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AAMVA at Lifesavers Conference This Week

AAMVA is pleased to be an exhibitor at the Lifesavers Conference this week in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Lifesavers Conference brings together a unique combination of public health and safety professionals, researchers, advocates, practitioners and students committed to sharing best practices, research, and policy initiatives that are proven to work. For more information, visit <http://lifesaversconference.org/>

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OUR EVENTS

APRIL

11-13 | [2017 April CDL Coordinators and IT Meeting](#)
St. Louis, Missouri

19-20 | [2017 April Board Meeting](#)
Arlington, Virginia

19 | [2017 April Industry Advisory](#)

AAMVA Website for National Registry II

AAMVA has created a page for the Medical Examiner's Certification Integration final rule (i.e., National Registry II) on the [AAMVA website](#). The National Registry II page has three tabs which provide the following information:

- Overview – Overview of the National Registry II requirements and solution
- Documentation – Documentation available for National Registry II
- Participation – National Registry II State implementation status

FMCSA has approved the Mini Specification for the first National Registry II transaction 'NR01 MEC Verification Inquiry'. This Mini Specification and notes regarding the usage of this document is now available under the 'Documentation' tab. AAMVA hosted webinars that provided a high level overview of the National Registry II solution, and a walk through of the NR01 Mini Spec in February 2017. The recording for these webinars and associated slides can be found in the [AAMVA Webinar Archives](#). AAMVA will continue to release Mini Specifications for National Registry II and will inform you once they are available. The complete Master Specification will be published by February 2018. If you have any questions regarding the specification, please contact Helpdesk@aamva.org

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.](#)

Board Meeting

Arlington, Virginia

25-27 | [2017 NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group Meeting](#)

Arlington, Virginia

26-27 | [2017 NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group Meeting](#)

Arlington, Virginia

MAY21-24 | Region IV Annual Conference
Seattle, WA**JUNE**19-22 | Region II Annual Conference
Chattanooga, TN**SYSTEMS TRAINING***Register for the following training sessions [HERE](#).**APRIL**

4 | CDLIS A Overview (basic)

5 | CDLIS B Inquiry Transactions (basic)

6 | CDLIS C Update Transactions (basic)

11 | CD01 Search Inquiry (intermediate)

12 | CD02 Verification Inquiry (intermediate)

13 | CD05 AKA Data Inquiry (intermediate)

18 | D07 Add New Driver (intermediate)

19 | CD09 Change Data

REGION I NEWS**Maryland Alcohol Tax Increase Linked To Drop In Drunk Driving Crashes**

Alcohol-related crashes where people were killed or hurt dropped by an annual rate of 6 percent after the state raised the alcohol sales tax in 2011, according to a University of Maryland-led study to be released Monday. The decline, which was even higher for younger drivers, was more significant than researchers expected from the tax hike. [Read the full story at BaltimoreSun.com.](#)

Fourth DUI Could Soon Lead To Up To 10 Years In Jail (Maryland)

A fourth conviction for driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs could soon net a defendant up to 10 years in prison if legislation in the Maryland General Assembly continues to move forward. [Read the full story at TheDailyRecord.com.](#)

Gov. Cuomo Announces Big Progress In Statewide Crackdown Of Underage Drinking (New York)

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announces major progress in a statewide crackdown in underage drinking. The State Liquor Authority and Department of Motor Vehicles joined efforts to fight underage drinking in New York. At the halfway mark, the comprehensive crackdown has resulted in 92 licensees charged with Selling to Minors, 83 arrests of persons under 21 attempting to purchase alcohol, and 92 confiscated fake IDs. [Read the full story at WKBW.com.](#)

Uber Resumes Self-Driving Car Program After Brief Suspension (Pennsylvania & Arizona)

Uber says it is resuming its self-driving car program in Arizona and Pittsburgh after it was suspended following a crash over the weekend. The company had also grounded self-driving cars in San Francisco over the weekend but they resumed operating earlier on Monday. The difference between the California program versus the ones in Arizona and Pennsylvania is that California does not allow passengers to ride in the vehicles. [Read the full story at Mcall.com.](#)

Rhode Island's Highest Court Won't Intervene in DMV Case

Rhode Island's highest court won't intervene in the state's attempt to make Hewlett Packard Enterprise finish building a new computer system for the state Department of Motor Vehicles. The state Supreme Court on Wednesday issued an order denying a petition by the administration of Democratic Gov. Gina Raimondo to block the Palo Alto, California-based company from walking off the unfinished job. [Read the full story at usnews.com](#)

REGION II NEWS**Real ID License Will Not Be Available in Kentucky Until 2019**

Gov. Matt Bevin signed a law that would put Kentucky in compliance with the federal Real ID Act of 2005, passed in response to the 2001 terrorist attacks. The law will allow Kentuckians to purchase voluntary travel IDs to replace their standard drivers' licenses. While the law is on the books, it will be about another two years before Kentuckians can make the switch. [Read more at wkvt.com](#)

Over 80 Newly Certified Officers Graduate March 31 from TLETA (Tennessee)

(intermediate)

20 | CD15 Update AKA Data
(intermediate)

25 | CDLIS Resolving Duplicate
Pointers (advanced)

26 | CD14 Mark Driver Unique
(intermediate)

27 | CD10 Delete Master Pointer
Record (intermediate)

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OUR WEBINARS

APRIL

10 | [How to Accurately Post State Titling Activity into the NMVTIS Batch Interface Files](#)

11 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

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

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

20, 27 | [Understanding MEC Transmission \(NR02\) National Registry System Specification](#)

