

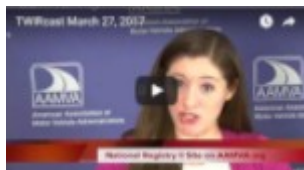


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OUR EVENTS

FEBRUARY

5-7
[Disability Placard Fraud Working Group Meeting](#)
 Phoenix, AZ
Working Group members only

6-7
[NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group Meeting](#)

AAMVA at the Washington Auto Show



AAMVA partnered with the [Washington Area New Auto Dealers Association \(WANADA\)](#) to further expand the policy discussions associated with the [Washington Auto Show and Mobility Talks International Conference](#). The week began with a policy roundtable discussion focused on highly automated vehicles with representatives from NGS, NCSL, AASHTO and other organizations that support state government agencies and several roadway safety advocacy organizations. The following day was

the Mobility Talks International Conference, which included representative from several different countries sharing how they are preparing for automated and autonomous vehicles. AAMVA also organized a panel discussion that featured AAMVA Chair Kurt Myers (PA), AAMVA Autonomous Vehicles Working Group Chair Bernard Soriano (CA), Michigan DOT Director Kirk Steudle, DCDOT Director Jeff Marootian, and moderated by AAMVA CEO Anne Ferro.

Automated Vehicles Working Group Meets in Washington, DC



The [Automated Vehicles Working Group](#) met in Washington, DC, last week to participate in the [Washington Auto Show and Mobility Talks forums](#). The group then had the opportunity to attend a hearing held by the US Senate Commerce Committee, as they discussed autonomous vehicles with vehicle technology companies and manufacturers. The working group saw many new vehicles and had the opportunity to talk with vehicle manufacturers. The week concluded with the

working group meeting to develop plans to provide technical assistance to jurisdictions to help them understand and implement recommendations the working group expects to publish this spring in a report titled "Jurisdictional Guidelines for the Safe Testing and Deployment of Highly Automated Vehicles". This report serves as a framework for jurisdictions to support the testing and deployment of highly automated vehicles in a consistent manner.

AAMVA Chair Kurt Myers along with AAMVA and NHTSA leadership attended many of the meetings and provided encouragement and support to the working group. Bernard Soriano, Deputy Director, California DMV and Chair and James Fackler, Assistant Administrator, Customer Services Administration, Michigan Department of State and Vice-chair of the working group were very pleased the working group had so many unique opportunities to advance their knowledge of vehicle technology and public policy to support it.

REGION 1 NEWS

Cracking Down on Handicap Parking Violators (Massachusetts)

Phoenix, AZ
Working Group members only

8-9

[Suspended Driver Alternative Reinstatement Working Group Meeting](#)

Phoenix, AZ
Working Group members only

MARCH

13-14

[2018 AAMVA Workshop & Law Institute](#)

Denver, Colorado



SYSTEMS TRAINING

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FEBRUARY

6 | [CD07 Add New Driver \(intermediate\)](#)

7 | [CD09 Change Data \(intermediate\)](#)

8 | [CD15 Update AKA Data \(intermediate\)](#)

13 | [CDLIS Resolving Duplicate Pointers \(advanced\)](#)

14 | [CD14 Mark Driver Unique \(intermediate\)](#)

15 | [CD10 Delete Master Pointer Record \(intermediate\)](#)

27 | [ACD Basic \(basic\)](#)

28 | [ACD Advanced \(advanced\)](#)

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OUR WEBINARS

FEBRUARY

7 | [CIO Roundtable Webinar Series: Part 1 - Promises of Cloud Computing](#)

13 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

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

27 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface – Instant Title](#)

It happens every day; drivers illegally take parking spots meant for people with disabilities. The 22News I-Team investigated the magnitude of the problem, and discovered a staggering number of people are cheating the system. [Read the article at wwlp.com.](#)

Local Lawmaker Proposes Online Voter Registration (New Hampshire)

