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Now Available: Salvage and Junk Vehicle Best Practice



This [best practice](#) was developed to help jurisdictions consistently and uniformly brand vehicles that may pose a safety risk to the motoring public, thus achieving a comprehensive vehicle history and ultimately improving consumer protection and public safety.

Furthermore, the definitions and recommendations should be applied to all vehicles whether insured, uninsured, or self-insured. This is necessary to achieve the highest degree of cohesion among jurisdictions and provide the best possible consumer protection.

It is important to note that this best practice was developed to be adopted as a whole, not in part. Adopting individual recommendations may have unintended consequences and prior to doing so should be carefully analyzed.

[Click here](#) for the accompanying video.

REGION 1 NEWS

Married Women Face a Middle-Name Roadblock for REAL ID (New Hampshire)

A reader alerted us to a weird anomaly: Many married women who take their husband's last name but use their maiden name as their middle name find that their marriage certificate doesn't provide legal evidence of that middle-name change. This is proving an obstacle when trying to get a Real ID license, which will be required for flying as of October 2020. The complication is a discrepancy between a birth certificate saying Mary Jane Jones and a driver's license which, after marrying Joe Smith, says Mary Jones Smith. [Read more at granitegeek.concordmonitor.com.](#)

Murphy Signs Bill Allowing Undocumented Immigrants to Get Driver's Licenses (New Jersey)

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy on Thursday signed a bill that allows undocumented immigrants to get driver's licenses. Murphy, a Democrat, signed the measure in Elizabeth, making New Jersey the 14th state, along with the District of Columbia, to permit immigrants without legal status to obtain a driver's licenses. "Expanding access to driver's licenses is critical for the safety of New Jerseyans and a step toward building a stronger and fairer New Jersey for all," Murphy said. [Read more at](#)

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nbcnewyork.com.

Hours-Long DMV Wait as Undocumented Immigrants Apply for NY Driver's Licenses (New York)

Undocumented immigrants officially have the “green light” in New York – they can now apply for a state driver’s license thanks to the Green Light Law. On Monday, the line at the Yonkers DMV wrapped around the block with hundreds of people waiting -- many to obtain their license. People started lining up before 8 a.m. As of 11:30 a.m. many were on line for more than three hours. [Read more at abcnewyork.com](#).

REGION 2 NEWS

Clerks Help 11,624 Floridians Become Eligible for Driver License Reinstatement (Florida)

Clerks of court in 64 Florida counties recently hosted Operation Green Light events to help residents pay outstanding court fees, tickets, and other fines, and have their drivers licenses reinstated. The results of that initiative included: 10,264 cases paid in full, 22,502 cases placed on a payment plan, 87 cases given community service, 21,898 cases pulled from collection agencies, 1,782 drivers licences reinstated, 9,842 citizens made eligible for drivers license reinstatement. [Read more at floridabar.org](#).

Florida Cities Get Smart with ‘the Internet of Things’

There is an incredible near-future vision for transportation on Bay Street. Self-driving public shuttles will roam up and down the corridor. Street lights will brighten for passersby and then dim to save energy. Stoplights will dynamically adjust to traffic conditions. If a sensor on a light pole detects shots fired, a camera tethered to police dispatch will switch on to capture the event. [Read more at governing.com](#).

Officials Say Travelers Should Start Gathering Documents for REAL IDs (Kentucky)

State and federal officials say Kentuckians ought to start gathering documents they'll need to request Real IDs once the new credentials are available statewide. This year's holiday season is the last before October 2020, when new federal rules take effect that will change how air travelers board airplanes at airports in Louisville and across the U.S...With less than one year before the change, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and TSA representatives brought their awareness efforts to Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport on Tuesday. [Read more at wdrb.com](#).

Select Special License Plates to Require Mandatory Donation (Kentucky)

Administrative and pricing changes are ahead for the special license plate program to comply with legislative changes made during the spring General Assembly. At the end of December, the Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing will begin implementing House Bill 341's modifications to two statutes governing special license plates – the state's optional license plates manufactured for 44 approved non-profit organizations. [Read more at themoreheadnews.com](#).

