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 Wilmington, Delaware

SYSTEMS TRAINING

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27 | [CD03 State-to-State Status Request \(intermediate\)](#)

28 | [CD04 State-to-State History Request \(intermediate\)](#)

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2018 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute Wraps Up

The 2018 Workshop & Law Institute took place this week at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel. Attendees learned about a variety of topics facing jurisdictions as well as met with industry leaders providing products and services to improve business. Many of the presentations from the event are available for download at the event's [Download Center](#) online. [Pictures from the event](#) are available on Flickr, and you can also [watch a wrap-up video](#) on YouTube..

Standing Committee Update Videos



2018 - AAMVA Standing Committee Updates

AAMVA's Driver, Law Enforcement, and Vehicle Standing Committees each gave a video update at the 2018 Workshop and Law Institute, detailing their accomplishments over the past year and discussing what's ahead. You can view these videos on [AAMVA's YouTube channel](#).

mDL Overview Video Now Available



AAMVA has created a video giving an overview of mobile driver's license (mDL) technology and the opportunities it presents to the AAMVA Community. [Visit the mDL page](#) on AAMVA's Web site for more information.

REGION 1 NEWS

In Maryland, Lawmakers Again Debate \$500 Fine for Texting and Driving

Frustrated that drivers continue to use mobile phones on the road despite existing penalties, Maryland lawmakers are weighing whether to increase the maximum fine for

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**27** | [NMVTIS State Web Interface – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

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**AAMVA RFP FY18-058: PR/Marketing Strategy for AAMVA**

*Deadline March 30, 2018*

**AAMVA RFP FY18-055: AAMVA Awards Program Software Services**

*Deadline: March 30, 2018*

**IRP RFI Electronic Credentials**

*Deadline: April 14, 2018*

texting and driving to \$500 — one of the highest penalties in the country. [Read the article at washingtonpost.com.](#)

**RMV Shutting Down Later This Week to Prepare for REAL-ID Compliant Licenses (Massachusetts)**

Renewing a Massachusetts driver's license will become a more paper-intensive process starting next week for anyone who wants to use the ID for domestic air travel years into the future. Starting Oct. 1, 2020, regular Massachusetts driver's licenses will no longer suffice for people trying to fly domestically, enter federal buildings or access nuclear facilities. [Read the article at lowellsun.com.](#)

**New Massachusetts Car Inspection System Is Tough But Honest**

Massachusetts implemented a new vehicle inspection system last October that had enthusiasts scared that the sky was falling. A strict computerized system with cameras in the inspection bays would ensure inspectors had no room to be lenient. The system got off to a rocky start, with a mere fraction of the state's inspection stations fully operational on October 1. [Read the article at thedrive.com.](#)

**PennDOT Announces New Motorcycle Training for 2018**

Courtesy of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, 2018 brings an exciting new line of Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program (PAMSP) clinics focused on developing operator proficiency among prospective, experienced, and new Pennsylvania riders. Clinics are offered free-of-charge to Pennsylvania residents who have a motorcycle learner's permit or motorcycle license. [Read the press release.](#)

**DEP, Pennsylvania DOT, and Partners to Unveil Draft Plan to Increase Electric Vehicle Use in Pennsylvania**

The Drive Electric Pennsylvania Coalition, a statewide public-private working group led by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), will unveil details of its draft plan to help expand electric vehicle use in Pennsylvania at a public meeting on March 26. [Read the press release.](#)

**State Pushes Automated Safety Vehicles at Pennsylvania DOT**

It sounds like an oxymoron, but the state Legislature is taking action to help reduce the risk in one of the more dangerous jobs in road maintenance: driving the safety truck. [Read the article at poconorecord.com.](#)

**REGION 2 NEWS****Georgia Distracted Driving Bill Gains New Momentum**

A bill that would crack down on distracted driving in Georgia has gained new momentum, winning key endorsements and clearing a hurdle in the state Senate. [Read the article at myajc.com.](#)

**Abuse of Handicap Spaces Prompts New Fee Proposal (Kentucky)**

Lawmakers in Kentucky have passed a bill to begin charging a fee again for getting extra temporary handicap placards you hang from your rear-view mirror. ... According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, there was 289,288 placards issued in 2017, in addition to the 29,069 permanent plates. [Read the article at wsaz.com.](#)

**Possible Oklahoma License Plate Changes Could Raise \$40 Million a Year for State**

By now, most Oklahoma residents should have the new scissortail license plate, but unlike other states, Oklahoma plates belong to the car and not the owner. However, that could soon change, and the changes bring the possibility of tens of millions of dollars more a year into the state. [Read the article at ktul.com.](#)