If a Keene lawmaker's bill passes, New Hampshire residents could soon register to vote from the comfort of their own homes. State Rep. William A. Pearson, D-Keene, is the primary sponsor of House Bill 1772, which would create an online voting registration platform for the state. [Read the article at sentinelsource.com.](#)

'Vision Zero' Brings Traffic Fatalities in New York to An All-Time Low

It was once known as the "Boulevard of Death." Between 1990 and 2015, a total of 185 people — most of them pedestrians — were killed in traffic accidents along its 12 lanes and its vast intersections. [Read the article at latimes.com.](#)

More Than Half a Million Pennsylvania Veterans Have Opted for Patriotic Designation on Driver's License, ID Card

The option to add an American flag with the word "VETERAN" on a driver's license or identification card has been a hit for veterans across the Commonwealth. [Read the article at fox43.com.](#)

Testing Violations Cited By Pennsylvania DOT Prompt Changes in LCCC Program

The discovery of a Commercial Driver License (CDL) testing violation has prompted Luzerne County Community College to stop letting an employee perform the tests and offer help to students who need to re-test. [Read the article at timesleader.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

License Plate Scam Targets Women (Florida)

Women driving down the highway are being targeted by potential criminals using license plates as ploys. ... Here's how it works. One driver pulls up to another and shows the woman a license plate pretending that she lost it on the road and so he shows it to her. He wants her to believe the plate is hers but it's not. [Read the article at cbs12.com.](#)

New Plan Released for Growing Number of Seniors on Florida Roadways

The Florida Department of Transportation is working to ensure that the growing population of senior citizens stays safe on the roadways. Florida leads the nation in senior citizen population. [Read the article at wctv.tv.](#)

Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Receives High Customer Service Ratings

GA Department of Driver Services (DDS) has received outstanding customer service feedback for the December 2017 monthly customer service survey which is emailed to customers after their visit to a DDS center. Customers are asked three questions regarding their entire customer service experience, and the majority of customers are very happy with the service they are receiving. [Read the press release.](#)

Citizens Will Receive Email Reminding Them of Expiring Driver's License (Kentucky)

Circuit Court Clerk Vincent Riggs announces a new system that will notify citizens (by email) when their driver's license is about to expire. [Read the article at wtvq.com.](#)

North Carolina DMV Updates License Plate Dropboxes to Help You Avoid Fine

We've got an update on a story we told you about last July where using the license plate drop boxes outside of the DMV building in Raleigh could end up getting you a

[Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

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OPEN RFPs

[California Department of Motor Vehicles RFP -- Report of Sale and Temporary License Plate System](#)

Deadline: Feb. 5, 2018

[AAMVA RFP - FY 18-036: 2019 AIC](#)

Deadline: Feb. 12, 2018

[Indiana RFP: BMV/C STARS System Modernization RFS 18-023](#)

Deadline: Feb. 14, 2018

[New Jersey RFQ for a Commercial Driver License Testing Pilot Program](#)

New Deadline: Feb. 28, 2018

hefty fine. Months later, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles finally corrected the problem with those drop boxes. [Read the article at wncn.com.](#)

San Marcos Looks to Enforce Disabled Parking Violations With New App (Texas)

A new parking app that uses volunteers to log disabled parking violations may soon be available in San Marcos. The city of San Marcos on Tuesday was briefed on Parking Mobility, a smartphone app that engages citizens in the process of enforcing when people park illegally in handicapped-accessible parking spaces. [Read the article at communityimpact.com.](#)

DMV Offers One-Stop Shop for Virginia Government Services

Under the leadership of Commissioner Richard Holcomb, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles has positioned itself as a "one-stop shop" for government services in the Commonwealth. [Read the article at augustafreepress.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Illinois Expected to File for REAL ID Compliance

Officials in Illinois said the state is expected to apply to join the federal government's REAL ID law later this year. The federal REAL ID Act was enacted in 2005 after the 9/11 Commission recommended creating minimum security standards for state identification cards. The license allows access into federal buildings and commercial flights. [Read the article at ilnews.org.](#)