OPEN RFPs

[Nevada DMV: Digital Message Display Systems and Wi-Fi Services \(RFP# 2017-4744-01\)](#)

Proposals due: March 27, 2017

[Massachusetts RMV: Vehicle Registration Renewal Kiosks](#)

Proposals due: March 31, 2017

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*

Over 80 newly certified law enforcement officers will graduate from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy (TLETA) at 11 a.m. Friday, March 31, 2017 during a ceremony to be held at Hermitage Hills Baptist Church (3475 Lebanon Pike, Hermitage, TN). [Read the press release at tn.gov.](#)

REGION III NEWS

Mechanic Inspections Now Required For Rebuilt Salvage Vehicles To Ensure Safety (Michigan)

Under a new state law now in effect, damaged vehicles deemed salvage must be inspected by a certified mechanic before being allowed back on the road, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced today. Previously, only an inspection by a trained law-enforcement officer was required to verify that the vehicle was not repaired using stolen auto parts. The new law adds a certification by a licensed mechanic to ensure the repair work was done adequately and the vehicle is safe to drive. [Read the SOS press release.](#)

Missouri Governor Says Trump Might Intervene On Real ID Act

Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens said Tuesday that President Donald Trump may be considering whether to halt or delay a federal identification requirement that could soon prevent residents from Missouri and some other states from using their driver's licenses to board airplanes. Greitens told Missouri reporters that he spoke with members of Trump's administration about the federal Real ID Act during a recent trip to Washington, D.C. [Read the full story at FoxNews.com](#)

REGION IV NEWS

Uber To Suspend Autonomous Tests After Arizona Accident

Uber Technologies Inc. is suspending its self-driving car program after one of its autonomous vehicles was involved in a high-impact crash in Tempe, Arizona, the latest incident for a company reeling from multiple crises. [Read the full story at drive.com.](#)

MVD Expands Number Of Online Road Test Appointments (Arizona)

It's goodbye to guesswork. If you need to take a road test to get your driver license, the number of available online appointments at Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division offices just went up more than 30 percent. [Read the MVD press release.](#)

Gas Tax, Vehicle Fees Would Rise Under California Road Plan

California Gov. Jerry Brown and fellow Democrats who control the state Legislature are proposing to raise \$52.4 billion over 10 years by significantly boosting fuel taxes and vehicle fees. The money would go toward fixing a massive backlog in road and bridge repairs. Republicans say the state already collects plenty of money but has diverted it to other uses. [Read the full story at DailyProgress.com.](#)

Man Arrested In Marin Was Carrying 19 Licenses, 7 Computers And 3 Vacuums (California)

An unidentified male was arrested in Marin on multiple counts of identity theft and fraudulent charges. In his possession were 19 fake California driver's licenses, seven brand-new MacBook Pro computers, and three iRobot vacuums, authorities

procurements.

said. An employee at the mail receiving center in southern Marin assisted police in tracking down the suspect after writing down his license plate number upon picking up the package. [Read the full story at SFGate.com.](#)

Cost for Montana to Comply with REAL ID Over \$2M Per Year

A bill to make Montana compliant with federal driver's license rules would cost the state more than \$2 million a year for the next four years. But if it doesn't pass, Montana residents won't be able to use their state-issued licenses to board airplanes starting in January. [Read the full story at FlatheadBeacon.com.](#)

Washington Granted REAL ID Compliance Extension

With a deadline looming that could affect Washington residents' ability to fly domestically, the state has been granted a temporary extension from the enforcement of federal requirements for state driver's licenses and ID cards. [Read the full story at PeninsulaDailyNews.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Driving While Distracted: Which Countries Have Toughest Laws?

Countries around the world have added laws to try to tackle distracted driving, but the penalties vary dramatically by country. More than 30 countries around the world have made it illegal to use a handheld device while driving, according to the US Department of Transportation. [Read the full story at CNN.com.](#)

Distraction Cited as Pedestrian Deaths Spiked in 2016

Pedestrian deaths are climbing faster than motorist fatalities, reaching nearly 6,000 deaths last year — the highest total in more than two decades, according to an analysis of preliminary state data released Thursday. Increased driving due to an improved economy, lower gas prices and more walking for exercise and environmental factors are some of the likely reasons behind the estimated 11 percent spike in pedestrian fatalities in 2016. The figures were prepared for the Governors Highway Safety Association, which represents state highway safety offices. [Read the full story at NYTimes.com.](#)

Man Fails Driving Test 32 Times, Gets License After 25 Years

It took 42-year-old Christian Whiteley-Mason 25 years to get his licence. He failed 32 driving tests and passed in 33rd attempt. According to the Daily Express, Mason took 85 lessons with 14 instructors. Additionally, the whole thing cost him £10,000. [Read the full story at KhaleejTimes.com](#)

Ford Recalls 570,000 Vehicles; Potential Engine Fires, Faulty Doors Affect Consumers In North America, Europe

Ford is recalling more than 570,000 vehicles in North America and Europe to fix separate problems that can cause engine fires and doors to fly open unexpectedly. The recalls will hit the company's bottom line in the first quarter of this year. Ford said in a Wednesday filing with securities regulators that the recalls will cut pre-tax earnings by US\$295 million. [Read the full story at EEdition.lfpress.com.](#)

VW To Pay Over \$157M To Settle Emissions Claims By 10 States

Volkswagen is paying more than \$157 million to 10 states to settle environmental lawsuits over the company's diesel emissions-cheating scandal. The company says the money will go to Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. All 10 states

follow California's clean air standards. [Read the full story at PoconoRecord.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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GHSA @GHSAHQ | [View the Tweet](#)

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NHTSA @NHTSAgov | [View the Tweet](#)

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