AAMVA is Now Accepting Applications for Regional Director of Member Support
Sheila Prior, Regional Director for Regions III and IV, has announced her plans to retire at the end of May. To that end, AAMVA has posted her vacancy announcement in the Career Center on AAMVA.org. Visit the Career Center on AAMVA.org to view this and other vacancies AAMVA is currently trying to fill.

2016 AAMVA International Driver Examiner of the Year Award Winner is Announced (Virginia)
During a rally and recognition session with DMV employees held Monday, February 27th, Virginia DMV Commissioner Rick Holcomb presented Rose Crist, Instruction Safety Specialist, Customer Service Management Administration with the 2016 AAMVA International Driver Examiner of the Year award. Also present is Derek Grant, Regulatory Supervisor Sr.

AAMVA Workshop 2017 is Right Around the Corner!
The 2017 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute is getting closer! Don't miss out, register now and book your travel. The Workshop provides AAMVA members with an opportunity to network with colleagues from fellow jurisdictions across the U.S. and Canada as well as with industry organizations that provide the products and services your jurisdiction needs. Register today and plan your trip to Minneapolis!

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## REGION I NEWS

**Fairfield Reps. Kupchick, Devlin Push For Easier Driver's License Renewals (Connecticut)**
A bill proposed by state Reps. Brenda Kupchick and Laura Devlin could make it much easier to renew your driver's license and car registration in Connecticut. [Read the full story at Fairfield.DailyVoice.com.](#)

**Pennsylvania Bills To Permit Local Speed Radar Use Clear Committee**
Two bills moving forward in the Pennsylvania Senate would authorize speed radar use by local police. Pennsylvania is the only state in the country that prohibits municipal police from enforcing speed limits with radar. Since 1961, only state troopers are allowed to use radar. [Read the full story at LandLineMag.com.](#)

**More Mediation Ordered In DMV IT Lawsuit (Rhode Island)**
A judge wants the state and the company building the R.I. Division of Motor Vehicles’ long-delayed new computer system to continue trying to settle their differences out of court. [Read the full story at WPRI.com.](#)

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## REGION II NEWS

**Revamped Real ID Driver's License Bill Gains Support From Lawmakers, Bevin (Kentucky)**
The General Assembly is getting a second chance to pass a Real ID law that would make Kentucky’s driver’s licenses comply with tougher federal security standards — and let Kentuckians keep using their licenses to board commercial airline flights and enter military bases. [Read the full story at InsiderLouisville.com.](#)

**North Carolina DMV Backlog Allowed Drivers On The Road Who Shouldn’t Have Been**
A state employee has been fired from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles for destroying official documents and failing to update and process thousands of records. [Read the full story at WNCN.com.](#)
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**OPEN RFPs**

Post your open RFPs/RFIs on AAMVA’s Web site at www.aamva.org/open-rfps/

Open RFP’s will be included in AAMVA’s Regional News and The Week In Review newsletters to provide maximum exposure for jurisdictional procurements.

**REGION III NEWS**

System Allows Motorists To Avoid Courtroom, Get Dismissals Online (North Carolina)
A new web-based system allows people receiving certain traffic citations to bypass court by requesting a dismissal online, a move court officials believe will translate into more convenience for offenders and less cases flooding courtrooms. [Read the full story at ClintonNC.com.](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=14016956)

Oklahomans to Pay $5 More for REAL ID-Compliant Licenses
The Oklahoma Senate has given final legislative approval to a bill to bring the state into compliance with the federal REAL ID Act, at a cost of an additional $5 to Oklahomans for driver's licenses. [Read the full story at USNews.com.](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=14016956)

Snarky Indiana State Police Officer’s Safety Video Goes Viral
It was a sunny day in Indianapolis, and Sgt. John Perrine’s calendar was wide open. So the Indiana State trooper did what any other person with a smartphone does when they’ve got a bit of downtime. He filmed a video … and it was hilarious. [Read the full story at King5.com.](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=14016956)