Wait Times at Mississippi DMVs Tripled from 2017 to 2019, Report Says. Here's Why.

Have you been wondering why it takes so long to renew your driver's license on the Mississippi Gulf Coast? Wait times to get drivers' licenses or ID cards renewed in Mississippi tripled on average from 2017 to 2019, according to a report from the Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review. The report broke down several factors that led to the increased wait times at field offices. [Read more at sunherald.com](#).

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[AAMVA RFP FY20-21514 Managed Services Provider for Silver Peak Software \(SD-WAN\)](#)
January 17, 2020

Organ Donors' Families Mark Christmas Season with Memories of Their Loved Ones (Texas)

A single Christmas tree, lightly decorated with white and silver ornaments, wrapped with light blue ribbons and white Christmas lights, topped with a glittery silver star stood in the middle of a bustling La Plaza Mall. Surrounding the tree were the families of recently deceased organ donors, who were creating custom-made ornaments to honor their lost loved ones. [Read more at themonitor.com.](#)

Wait Time Improving at Some Driver License Offices Thanks to These State Efforts (Texas)

Overall the average wait time at driver license offices across the state have decreased thanks to efforts put in place by the Texas Legislature. But even with the help, continued growth in certain areas has some residents waiting in line longer. The 86th Legislature provided the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) with more than \$200 million that was effective Sept. 1. [Read more at starlocalmedia.com.](#)

DMV: One-Third of Pedestrians Killed in Virginia Had Been Drinking

The Department of Motor Vehicles says about one-third of the pedestrians killed in Virginia crashes had been drinking beforehand. As police across the state crack down on drunk driving, the DMV is warning about impaired walking this holiday season. In the last three years, 36 percent of pedestrians killed in Virginia had been drinking prior to the crash, according to the DMV. So far this year, as of Dec. 6, 25 pedestrians who had been drinking have been killed in crashes. [Read more at whsv.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Minnesota's REAL ID Deadline Is Getting Closer

Over the coming months, the State of Minnesota will be reminding residents that many of them may want to get their driver's licenses updated. In 2018, Minnesota began implementing REAL ID, an upgrade to the standard driver's license or ID card that was part of the REAL ID Act of 2005. It was passed into law by Congress as a response to the 9/11 Commission's recommendation of how to combat terrorism. [Read more at patch.com.](#)

New 'Get in Line, Online' Program Cuts down Wait Times at BMV (Ohio)

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles announced on Friday a new program aimed at cutting down the amount of time you spend waiting in line at the BMV. According to state officials, the "Get in Line, Online" program allows individuals to check-in at the BMV with their cell phone before setting foot inside the location. After checking in online, customers have a four-hour window to get to the BMV, head to a self-check-in kiosk and grab their reserved spot in line. [Read more at news5cleveland.com.](#)

DMV Urges Wisconsin Drivers to Enroll in 'REAL ID'

Over 60 percent of Wisconsin ID holders are not "REAL ID" compliant. Now, the DMV is urging people to enroll in the REAL ID before the October deadline. More and more Wisconsinites will be heading to the DMV as the REAL ID deadline approaches, so in order to avoid the lines, get the REAL ID sooner rather than later. Without the REAL ID, travelers will not be able to pass through TSA for domestic flights unless they have a passport or another acceptable form of ID. [Read more at tmj4.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Alaska Encourages Residents to Get REAL ID-Compliant Driver License

Officials with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has reminded Alaska residents that starting Oct. 1, 2020, all travelers will need a REAL ID-compliant driver license, identification card or another acceptable form of identification to board a commercial flight. To determine if an Alaska driver license or identification card is REAL ID-compliant, look for a star within a black circle in the upper right-hand corner. [Read more at securitydocumentworld.com](http://securitydocumentworld.com).

