AAMVA’s Sheila Prior to Retire in May
Sheila Prior, AAMVA’s Director of Member Support for Regions III & IV, has announced she will retire at the end of May. Sheila has served in her current role for 10 years after returning to AAMVA from the private sector. More information about AAMVA’s plans to recruit a new Regional Director will be released in the coming weeks. Well wishes and congratulations between now and May can be sent to Sheila at sprior@aamva.org.

AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute
Register now for the 2017 Workshop & Law Institute in Minneapolis, MN, March 15-16. The two-day schedule is packed with sessions covering hot topics in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community.

Deadline Approaching! Apply for AAMVA Awards
Don’t miss this opportunity to be recognized for the great work your jurisdiction does every day by 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 safety, service, security, and public affairs & consumer education. Learn more about specific award categories by visiting the AAMVA Awards website. Don’t forget: the deadline for submissions is February 1st (nominations for the Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety are due on April 15th)!
Download the 2017 Awards Submission and Nomination Packet today!

Taxes, Fees: Cuomo’s Budget Expands Online Sales Tax, Hikes DMV Fee (New York)
Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s state budget proposal relies on a variety of new, extended or expanded taxes and fees to balance its books, including a plan to force online marketplaces to collect sales tax. Read the full story at LoHud.com.
Election Officials Say They're Registering More Voters Through DMV, Social Service Agencies (North Carolina)
North Carolina election officials say the number of residents who have registered to vote every year through the Division of Motor Vehicles and other state agencies doubled in 2016 after the state faced a lawsuit for failing to comply with a federal law. Read the full story at WRAL.com.

Texas Chosen as Testing Grounds for Automated Vehicles
Texas has been chosen as a testing ground for automated vehicles, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced Tuesday. Read the full story at KVUE.com.

Court Date Set in Federal Lawsuit Against DMV (Virginia)
A court date is set in a federal lawsuit challenging a Virginia law that automatically suspends driver’s licenses from people who can’t pay court costs and fines. Read the full story at NBC29.com.

Ohio State Highway Patrol to participate in a Tri-State Human Trafficking Initiative
Troopers with the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) will be joining neighboring states to raise awareness about human trafficking during the week of January 23 through January 27. Read the full story at WCSMRadio.com.

Ohio BMV Drops Threat to Cancel Immigrants' Licenses
Ohio officials have backed off a criticized move to revoke the commercial drivers' licenses of 562 immigrants unless they could prove legal residency in the United States. Read the full story at Dispatch.com.

Wisconsin State Patrol is Recruiting for Troopers and Inspectors
The Wisconsin State Patrol is recruiting for troopers and inspectors for its next recruit class, which will begin training on Sept. 24, 2017, and graduate on March 30, 2018. Read the WSP press release.

Governor Introduces Bill to Make Alaska Licenses REAL ID-Compliant
Governor Bill Walker on Monday announced he was introducing legislation aimed at making Alaska driver’s licenses compliant with federal standards set by the REAL ID Act. Read the full story at KTUU.com.

New Verification Method Means Veteran Specialty Plates May Now Be Ordered Online (Arizona)
Ordering a veteran specialty license plate no longer requires standing in line at an Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division office. With the
CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction

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introduction of a new electronic affidavit system to verify a veteran's status, plates may now be ordered at ServiceArizona.com, skipping the office visit. Read the full story at AZDOT.gov.

Uber Putting Self-Driving Cars Back on the Streets of San Francisco (California)

A self-driving Uber makes it way around San Francisco. Uber's controversial self-driving cars are headed back to the streets of San Francisco soon, with one major caveat: All of the cars driven will be guided manually and must be used for mapping purposes only. Read the full story at BizJournals.com.

DMV, Las Vegas Court Join Forces in Pilot Program to Help Drivers Clear Violations (Nevada)

Las Vegas Justice Court and the state Department of Motor Vehicles are partnering in a pilot program that allows drivers to pay ticket fines while at the DMV's Flamingo branch. Read the full story at ReviewJournal.com.

Senate Panel Approves REAL ID Compliance Bill (Washington)

A Senate panel has approved a measure that seeks to bring Washington state into compliance with federal identification requirements. Read the full story at King5.com.

Ford Allows Some Car Buyers to Purchase or Finance Vehicles Online

Car buyers at one Ford dealership can now limit their time in the showroom by purchasing or financing a vehicle online, and more dealerships will offer the option soon. Read the full story at LATimes.com.

On Twitter

@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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Our friends at @ColoradoDOT are testing out a pay-per-mile system. What do you think of that approach?

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