Real ID Effort Complicated By Immigrant License Issue (Minnesota)
The bill to create a high security “Real ID” for Minnesotans is hitting a serious glitch over an unexpected issue — immigration. Gov. Mark Dayton is telling fellow Democrats to vote against the bill unless it includes Minnesota driver’s licenses for undocumented immigrants. [Read the full story at Minnesota.CBSLocal.com.](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=14016956)

Nebraska Lawmakers Advance Bill That Would Require DMV To Make Pro-Life Plates
Nebraska lawmakers have given initial approval to a bill that would let drivers display opposition to abortion on their license plates. [Read the full story at WOWT.com.](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=14016956)

Auto Industry Urges Caution On Nebraska Autonomous Car Bill
Nebraska should be careful not to overregulate self-driving vehicles as technology continues to develop, lobbyists for auto manufacturers and dealers said Tuesday at a legislative committee hearing. [Read the full story at YorkNewsTime.com.](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=14016956)

Ohio Department Of Public Safety Launches My Safer Ohio Business
Today, the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) launched the My Safer Ohio Business clearinghouse as a way to make it easier for businesses, law enforcement and public safety organizations to connect with the purpose of building a stronger, more prepared and safer Ohio. [Read the DPS news release.](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=14016956)

**REGION IV NEWS**

Even though I am a uniform-wearing, sworn officer of the California Highway Patrol, believe it or not, I know exactly what it feels like to be pulled over by the police. [Read the full story at FresnoBee.com.](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=14016956)
Increasing Number Of Montana License Plates Reported On Cars In California
The California Highway Patrol is getting more reports than ever of vehicle owners who may be evading state taxes by registering cars in Montana. Read the full story at BozemanDailyChronicle.com.

California ‘Trust Women’ License Plates to Help Pay for Reproductive Care in Trump Era
“Choose Life” license plates in at least 15 states fund crisis pregnancy centers, or fake clinics, that lie to pregnant people and oppose a full spectrum of reproductive health choices. California legislators are bucking this trend with “California Trusts Women” license plates. Read the full story at Rewire.news.

DMV Crackdown Cites Unlicensed Auto Shops Across Las Vegas Valley (Nevada)
Michael Salman has fixed motors, replaced hoses and changed brakes for thousands of vehicles at Expert Auto in Las Vegas for more than 30 years, taking ownership of the garage in 2000. Read the full story at ReviewJournal.com.

Last Call For .08? Utah Drawing Closer To Lowest Blood-Alcohol Limit In Nation
A bill making Utah's legal alcohol limit the lowest in the nation is one step closer to becoming law Wednesday after a Senate committee voted 4-2 to advance it following nearly two hours of testimony. Read the full story at DeseretNews.com.

New Plan Aims To Combat Distracted Driving In Canada
A new 15-point-plan being rolled out today aims to make a dent in one of the biggest causes of death on our roads. The initiative is the idea of the Canadian Coalition on Distracted Driving, a national partnership made up of 24 key agencies representing government, police, health, industry and communities. Read the full story at News1130.com.

As Traffic Deaths Soar, Cities Pursue Lower Speed Limits To Eliminate Fatalities
Jurisdictions across the United States, including those in the Washington region, are embracing lower speed limits as the key to reversing the recent rise in traffic fatalities. Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com.

Digital License Plates Part Of New Wave In Vehicle Tech
You know those local watering holes or roadside grills. License plates adorn the walls like a multi-colored cross-section of the lower 48. Read the full story at AutoRemarketing.com.

On Twitter
@AAMVACoConnection 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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VermontDMV @VTDMV | View the Tweet

![Police in New England be like: Is he drunk or just dodging potholes?](image)

Be safe, make good choices and drive sober while celebrating spring break. #SpringBreakFL

NV DPS @NevadaDPS | View the Tweet
The Ford Driving Skills for Life program was featured in a segment on the Today Show this morning. Reporter Jeff...

Trooper Candice @TroopCandiceKHP | View the Tweet

Are your (eyes) here when u drive??
U can't (see) the road if u look @ ur ??! End #DistractedDriving #JustDrive #ItCanBeWait

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Wow Wednesday! Interstates are safer than any other roads, with urban Interstates being the safest. https://rspb.c.safety.fhwa.dot.gov/SafetyCOP.aspx

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