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AAMVA is looking for a Driver Representative to serve on the Law Enforcement Standing Committee. This position is a vacancy to be filled through August 2017. At that time, the position will be filled for a 2-year term. If you are interested in serving as the Driver Representative to the Law Enforcement Standing Committee, please complete the [Application Form](#) and submit it to Dianne Graham at [committees@aamva.org](mailto:committees@aamva.org) **no later than February 28**. If you have questions, please contact [Dianne Graham](#), director, Member & Conference Services, (703) 908-8267.

**Looking for Public Affairs Professionals to Serve as PACE Awards Judges**

We want your help to select the 2017 PACE award winners! Now that submissions to the awards program is closed, it's time to select the winners. If you are a communications/PR professional and would like to serve as a judge for the public affairs and consumer education (PACE) awards, **please send an email to [narthur@aamva.org](mailto:narthur@aamva.org)**. We have [nine PACE awards divisions containing 26 different categories](#). (Judging will take place later this month and into March.) All of the awards will be judged electronically using AAMVA's Sharepoint system. If you or your agency submitted for awards, don't let that stop you. We will not assign you to any category where your jurisdiction has submitted. If you are willing to contribute your time and help us reward the outstanding work of jurisdictions across the country, let us know and we will add you to our list.

## REGION I NEWS

## OUR EVENTS

## MARCH

**Gov. LePage Favors Complying with Real ID Act (Maine)**

Governor LePage said he is urging the legislature to pass a bill to put Maine in compliance with the federal Real ID Act. The Real ID Act establishes minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards.

[Read the full story at WCSH6.com.](#)

**Maryland Lawmaker Wants Heftier Fines for Using**



**March 15-16**  
Minneapolis, MN

**MAY**



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Seattle, WA

**SYSTEMS TRAINING**

**FEBRUARY**

\*Register for any of the following Systems Training sessions [HERE](#).

**28** | PDPS Update Transactions (intermediate)

**MARCH**

**1** | PDPS Interactions (intermediate)

**2** | PDPS Broken Pointers Management (intermediate)  
**\*New\***

**6** | UNI Basic (basics)

**7** | UNI Advanced A (advanced)

**8** | UNI Advanced B (advanced)

**9** | AAMVAnet Basics (basic)

**14** | CDLIS Rules for Driver Withdrawals (intermediate)

**15** | CD16 Report Out-of-State Withdrawal (intermediate)

**16** | CD17 Negate Out-of-State Withdrawal (intermediate)

**28** | PDPS Interactions (intermediate)

## Cellphones While Driving

In Maryland, drivers caught using a cellphone behind the wheel can pay fines of anywhere from \$75 to \$175 in a tiered system. But a Maryland lawmaker says the \$175 maximum isn't cutting it when it comes to getting drivers to keep their hands off their cellphones while driving. [Read the full story at WTOF.com.](#)

## Division of Motor Vehicles to Switch to New Computer System (New Hampshire)

The state's Division of Motor Vehicles is implementing its new driver licensing computer system over Presidents Day weekend. On Friday, Feb. 17, municipal clerks won't be able to process the state portion of vehicle registrations. [Read the full story at CCenterDispatch.com.](#)

## Real ID Rollout Creates Turmoil at NH DMV (New Hampshire)

Officials at the state Division of Motor Vehicles admit the rollout of its new Real IDs has caused some confusion, with some customers not realizing the level of documentation needed to enter the program until after they have waited in line to speak with a customer representative. [Read the full story at UnionLeader.com.](#)

## New Jersey Governor Signs Uber, Lyft Regulations

Gov. Chris Christie signed into law on Friday a measure that for the first time establishes statewide regulations for ride-hailing companies like Uber and Lyft. [Read the full story at GovTech.com.](#)

## Upstate New York DMV Sweep Nets 33 for Using Fake IDs to Get into Bars, Buy Alcohol

A sweep of Upstate bars and stores by police and state Department of Motor Vehicle investigators Friday netted 33 underage people using fake driver's licenses to get into bars or buy alcohol, officials said. [Read the full story at Syracuse.com.](#)