Slow and Steady, Indiana Readies Autonomous Vehicle Framework

Lawmakers in the Hoosier State are preparing for what their governor calls "the next evolution of transportation." Each state is addressing the arrival of autonomous vehicles differently, and while Indiana was a little slower than most to react to the technology, a bill now moving through the state's legislature suggests yet another approach to governance. [Read the article at statescoop.com.](#)

Keeping IDentities Safe Commends the Governors of Louisiana and Michigan for Becoming Recognized As Fully REAL ID Compliant By the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Keeping IDentities Safe, a Washington D.C. based non-profit, is pleased to recognize that the State of Louisiana and the State of Michigan each received official notification on January 23, 2018 that their processes for issuing driver's licenses and Identity Documents are REAL ID compliant. [Read the article at prnewswire.com.](#)

The 411 on the Real ID Policy (Michigan)

Although the deadline for Michigan residents to be compliant with the new standard is still more than a year away, state officials are working to make sure residents are aware of the changes ahead. [Read the article at grandhaventribune.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Luke Air Force Base Specialty Arizona License Plates Now Available

Drivers now have another option to advertise their support for Luke Air Force Base. The Arizona Department of Transportation recently announced a specialty license plate depicting an F-35 Joint Striker Jet soaring through the clouds with the message "the sound of freedom" etched on the bottom. [Read the article at azcentral.com.](#)

California Senate Rejects License Plate Privacy Shield Bill

The California Senate has rejected a bill to allow drivers to protect their privacy by applying shields to their license plates when parked. The simple amendment to state

law would have served as a countermeasure against automated license plate readers (ALPRs) that use plates to mine our location data. [Read the article at eff.org.](#)

New ID Sends Residents Back to the DMV (California)

A new federal requirement invalidating many state driver's licenses at the airport has put local travelers on a timeline: head to the Department of Motor Vehicles sometime in the next two years for a new kind of license, or get used to carrying a passport on even domestic trips. [Read the article at losaltosonline.com.](#)

Bill Combines Voter Registration, Driver's License Process (Guam)

A proposed law supported by Democrats and Republicans would implement a streamlined voter registration process for all eligible U.S. citizen residents of Guam with the choice to opt out, was introduced yesterday. [Read the article at postguam.com.](#)

Washington Drivers-License Applications No Longer Ask Where a Person Was Born

As of Friday, driver's-license applications in Washington state no longer ask where a person was born. A 120-day, emergency rule with the change has taken effect, including also applicants for permits and ID cards, while officials seek a permanent modification to state policy, the Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) said in a news release Friday. [Read the article at seattletimes.com.](#)

Specialty Wildlife License Plates Proposed in Wyoming

A bill introduced in the Wyoming Legislature would give motorists the option of purchasing specialty license plates to help fund highway projects friendly to wildlife. Under House Bill 39, motorists would pay \$130 extra for plates with the money going toward wildlife crossings, signage, game fences and other infrastructure. [Read the article at gillette newsrecord.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Most Americans Wary of Self-Driving Cars: Reuters/Ipsos Poll

Two-thirds of Americans are uncomfortable about the idea of riding in self-driving cars, according to a Reuters/Ipsos opinion poll, underscoring one of many challenges for companies spending billions of dollars on the development of autonomous vehicles. [Read the article at reuters.com.](#)

In-Person License Renewal Helps Reduce Dementia-Related Motor Vehicle Crashes

It's a question many of us have faced, or will face. When is the right time to ask an older relative, friend, or even yourself, to surrender the car keys and stop driving? [Read the article at triblive.com.](#)

Toyota Recalls 645,000 Vehicles; Air Bags May Not Inflate

Toyota is recalling about 645,000 vehicles worldwide to fix an electrical problem that could stop air bags from inflating in a crash. The recall covers certain Toyota Prius and Lexus RX and NX SUVs. [Read the article at usatoday.com.](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

On Twitter

@AAMVACconnection 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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