DMV Asks for Donations in Order to Reach Rural Communities Before REAL ID Restrictions Begin (Alaska)

The Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles is asking for funds to send employees into rural communities in order to create Real IDs before the Oct. 1, 2020, deadline that will bar flight passengers from using a traditional driver's license to board a plane. The federal Real ID program issues driver's licenses that comply with a stricter set of federal identification standards. [Read more at adn.com](http://adn.com).

ADOT Hopes to Curb Wait Times at MVD by Moving More Services Online (Arizona)

Arizona transportation officials say they have a gift in store for motorists dreading potential wait times at a motor vehicle division office. In January, residents purchasing online or in-person will only obtain their license plates, registration tabs, vehicle titles and other documents by mail delivery, eliminating the ability to obtain documents the same day. [Read more at tuscon.com](http://tuscon.com).

Don't Have an Arizona Travel ID Yet? Here's How You Can Get One Before the 2020 Deadline

The countdown continues until the October 1, 2020 deadline to get the right kind of ID that will get you through airport security. The Arizona Department of Transportation is reminding travelers there are about 200 business days left. "We don't want to see travel plans ruined because flyers don't have an ID that the TSA will accept. That's a very real risk for people who don't get an AZ Travel ID," MVD Stakeholder Relations Manager Jennifer Bowser Richards. [Read more at 12news.com](http://12news.com).

California Will Start Allowing Light-Duty Autonomous Delivery Vehicles with DMV Permit (California)

The State of California Department of Motor Vehicles announced on Tuesday they will start allowing the testing and commercial use of light-duty autonomous delivery vehicles on the state's public roads with an approved permit from the DMV. The Office of Administrative Law approved revised regulations on Monday that will allow companies with a DMV permit to operate autonomous delivery vehicles weighing less than 10,001 pounds. [Read more at krctv.com](http://krctv.com).

Secretary of State Says Changes in Voter Affiliation Aren't 'Widespread DMV Glitch' (California)

After some confusion and suspicion regarding "crossover ballot" mailers that went out to voters who are registered with no party preference in the past two weeks, California Secretary of State Alex Padilla is denying that a widespread DMV glitch is to blame. Some Siskiyou County residents who received the mailer believed that they were already registered as a Democrat or Republican, and therefore shouldn't have received the mailer, which allows those with no party preference to select a presidential election "crossover ballot" for another party. [Read more at siskiyoudaily.com](http://siskiyoudaily.com).

Wyoming May Create Digital Driver's Licenses and IDs in 2020

While Wyoming will continue to rely on physical driver's licenses, a bill that will come before the Wyoming Legislature in 2020 would create digital driver's licenses and IDs if passed. "Digital driver's license means a secure electronic representation of a physical driver's license that is stored on the driver's portable electronic device and may be viewed or verified by a person to whom access is allowed," the proposed legislation reads. "A digital driver's license may be used in lieu of a physical driver's license and is optional to purchase and supplemental to a physical driver's license." [Read more at sweetwaternow.com](http://sweetwaternow.com).

OTHER NEWS

Local TV Stations Take Stand Against Drunk Driving During the Holidays

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 839 Americans lost their lives in car crashes involving a drunk driver in the December 2018 holiday season. To help make our roads safer during this time of year, the Television Bureau of Advertising (TVB) today announced the 16th annual "Project Roadblock" initiative, in which local broadcast TV stations donate advertising time/space to support NHTSA and the Ad Council's "Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving" PSA campaign. [Read more at prnewswire.com](http://prnewswire.com).

Has the Rise of Uber Led to More Heavy Drinking?

If I am going out and plan to have just one drink, I'll call an Uber. And that's a good thing: Drunk driving is a public-health crisis, killing more than 10,000 people a year. One advantage of ride-hailing services like Uber and Lyft is that, according to a number of studies, they reduce drunk driving. But there's another connection between ride-hailing and alcohol. Ordering that Uber, it seems, encourages people to drink more than they otherwise would. [Read more at citylab.com](http://citylab.com).

