttigieg as Transportation Choice

Pete Buttigieg, the former Democratic presidential candidate and onetime mayor of South Bend, Ind., was tapped to lead the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Biden administration, according to the Biden-Harris transition team. Buttigieg would be tasked with implementing President-elect Joe Biden's ambitious climate change-centric infrastructure plan...If confirmed by the Senate, Buttigieg would succeed Secretary Elaine Chao. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

Headlights Got Welcome Upgrades After IIHS Updated Award Criteria

Last year, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) changed the criteria for their Top Safety Pick and Top Safety Pick+ awards to include headlight quality. Following that change, automakers have upgraded their headlights and many have standard headlights that have achieved the top rating of Good. [Read more at caranddriver.com.](#)

Mitigating Risk With CVSA Executive Director Collin Mooney

Accident risk lessened as the pandemic eased highway traffic this year. Fleets, however, remain subject to increased litigation and nuclear verdicts. Experts suggest that the wider adaption of advanced technology - including onboard safety systems, in-cab video, and telematics - could not only improve safety but also preserve relevant information in the case of an accident. [Read more at influence.ttnews.com.](#)

Talking Trucking and Highway Safety With NTSB Expert Rob Molloy

Ever wonder exactly what happens when a highway accident is investigated, especially when the crash is so severe that the National Transportation Safety Board gets called in? To find out, HDT Talks Trucking called up Rob Molloy, director of the Office of Highway Safety at NTSB. [Read more at truckinginfo.com.](#)

Lyft, Motional Team up To Deploy Fully Autonomous Vehicles in 2023

Ride-hailing platform Lyft is teaming up with self-driving car company Motional, which operates in part out of Pittsburgh's Hazelwood Green development, to launch fully autonomous vehicles on city streets in 2023. [Read more at post-gazette.com.](#)

CVSA Roadcheck Shows 20.9% Vehicle Out-of-Service Rate

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's three-day International Roadcheck event resulted in an overall vehicle out-of-service rate of 20.9% in North America. That marks an increase from 17.9% recorded last year. [Read more at ttnews.com.](#)

FMCSA Final Rule Adds Flexibility To CDL Skills Testing

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has published a final rule to increase flexibility in the commercial driver license skills test process. Specifically, the final rule allows states to permit third-party test examiners to administer the CDL skills test to applicants to whom the examiners also have provided skills training. [Read more at tnews.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.

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This year 1,283 toys, plus \$525 in online donations were donated by @MBTA @MassDOT, & #RMV employees for the 20th annual Fill-A-Bus. Toys & donations were given to 3 local charities - @bgcboston, @mspccboston and @HeadingHomeInc
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Today, @GovRonDeSantis and the Florida Cabinet passed a resolution recognizing FHP Trooper Curtis Vaughn as Florida's Trooper of the Year.



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Buzz driving and drunk driving can cause double vision. But you're not seeing double with these cute pictures. Post 40-Albany is blessed to have four sets of twins.

#gsp #gatrooper

#DriveSoberOrGetPulledOver



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Today after 33 years, Colonel Dereck R. Stewart, has retired. On his last day in the office he met with his team. In his final official statement he said, "always take care of one another, believe in yourselves but most of all take care of our troopers." We thank you sir.



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