The International Driver Examiner Certification Board and Test Maintenance Subcommittee Meet

The AAMVA International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Board and Test Maintenance Subcommittee (TMS) met jointly to discuss revisions and future updates to the Commercial and Non-Commercial testing standards and materials. The groups met to discuss the strategic alignment of changes to the test systems components and IDEC Examiner Training materials. Both groups are dedicated to developing testing standards and materials and addressing the growing use of and concerns with changing vehicle technologies to assist in strengthening driver license examiner awareness.

Pennsylvania to Join State-to-State Verification Service (S2S)

Pennsylvania will begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on Monday, May 21st. Tasks related to on-boarding Pennsylvania will be conducted during the weekend of May 19th. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there may be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site is in inquiry-only mode or is unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2AM to 5AM on Sunday, May 20th).

Following Pennsylvania, several states will be joining the S2S program throughout 2018. Please visit http://www.aamva.org/State-to-State/ for a full timeline and more information.

AAMVA Now Accepting Applications to Fill Upcoming Standing Committee Vacancies

AAMVA is looking for additional jurisdiction members to serve on our three standing committees. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices and network with your peers. Several jurisdiction positions are available in each of the three standing committees. If you would like to serve on one of our committees, please complete the Committee Member Application Form. All applications must be received by July 1, 2018. (Details and application instructions are available in the “Committee Opportunities“ tab on the Committees & Working Groups Web page.) We attempt to maintain jurisdictional and regional balance on all committees and working groups. Even if you submitted an application previously, please resubmit. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Graham via email to committees@aamva.org or phone (703) 522-4200.

Maryland Becomes First State to Notify Drivers of Vehicle Recall Information

Maryland has launched a pilot program that uses the vehicle registration process to alert car owners of recalls involving their vehicle. Read more at wtop.com.
School Bus Operators Call On State To Help Ease Driver Shortage (New Hampshire)
The shortage of bus drivers in many school districts is severe and only going to get worse without some form of state intervention, according to drivers and bus service operators. Read more at newhampshire.com.

Survey Shows DMV Registrants Don't Want Personal Information Sold (New York)
A new survey, conducted at the Erie County auto bureaus, indicates that vehicle registrants would choose to opt out of having their information sold by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, according to Erie County Clerk Mickey Kearns. Read more at westsenecabee.com.

DUI Study Finds Ignition Interlocks for All Offenders Cut Down On Fatal Accidents (Pennsylvania)
A law requiring some people in Pennsylvania convicted of driving under the influence to install ignition interlocks in their vehicles went into effect in August. Read the article at post-gazette.com.

Mobile Driver's Licenses: When Will Pennsylvania Get Them?
Don't expect to whip out your smartphone to show your driver's license to a police officer anytime soon. More than a dozen states, including Delaware, are testing out putting driver's licenses on smartphones. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation anticipates offering a pilot program in the future, but that's still years away. Read more at publicopinionline.com.

License, ID Card Holders Can Save Lives Through Organ Donation (Pennsylvania)
In conjunction with the national observance of Donate Life Month in April, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is advising Pennsylvanians that driver's license and identification (ID) card holders can easily help another person live a fuller, longer life by registering as an organ donor. Read the press release.

Hearing On Distracted Driving Legislation Held At Statehouse (Pennsylvania)
Distracted driving legislation was at the center of a public hearing at the Capitol. The hearing happening just a day after numbers from Pennsylvania courts show distracted driving is on the rise in the Keystone state. According to the Pennsylvania State Police in 2016, distracted driving was the reason 69 people were killed. Read more at fox43.com.

Lawsuit Over Denial Of 'IM God' License Plate Can Proceed (Kentucky)
An Ohio man had a personalized license plate saying "IM GOD," but when he moved to Kentucky, his request for the same one was denied. In 2016, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Freedom From Religion Foundation filed a lawsuit on his behalf challenging Kentucky regulations. A ruling released Friday from U.S. District Judge Gregory F. Van Tatenhove allows Bennie Hart's lawsuit to go forward. Read more at foxnews.com.

Mississippi Outs Legal Immigrants on Drivers' Licenses
Abigail Piña Mandujano had to start carrying her visa with her when she drives because "Non-US Citizen Driver License" is emblazoned on Mandujano's Mississippi driver's license in red letters. Read more at jacksonfreepress.com.