Study: People Who Use Cruise Control Twice as Likely to Text While Driving

There's an important new study when it comes to distracted driving. According to AAA, people who use advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) such as cruise control or lane-keeping assist, are twice as likely to text while driving than people who don't use those systems. However, this all depends on people's experiences with advanced driver assistance systems. [Read more at wkbw.com](http://wkbw.com).

DOT Announces Combating Human Trafficking in Transportation Impact Award

Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao is launching an award for transportation industry representatives to incentivize increased awareness and prevention of human trafficking. According to a notice scheduled for publication in the Federal Register on Dec. 18, the annual Combating Human Trafficking in Transportation Impact Award was initially recommended by the Department of Transportation's Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking. The committee, formed in October 2018, includes leaders of organizations that fight modern slavery, as well as academics and representatives of the trucking, bus, rail, aviation, maritime and port industries. [Read more at ttnews.com](http://ttnews.com).

Millions of Americans Are Driving Under the Influence of Marijuana, CDC Says

The most recent national estimates of drivers who operate a car under the influence

of marijuana put the numbers in the millions, according to a new report from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Thursday's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report found that in 2018, 12 million American adults said they had driven under the influence of weed in the 12 months prior to the survey. About 2.3 million said they had driven under the influence of illicit drugs such as cocaine or methamphetamine. [Read more at cnn.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.).

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community. You may be surprised at what you're missing! [Follow @AAMVAConnection.](#)

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Thank you for the @AAMVAConnection mentions!

Warren Stanley @CHPCommissioner | [View the Tweet](#)

'Tis the season of giving. In the spirit of the holidays, I was joined by executive staff at the CHP Academy, where we welcomed our employees for the annual Commissioner's Holiday Breakfast. An opportunity to break bread and gather donations for the State Employees Food Drive.



Wisconsin DOT @WisconsinDOT | [View the Tweet](#)

Thanks @RebeccaRibley & @WKOW for talking with DMV Administrator Kristina Boardman about how travelers need to be #REALIDReady to board their flights when the REAL ID requirement takes effect Oct. 1, 2020.

<http://wisconsindmv.gov/REALID>



Ohio Dept of Transportation @ ODOT_Statewide | [View the Tweet](#)

@GovMikeDeWine joined by Director Jack Marchbanks and @OSHP Col. Fambro to talk about safe driving this holiday season.



OHBureauMotorVehicle @Ohio_BMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Lt. Governor Husted and BMV Registrar Norman announced yesterday that the “Get In Line, Online” virtual queuing system is expanding statewide over the next six months, and now available in the Zanesville area.



VirginiaDMV @VirginiaDMV | [View the Tweet](#)

We were excited to be in #Hopewell this afternoon to celebrate a great partnership!

#VirginiaDMV Commissioner Holcomb was joined by Commissioner of the Revenue Reason, Delegate Ingram and City Councilman Partin to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the city's DMV Select.



SCDMV @SC_DMV | [View the Tweet](#)

The #SCDMV awards ceremony to recognize outstanding employees for the month of November was held on the morning of November 21st at Headquarters. We would like to congratulate each recipient for their years of service and outstanding work achievements!



FLHSMV @FLHSMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Starting tomorrow, a commercial motor vehicle driver is required to have an ELD. The FMCSA implemented the ELD rule to accurately track, manage and share record of duty status information. ELD's help improve road safety and reduce the number of crashes. #FHP #CVE



New Jersey MVC @NJ_MVC | [View the Tweet](#)

Today Chief @suefulton helped usher in a new era of safer roads in New Jersey at @GovMurphy bill signing for licensing without regard to immigration status. @LetsDriveNJ #SafeRoadsForAll #SiSePuede



MD_MVA @MD_MVA | [View the Tweet](#)

We held a "Baby Shark Video Challenge" to help spread awareness for @marylandcharity - a workplace giving program that offers State Employees/Retirees the convenience to contribute to charities using payroll deduction. Even our executive team got involved! #MDOTScenes @MDOTNews



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