Submissions Due Soon for Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety

The Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety is presented annually to an AAMVA member jurisdiction employee or other individual whose primary function is directly associated with highway and traffic safety efforts and who has had a distinguished career in this arena. The individual can be currently active or retired. One award is presented for achievement in highway safety in Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and one for achievement in highway safety in Law Enforcement (LE). Visit the Safety Awards category of the AAMVA Awards Program for complete details about the Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety. Award submissions and accompanying materials must be received by AAMVA by April 15, 2017. All submissions should be sent to awards@aamva.org. Download the 2017 Awards Submission Packet.

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.

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!

Hearing To Be Held About Bill To Force Maine To Comply With Real ID Act

A public hearing will take place at the state house Tuesday on the future of Maine IDs. Read the full article on wgme.com.

Bills Would Offer Tax Relief For Blood, Organ Donations (New Jersey)

In New Jersey, you may soon get more than just a cookie and some juice for donating blood — and more than just a “thank you” for donating an organ. Read the full story at Politico.com.
NYC Traffic Deaths Plunged 26% This Winter After City Rolled Out 'Dusk And Darkness' Safety Campaign (New York)
The number of traffic fatalities dropped by 26% this winter after the city launched a traffic safety campaign to reduce the seasonal swell in evening crashes, officials announced Thursday. Read the full story at NYDailyNews.com.

New York State DMV Intervenes to Protect Consumers from Long Island Used Car Dealer Scheme
The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles today announced a consumer protection action on behalf of 48 customers who were taken advantage of by a Long Island used car dealer. Read the full story at LongIsland.com.

Governor Wolf Announces PennDOT Effort to Help Combat Human Trafficking
In an effort to help combat human trafficking, Governor Wolf announced that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is training its front line Driver License Center staff to notice signs of a potential trafficking situation. PennDOT is working with the Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association to help arrange this training for their operators as well, and is sharing trafficking awareness information with commercial drivers who visit Driver License Centers. Read the PennDOT press release.

Attorney General Wants Uber, Lyft Drivers Fingerprinted (Rhode Island)
Rhode Island's attorney general wants to start fingerprinting Uber and Lyft drivers, as well as traditional taxi drivers. Read the full story at SacBee.com.

Judge Rules Against Rhode Island In DMV IT Project Lawsuit
A judge on Tuesday dealt a blow to the Raimondo administration in its lawsuit over the long-delayed R.I. Division of Motor Vehicles computer project, setting the stage for a trial to start in about two months. Read the full story at WPRI.com.

Kentucky Presents Examiner Renee McCoy With 2016 Examiner of the Year Award
Sergeant Derris Hedger (right) of the Kentucky State Police presented Examiner Renee McCoy (left) with the 2016 Examiner of the Year Award during a ceremony earlier this week.

Real ID Bill Zooms Through House, Heads To Senate (South Carolina)
A bill requiring state driver’s licenses and identification cards comply with the federal Real ID law zoomed through the state House of Representatives on Thursday by an overwhelming 100-3 vote. The measure now heads to the Senate. Read the full story at CharlestonBusiness.com.

South Carolina House Passes Bill Requiring Moped Drivers To Carry Licenses And Face Traffic Enforcement
People all over South Carolina who are driving mopeds may soon be required to have a license and follow traffic laws. The S.C. House of Representatives passed a bill Tuesday that would require moped drivers to either have a valid drivers license or a separate moped exclusive license. Read the full story at PostandCourier.com.

**REGION III NEWS**

**Jesse White’s Legislation to Expand the Organ/Tissue Donor Registry Passes House (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 Illinois House of Representatives today. Read the SOS press release.

**Ohio Police Must Collect Data On Suspect Race Under Plan**
A state certification process will require that all Ohio police departments for the first time collect data on the race and gender of people they pull over in traffic stops or take aside for questioning. Read the full story at NBC24.com.

**Wisconsin DMV Offers Car Buying Tips**
With peak demand for vehicle sales occurring in spring and fall, dealers’ advertising and enticing discounts may tempt buyers. Before customers sign on the dotted line, Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds customers to do their homework. Read the DOT press release.

**REGION IV NEWS**

**Accept No Substitutes: MVD Warns Against Misleading Or Scam ‘DMV’ Websites (Arizona)**
Did you know there is no “DMV” in Arizona? It’s true, in Arizona it’s known as the Motor Vehicle Division – or MVD for short – and it’s part of the larger Arizona Department of Transportation. Read the MVD press release.

**Uber Granted DMV Permit To Test Self-Driving Vehicles In California**
They’re back. After a public tussle with tech titan Uber, the California Department of Vehicles today granted a permit for the ride-hail company to test self-driving cars in California. Read the full story at SFExaminer.com.

**Self-Driving Buses Without Back-Up Drivers Are On Their Way To California**
A pair of $250,000 autonomous buses began driving around an empty San Francisco Bay Area parking lot on Monday, preparing to move onto local public roads in California's first pilot program for a self-driving vehicle without a steering wheel or human operator. Read the full story at Newsweek.com.

**Production Error Causes Misprint On Colorado Driver Licenses And Identification Cards**
The Division of Motor Vehicles discovered a minor vendor production error which resulted in the listed height to be misprinted on driver licenses and identification cards renewed online between February 20, 2017 and March 6, 2017. See the DOR press release.
Toothy Smiles Prohibited on Idaho Driver's Licenses
The Idaho Department of Motor Vehicles is no longer allowing people to flash a big grin when they get their picture taken for a new driver's license. Read the full story at USNews.com.

Senate Committee To Vote On DMV Registration Bill (Nevada)
Supporters of a measure to automatically submit voter registration applications when people conduct certain transactions at the Department of Motor Vehicles said the change would modernize Nevada’s election system and make registering to vote easier. Read the full story at ReviewJournal.com.

Utah Lawmakers Pass Toughest DUI Limit In U.S. at 0.05 Percent
Utah could soon have the strictest DUI threshold in the nation after state lawmakers on Wednesday night voted to lower the limit for a driver's blood-alcohol content to 0.05 percent, down from 0.08 percent. Read the full story at WRCBTV.com.

Volkswagen Pleads Guilty In U.S. Diesel Emissions Scandal
Volkswagen pleaded guilty Friday to conspiracy and obstruction of justice in a brazen scheme to get around U.S. pollution rules on nearly 600,000 diesel vehicles by using software to suppress emissions of nitrogen oxide during tests. Read the full story at LATimes.com.

What To Do When Pulled Over: A New Chapter for Driver's Ed?
Deadly encounters between police officers and motorists have lawmakers across the country thinking driver’s education should require students to be taught what to do in a traffic stop. Read the article on www.wtop.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

On Twitter
@AAMVACoNnnection 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 @AAMVACoNnnection.

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WRAP.org @WRAP_org | View the Tweet

Community invited to witness dangers of distracted and drunken driving at mock DUI event

IIHS @IIHS_autosafety | View the Tweet

Crash test dummies sacrifice lives for car safety http://dailym.ai/2mHGmfL via @MailOnline

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Secretary Christy Hall announces launch of SCDOT’s Centennial website, where we
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Download and discuss with your teen rules for the road. Use the DMV teen safe driving agreement - [http://buff.ly/2lih0mFW](http://buff.ly/2lih0mFW)

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