North Carolina REAL I.D. Mobile Unit Now Available Aboard Camp Lejeune
In January, Camp Lejeune began requiring all visitors to base to show a N.C. REAL
AAMVA RFP FY18-059: AAMVAnet Modernization Study
Deadline: April 25, 2018

New Mexico MVD: RFI for MVD Statewide Vehicle License Plate Recycling and Destruction Services
Deadline: May 10, 2018

I.D. as part of stricter security standards after 9/11, but the process can be time consuming so the base partnered with the D.M.V. to open a mobile license office at Camp Lejeune. The mobile REAL I.D. Unit means that Marines and their families no longer have to leave base to get their new I.D.'s. Read more at wnct.com.

Fake IDs May Seem Harmless, But They're a 'Threat to National Security' (South Carolina)
Fake IDs that are nearly impossible to detect are flooding a growing number of bars in Five Points, according to reporting by The State newspaper. But experts say these high-quality counterfeits are used for far more nefarious purposes. Read more at thestate.com.

Texas-Based Company Auctioning 50 Rare License Plates
The Texas-based custom license plate company, My Plates, it auctioning off 50 rare and highly sought-after plates including unique phrases, two-digit numbers, and even a single-letter plate. Read the article at chron.com.

Texas Violating Motor-Voter Law, U.S. Judge Rules
A federal judge has sided with a civil rights group that accused Texas officials of violating U.S. law by failing to automatically register voters who go online to obtain or renew a driver’s license. Read more at mystatesman.com.

DMV Reports 'Extremely Alarming' Uptick In Motorcycle Deaths (Virginia)
Staggering new numbers from the DMV show a dramatic uptick in motorcycle deaths in Virginia. In 2017, Virginia reported the highest number of motorcycle deaths its seen in the past decade -- 107 to be exact, compared to 72 in 2016. Read more at wric.com.

Jesse White Unveils New Organ/Tissue Donation Campaign (Illinois)
Highlights 16- and 17-year-olds eligibility to register as organ/tissue donors Secretary of State Jesse White unveiled a new ad campaign today highlighting the Jan. 1, 2018 law allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to register to become organ/tissue donors during his annual kick off of National Donate Life Month in April. Read the press release.

Cops Ride Buses to Spy On Drivers (Manitoba)
Winnipeg police are riding transit buses to crack down on drivers who are using cellphones behind the wheel. At a news conference Thursday, police warned motorists they will be watched from above as officers ride city buses as passengers so they can look down on drivers. Read more at winnipegfreepress.com.

License Suspensions a "Catch-22" Some Lawmakers Aim to Fix (Minnesota)
A measure now under consideration would prohibit the punishment of suspending someone's driver's license because they did not pay a traffic or parking ticket. Several states, from Mississippi to California, have made the change. Others face lawsuits from groups that want to end the practice. Read more at startribune.com.

Report: Official Knew of Vehicle Licensing System Problems (Minnesota)
An outside investigator has found that the information technology official overseeing Minnesota's troubled vehicle licensing system was aware of numerous issues but failed to address them. Read more at usnews.com.

Alberta to Allow Turban-Wearing Sikhs Right To Ride
Motorcycles Without Helmets
Turban-wearing Sikhs in Alberta will be allowed to ride motorcycles without a helmet starting April 12. The exemption to the vehicle equipment regulation in the Traffic Safety Act was amended by an order from Transportation Minister Brian Mason, the provincial government announced Thursday. Read more at cbc.ca.

Arizona Governor Ducey Signs Bills On Embryos, Substitute Teachers, Driver's Licenses and More
House Bill 2169, which allows courts to offer a restricted license to someone who commits a minor traffic offense, also gained Ducey's approval. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Paul Boyer, R-Phoenix, said the measure was inspired by a man who got in a crash that wasn't his fault while on a suspended license. The man claimed he didn't know the license was suspended. Because his license was suspended, the man, who owned a pool business, had to pay to travel using ride-sharing apps. Read more at azcentral.com.

Specialty License Plate Raises $3 Million for Arizona Highways
A specialty license plate has raised more than $3 million for Arizona Highways since it was introduced nine years ago. Arizona Highways is a magazine produced by the Arizona Department of Transportation. Read more at kgun9.com.