## New Law Allows 16, 17 Year Olds to Register for Organ Donations (New York)

Governor Andrew Cuomo announced Monday a new law that allows 16 and 17 year olds to register for organ, eye and tissue donations. The new law will take effect on Tuesday on National Organ Donor Day. [Read the full story at 13WHAM.com.](#)

## Pennsylvania Lawmakers Grapple With Real ID Issues

Staring at deadlines that could mean headaches for many Pennsylvanians, state lawmakers appear to be inching toward a new policy on the federal government's Real ID requirements. [Read the full story at Pittsburgh.CBSLocal.com.](#)

## REGION II NEWS

## Duo Charged With Odometer Altering at Miami Car Dealership (Florida)

Two Miami men were arrested Friday for allegedly rolling back odometers at a South Florida car dealership. Felipe Manay and Miguel Reategui appear in bond court on odometer altering charges. [Read the full story at NBCMiami.com.](#)

## Nine New License Examiners Headed to Statewide DMV Offices (North Carolina)

**29** | PDPS Broken Pointers Management (intermediate)  
\*New\*

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### OUR WEBINARS

#### FEBRUARY

21, 27 | [How to Fill Out and Send the NMVTIS Change Request Data Form to AAMVA Help Desk](#)

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

22 | [Understanding and Using: New CD90.7.7 Selective DHR Validation Report](#)

23 | [Understanding MEC Verification Inquiry \(NR01\) National Registry System Specification](#)

28 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

### OPEN RFPs

Check out AAMVA's [Open RFPs page](#) for potential opportunities.

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles will add nine new driver license examiner graduates to eight driver license offices across the state next week. Following graduation from DMV's Basic Examiner Training School on Friday, Feb. 17, the examiners will begin work at area offices on Monday, Feb. 20. [Read the DOT press release.](#)

## Oklahoma House of Representatives Approves Bill to Become Compliant with Real ID Act

A bill that would allow Oklahomans to become compliant with a national law has been approved by the Oklahoma House of Representatives. [Read the full story at KFOR.com.](#)

## DMV Debuts New Wait Time Estimation System Online (Virginia)

In an effort to give customers the best information on wait times at their local customer service center, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has created a helpful new wait time estimation system. [Read the press release.](#)

### REGION III NEWS

## Legislation to Expand the Organ/Tissue Donor Registry Passes Senate Committee (Illinois)

Secretary of State Jesse White's legislation that would allow 16- and 17-year-olds to register for the state's First Person Consent Organ/Tissue Donor Registry when they receive their driver's license or identification card passed the State Senate Public Health Committee today. [Read the SOS press release.](#)

## MPI, Liquor and Lotteries to Trim 15%, Manitoba Premier Says

It's time for Manitoba's Crown corporations to start trimming at the top, Premier Brian Pallister says. "We have set specific management reduction targets of 15 per cent from each organization as a starting point," Pallister said on Monday, referencing Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries and Manitoba Public Insurance. [Read the full story at CBC.ca.](#)

## Missouri Lawmakers Ask Attorney General to Oppose REAL ID

A group of Missouri lawmakers are asking the state attorney general to join their fight against the implementation of federal ID regulations. [Read the full story at SLTToday.com.](#)

## Human Trafficking On The Rise In Ohio

A new report from a nonprofit group that tracks human trafficking says the crime is on the rise here in Ohio and nationally. The Polaris Project says 375 trafficking cases from Ohio were reported to a national hotline last year. That's a 23% increase over the year before. Democratic Representative Teresa Fedor, who has worked to pass legislation to crack down on the problem, says she's not surprised. [Read the full story at StateNews.org.](#)

## Ohio Lawmaker Seeks More Protection for Human-Trafficking Victims

A Democratic state lawmaker wants state law changed to protect more human trafficking victims. Rep. Teresa Fedor, D-Toledo, said today she will offer legislation to ensure 16- and 17-years-olds trapped in human trafficking don't face prostitution charges but instead are provided with services to escape their captors. [Read the full story at Vindy.com.](#)

## Wisconsin Department of Transportation: New One-Stop DMV Web Page Helps School Bus Drivers Through Each Step in Licensing Process

While we recognize the work of professional drivers during Bus Driver Appreciation Week (February 13-17, 2017), the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) works behind the scenes to keep drivers current on their licensing requirements, so they can focus on their precious cargo. [Read the full article in WisPolitics.com.](#)