**Real or Rejected? Texas DMV Turns Down Thousands of Vanity Plate Suggestions**

From political jabs like "NO TRUMP," "DPORT ME" and "ENSLAVE" to naughty

phrases we won't subject you to, thousands of drivers tried to slip one past the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles last year by requesting profane or derogatory specialty license plates for their sweet rides. [Read the article at kxan.com.](#)

### **Illegal Sales of Vehicle Registrations on Social Media (Texas)**

Avoiding long lines to purchasing a vehicle registration sticker on social media, think again. CHANNEL 5 NEWS learned buying vehicle registration stickers on social media may land you in hot water. [Read the article at krgv.com.](#)

### **Texas Teens Join Texas DOT To Urge Young Drivers To Buckle Up**

Texas teens have an important message for their friends and fellow students: Always buckle up. The message is part of the Texas Department of Transportation's annual "Teen Click It or Ticket" campaign, in partnership with high school students, to urge young drivers and their passengers to wear their seat belts every time they're in a vehicle. [Read the press release.](#)

### **State Representatives Hoping to Diminish DMV Wait Times (Texas)**

State representatives are teaming up with DPS, with the goal of reducing your wait time when you go to get your driver's license renewed. [Read the article at ksw.com.](#)

### **Virginia to Offer New Specialty License Plates**

Virginians are likely to see a handful of new specialty license plates this summer, including one supporting an end to gun violence. Del. Marcus Simon, D-Fairfax, sponsored the bill authorizing the plate with the legend "Stop Gun Violence." [Read the article at insidenova.com.](#)

## **REGION 3 NEWS**

### **Are You Ready For It? BMV Encourages People to Get Their Real IDs ASAP (Indiana)**

Now one important thing to note is that a Real ID isn't required when you renew or replace your driver's license or identification card. But it's highly recommended. A Real ID is required for people getting an Indiana license or identification card for the first time. [Read the article at jconline.com.](#)

### **New Computer System for Issuing Drivers Licenses Delayed for Certifications (Kansas)**

A new computer system for issuing Kansas driver's licenses was supposed to launch January 2nd, but the \$8.7 million system still is not up and running. [Read the article at wibw.com.](#)

### **7 Michigan Police Officers Charged in Fraudulent Auto Inspection Cases**

Seven current and former Michigan police officers -- including three people from the same family -- are facing criminal charges for failing to conduct proper inspections of rebuilt salvage vehicles, according to the Michigan attorney general's office. They are accused of signing Secretary of State documents certifying inspections that, in reality, didn't happen, based on an investigation by the FBI Detroit-Area Public Corruption Task Force. [Read the article at mlive.com.](#)

### **Jasinski Bill Looks to Help Solve Vehicle Licensing, Registration Backlog (Minnesota)**

Deputy registrars have experienced a number of problems since last July when the state launched a new system for licensing and registering vehicles. Aware of backlogs, state Sen. John Jasinski, R-Faribault, recently proposed a bill, to grant deputy registrars more power to correct erroneous transactions and simple errors. [Read the article at southernminn.com.](#)

### **Minnesota Prepares for Driverless Technology**

Sunday night's fatal collision in Tempe, Ariz., in which a self-driven Uber car struck and

killed a woman walking her bike, has focused new scrutiny on emerging automotive technologies. Meanwhile, Minnesota is trying to imagine what the transportation landscape of the future could look like and how to navigate it. [Read the article at southernminn.com.](#)

## Mountain Lion License Plates Have Clawed Their Way To the Top (Nebraska)

The state lowballed the appetite for the mountain lion plate a few years ago, when it was still just a hopeful bill introduced by Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha. The Department of Motor Vehicles filed a fiscal note — a dollars-and-cents estimate of the impact of legislation — predicting it would sell 2,500 plates the first year. [Read the article at journalstar.com.](#)

## REGION 4 NEWS

## U.S. Supreme Court Rejects Arizona on Driver's Licenses for Immigrants

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to let Arizona deny driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants who are protected from deportation under a program started by President Barack Obama. For the second time in recent weeks, the justices steered clear of a fight over the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy. [Read the article at bloomberg.com.](#)

## California Special Alert: Update Regarding Use of Non-REAL IDs for Firearm Purchases

NRA and CRPA attorneys recently received further clarification from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF") regarding the use of non-REAL IDs when purchasing a firearm at a California licensed firearms dealer. ... Licenses issued after January 22, 2018 that state "FEDERAL LIMITS APPLY" may or may not have been issued to a person who is within the United States illegally. [Read the article at nraila.org.](#)

