DMV Investigators Integration Strategies Now Available
The DMV Investigator Integration Working Group has just released two deliverables. The first is a Resource Guide that includes general organizational and operational principles and guidance for DMV Investigative Units based on the research, experiences, and practices of Working Group members and the agencies they represent. The working group has also crafted a White Paper to help AAMVA more fully integrate DMV investigators into the AAMVA community. Visit the Best Practices page to download the documents today!

eID Working Group Seeks Volunteers
The eID Working Group has been jointly working with the Card Design Standards Committee (CDS) on the topic of mobile driver licenses (mDL). The Joint WG has been charged with the review and potential leveraging of existing identity residential standards and recommend standards for the AAMVA membership relating to the emergence and rising popularity of electronic identity (mDL being a prominent use case). The joint working group typically meets in-person only once or twice annually, and members are funded for travel to this meeting. Additionally, members are expected to complete occasional assignments between meetings. If you are interested in volunteering for this Working Group, please complete the application and submit to committees@aamva.org no later than March 24, 2017. If you have any questions regarding the Working Group, please contact Geoff Slagle.

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.
House Backs Bill To Help Maine Veterans Caught Up In Real ID Dispute
Maine lawmakers gave preliminary approval Tuesday to a bill that ensures several hundred veterans can continue receiving medical care at a New Hampshire military base despite Maine's noncompliance with the federal Real ID law. Read the full story at PressHerald.com.

Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Announces Comprehensive Traffic Data Now Available to the Public (New York)
The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) today announced that comprehensive traffic ticket data is now available in an online system called the Traffic Safety Statistical Repository (TSSR), which provides the public with access to New York State's traffic safety data. Through this new system, users can view interactive reports about tickets that were issued to motorists on New York's roadways starting in 2009 for violations of the state's Vehicle and Traffic Law. Read the full story at LongIsland.com.

Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Launches Redesigned Website
The Department of Driver Services (DDS) is excited to announce the launch of our redesigned agency website at www.dds.georgia.gov. The website has a fresh, contemporary look and is easier for customers to navigate while locating valuable driver's licensing information. Read the DDS press release.

Kentucky Lawmakers Approve REAL ID Bill To Meet Federal Standards
The state legislature has again approved a bill to bring the state into compliance with stricter identification card policies required by the federal government. Gov. Matt Bevin vetoed a similar version of the REAL ID bill last year but indicated he supports it this year. Read the full story at WFPL.org.

KSP Employee Named State's Top Driver's License Examiner
Kentucky State Police Driver Testing Examiner Renee McCoy has been named 2016 International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Examiner of the Year for Kentucky by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). Read the full story on www.mytrimblenews.com.

Statewide Ban On Texting While Driving Approved By Texas House
The Texas House on Wednesday passed a statewide ban on texting while driving, and supporters are hopeful that the long-sought legislation will finally make it to the governor's desk and be signed into law this year. Read the full story at Star-Telegram.com.

Judge Dismisses Virginia Driver's License Suspension Lawsuit, Citing Jurisdiction
A federal judge has dismissed a class-action lawsuit challenging the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' practice that automatically suspends the driver's licenses of individuals who cannot pay court fines and fees. Read the full story at...
Collegiate Law Program Offers Students A Look Into KHP Training (Kansas)
In two months, from May 14-May 17, 2017, college students interested in a career in law enforcement, particularly with interest in the Kansas Highway Patrol, will have the opportunity to experience what life in the law enforcement world is like. The Kansas Collegiate Law Enforcement Academy will be held this May at the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy. For more information about Collegiate Law, please call the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy at (785) 822-1700, or visit: www.kansashighwaypatrol.org/459/Collegiate-Law.

Colonel Sandra K. Karsten Sworn Into Office (Missouri)
The Missouri State Highway Patrol is pleased to announce the following: Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, 23rd superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, was sworn in at 3:30 p.m. on March 14, 2017, during a ceremony at General Headquarters, Jefferson City. The Honorable Carol England, Associate Circuit Court Judge–Division VI, administered the Oath of Office to the new colonel. Read the MSHP press release.

DMV Handled Record 1.4 Million Online Vehicle Registrations Last Year (Wisconsin)
Last year, the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) processed nearly 1.4 million vehicle registration renewals online – the highest annual total ever – which is an increase of over 50 percent compared to five years ago. Read the DOT press release.

MVD Improvements Attract International Attention (Arizona)
Good news travels fast and it also travels far. The work being done by the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division to lower office wait times, use employees more resourcefully and be more efficient overall is being noticed 9,000 miles away in Singapore. Read the full story at AZDOT.gov

California To Give The Green Light To Truly Driverless Cars
Cars with no steering wheel, no pedals and nobody at all inside could be driving themselves on California roads by the end of the year, under proposed new state rules that would give a powerful boost to the fast-developing technology. Read the full story at hosted.ap.org.

DMV Cracks Down on Drivers Illegally Using Disabled Parking Placards (California)
Wednesday, officers with the California Department of Motor Vehicles went after people who are not disabled, but are using a disabled parking placard. One of the areas where there are the most violators is downtown Sacramento. Read the full story at Fox40.com.

Colorado Bill Would Expedite Immigrant License Renewals
Colorado has issued driver’s licenses to unauthorized immigrant residents since
2014, and lawmakers acted Wednesday to make it easier to renew them when the first of those licenses start expiring in August. Read the full story at Coloradoan.com.

**OTHER NEWS**

**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**
@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.).

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community. You may be surprised at what you’re missing! Follow @AAMVAConnection.

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