## South Korea and Wisconsin Sign Driver License Reciprocity Agreement

Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) officials signed a reciprocity agreement with the Republic of Korea which allows drivers holding a South Korean driver license to exchange it for a Wisconsin driver license without having to take the knowledge, sign and road tests. [Read the full story at WisconsinDOT.gov.](#)

### REGION IV NEWS

## California Grows List Of Allowed Self-Driving Car Testers To 22 With The Addition Of Subaru

The list of automobile manufacturers and tech companies that are allowed to test self-driving cars in California has grown to 22, as the state's Department of Motor Vehicles has given the necessary permits to Japanese carmaker Subaru. [Read the full story at TechTimes.com.](#)

## Report: 'Motor Voter' Law Could Cost Nevada \$5M or \$90,000

Adopting a proposed "motor voter" law in Nevada to register eligible people to vote when they apply for a driver's license or other state identification card could cost as much as \$5 million, state analysts said in a long overdue report released Tuesday. [Read the full story at LasVegasSun.com.](#)

## Nevada DMV Officials Grilled On Rising Cost Of Computer System Upgrade

Lawmakers questioned Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles officials Tuesday on why the cost of a major new computer modernization system approved in 2015 has increased by \$5 million. [Read the full story at ReviewJournal.com.](#)

## Washington Law Fuels Illegal Auto Schemes, Complain Other States

Transportation regulators from out of state are calling on Washington to fix a state law they complain is fueling illegal auto schemes and spelling trouble for consumers around the country. [Read the full story at King5.com.](#)

### OTHER NEWS

## Is a Flood Damaged Vehicle Sitting In Your Driveway?

"Some of the cars we've looked at, you'll see rust all through the wires," said Owen McShane, Director of Investigations for the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, as he was showing CBS6 News a car. His team looks for stolen and damaged vehicles that consumers might not know they've purchased including cars damaged by flood water. [Read the full article on cbs6albany.com.](#)

## Over 6,000 Americans Die in Drowsy Driving Crashes Each Year

More than 6,000 people die in drowsy driving-related crashes in the US each year, a

recent study suggests. Millions of US drivers fall asleep at the wheel each month, and roughly 15 percent of all fatal crashes involve a drowsy driver, researchers note in the journal Sleep. [Read the full story at NYPost.com.](#)

### **Two Senators Move Forward on Self-Diving Car Rules**

The Republican chairman of the U.S. Senate commerce committee and U.S. Sen. Gary Peters of Michigan said today they plan to work together to develop regulatory flexibility for the auto industry in its drive to create self-driving vehicles, with an eye toward proposing legislation this year. [Read the full story at USAToday.com.](#)

### **Study: Most Drivers, Not Just Young, are Taking Risks**

Young drivers aren't alone in behaving badly on U.S. roads, a trend that could be contributing to a spike in highway deaths. Well over half of drivers in every age group have texted behind the wheel, run a red light or driven faster than the speed limit in the last 30 days, according to a new study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. [Read the full story at WTAE.com.](#)

### **AAA: Young Millennials Are Worst Behaved Drivers In U.S.**

A new report out by AAA reveals that young millennials earn the top spot for worst behaved drivers in the country. According to the report, 88 percent of young millennials engaged in at least one risky behavior behind the wheel in the past 30 days, including texting while driving, red-light running and speeding. [Read the full story at Philadelphia.CBSLocal.com.](#)

### **2016 Traffic Deaths Jump to Highest Level in Nearly a Decade**

A jump in traffic fatalities last year pushed deaths on U.S. roads to their highest level in nearly a decade, erasing improvements made during the Great Recession and economic recovery, a leading safety organization said Wednesday. [Read the full story at FoxNews.com.](#)

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **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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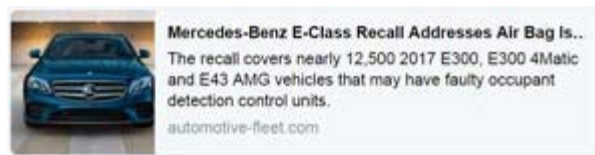
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Virginia Senate panel OKs bill revamping state's DUI blood test procedures AND prioritizing warrants FOR said tests. <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?171+ful+HB2327H1> ...

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