## DMV Offers "Real ID" Driver License to Avoid "Federal Limits" (California)

The California DMV is having those who want to buy guns, and fly domestically, renew their Driver's License to add an insignia. in what's being called the "Real ID" only real id licenses and other federally approved documents will be accepted for access on domestic flights and federal facilities starting October 1st, 2020. [Read the article at kiem-tv.com.](#)

## Hunter to Introduce Bill Allowing Drivers Under 21 to Operate Rigs Across State Lines (California)

A California congressman will introduce legislation Wednesday to allow commercial truck drivers under the age of 21 to operate in interstate commerce through their involvement in an "apprenticeship" program overseen by seasoned commercial drivers. [Read the article at dcvelocity.com.](#)

## Vendor Lost Documents of 66,500 Driver's License Applicants, City Says (Hawaii)

The city said today that personal documents of 66,500 individuals scanned at driver licensing centers last year have been lost and the city will have to collect the documents again. The city said the documents are "unrecoverable due to a multiple hard disk crash" of a contractor's computer server Sept. 15. [Read the article at staradvertiser.com.](#)

## Autonomous Vehicles on State's Roads Still Likely Years Away (Washington)

Washington state is laying out its plans to regulate driverless cars tonight. We started digging into this after an Uber self-driving car hit and killed a pedestrian in Arizona early this morning. Fifty companies already have permits to test on public roads and highways in California. [Read the article at kiro7.com.](#)

**OTHER NEWS****U.S. Probes Air Bag Failures In Deadly Hyundai, Kia Car Crashes**

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said on Saturday it is opening a probe into why some air bags failed to deploy in Hyundai and Kia vehicles after crashes in which four people were reportedly killed and another six injured. The agency said it was reviewing 425,000 2012-2013 Kia Forte and 2011 Hyundai Sonata cars. [Read the article at reuters.com.](#)

**1 in 3 Young Adults Ride With Impaired Drivers, According to New Study**

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury in the young, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Previous research has shown that impaired drivers are more likely to be male, have previous driving offenses, risky driving behaviors and troubled family backgrounds. But this type of driver will likely also have a history of riding with the impaired. [Read the article at abcnews.go.com.](#)

**Uber Driverless-Vehicle Accident Complicates Push to Ease Rules**

This week's pedestrian fatality involving a self-driving car is likely to complicate efforts in Congress to speed the vehicles' development by wiping away state safety regulations. [Read the article at wsj.com.](#)

**In Canada, Driverless Cars Learn to See In the Snow**

A Canadian town known for its annual theater festival is emerging as a hub of "snowtonomous" research, as automakers face demands to produce self-driving cars that can perform in snow and sleet. But testing driverless cars in cold climates brings added challenges to an industry grappling with the first fatality involving an autonomous vehicle. [Read the article at reuters.com.](#)

**Study: Teens More Likely To Ride With High Drivers Than Drunk Ones**

A new study is looking at the impact of marijuana on teen driving decisions. The study led by Colorado State University found young adults are more likely to ride with a driver impaired by marijuana than one who is drunk. It's one of the first studies to ask not only what an impaired driver was using but also how they were related to passengers. [Read the article at denver.cbslocal.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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Last week, we attended the @AAMVAConnection 2018 Workshop and Law Institute to learn about the steps motor vehicle agencies are taking to embrace digital transformation. Learn more in our blog post! <http://ex.pn/zkz98>

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"States and localities should conduct frequent sobriety checkpoints in conjunction with widespread publicity to promote awareness of these enforcement initiatives" — NAS report. Couldn't agree more & it's part of MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving! <http://bit.ly/2tMfYGI>

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Safety testing of new vehicles has gradually become more stringent. 2018 models that earn top ratings are much safer than top-rated vehicles in the past.

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**Voter Vehicle**  
 January 2018 The Virginia DMV and Department of Elections create an electronic voter registration system  
 By Brittany Magee ...  
 movemag.org

Great news and focus from @AAMVAConnection on how @vaELECT and DMV are innovating voter registration for most of their voters!

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**AAMVA On: Mobile DL**  
 youtube.com

Rob Mikell of @IdemiaGroup displays the Delaware mobile driver's license in an @AAMVAConnection video on mDL

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Today, Member Dinh-Zarr & NTSB staff joined other stakeholders @RoadToZeroUS to discuss #commercial #vehicle #safety, proven effective countermeasures to address roadway safety issues & the coalitions vision of zero roadway deaths. #NTSBhwy #NTSBmwl



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