ICBC Rolls Out New Driver's Licence Testing for Seniors Over 80 (British Columbia)
The goal is the same but the test is more "robust." That's how ICBC's manager of driver licensing training describes the new test rules that rolled out last month for drivers aged 80 and older. Ben Bowcott said the Crown agency wants senior commuters behind the wheel to be independent for as long as medically possible. But it also wants them and those around them to be safe on the roads as the population gets older. Read more at vancourier.com.

California Welcomes Zero Unmanned Self-Driving Cars After Only One Company Applies for Permit
Today is the first day that self-driving cars can legally drive on the streets of California without a human safety operator inside them. As the Silicon Valley-based outlet The Mercury News put it, today should be historical. Read the article at gizmodo.com.

DMV to Begin Automatically Registering Voters (California)
In just a few days visitors to DMV will experience a new addition when conducting transactions — proactive voter registration options. In 2015 California's new "Motor Voter" bill was signed into law. However, it could not go into effect until California's statewide voter database was operational and data issues were solved. Read more at oc-breeze.com.

California Launches System Allowing Driverless Cars to Ditch Their Backup Drivers
It was a rulemaking slog, one that some in the industry criticized as an example of typical Golden State overreach. But on Monday, after years of drafts, public comment sessions and revisions, California regulations allowing the testing and public use of fully driverless cars took effect. Previous rules required human backup drivers behind the wheel. Read more at washingtonpost.com.

More Than a Million Undocumented Immigrants Have Received California Driver's Licenses
More than 1 million undocumented immigrants have received driver's licenses, the California Department of Motor Vehicles announced Wednesday. Assembly Bill 60, authored by then-Assemblyman Luis Alejo in 2013, required California DMV offices to issue driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants as long as they can prove their identity and residence within the state. Read more at sacbee.com.

New Mexico Readies For Driverless Vehicles
Autonomous vehicles are coming. Soon—and New Mexico needs to be ready. That was the message from a recent summit on autonomous, or driverless, vehicles organized by the state Department of Transportation. Read more at
FMCSA Renews Oregon DOT Exemption From Commercial Learner’s Permit Rules
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will renew the Oregon Department of Transportation’s exemption from certain commercial learner’s permit requirements, according to a document published in the Federal Register on April 4. Read more at ttnews.com.

Truck Drivers Operating Without ELD May Now be Put Out of Service
Now that the April 1 "hard enforcement" deadline has passed on the electronic logging device mandate, property-carrying commercial motor vehicle drivers operating their vehicle without a required registered electronic logging device (ELD) or a grandfathered automatic on-board recording device (AOBRD) will be placed out of service for 10 hours. Read more at truckinginfo.com.

EPA to Roll Back Car Emissions Standards
Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt announced Monday that he would revoke Obama-era standards requiring cars and light trucks sold in the United States to average more than 50 miles per gallon by 2025, a move that could change the composition of the nation's auto fleet for years. Read more at philly.com.

Goodyear Motorhome Tires May Have Caused 95 Deaths or Injuries, Government Report Claims
The U.S. government's road safety agency says it has received allegations that defective Goodyear motorhome tires caused crashes that killed or injured 95 people over a decade. The allegations were revealed in an information-seeking letter sent to Goodyear by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Read more at usatoday.com.

Trump To Tap No. 2 Official To Run NHTSA
The White House said late Thursday that President Donald Trump intends to nominate a top auto-safety agency official to run the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as regulators debate reducing planned fuel efficiency increases through 2022 and deal with contentious issues such as the Takata recall and autonomous vehicles. Read more at reuters.com.

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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Va. transportation officials: Distracted driving an ‘epidemic’... Distracted driving in Virginia is causing nearly as many deaths each year as drunk driving, and officials expect that number to increase unless something changes. Read more at wtop.com

Va. transportation officials: Distracted driving an ‘epidemic’ https://wtop.com/dc-
transit/2018/04/va-transportation-officials-distracted-driving-an-epidemic/ ... via @WTOP

**AAA @AAASafety | View the Tweet**
We can’t say it enough - make sure to slow down AND move over when you see a service vehicle on the side of the road. The work they do is both heroic AND dangerous. Help keep our techs safe! #slowdownmoveover

**Nebraska DOT @NebraskaDOT | View the Tweet**

Though it may not feel like it today, spring & construction season are here! Whenever you come across a work zone, please #SlowDown & focus on your surroundings. Our workers put their lives at risk to make your travels safer - show them respect! #FridaySafetyMessage

**Marianne Karth @MaryandAnnaLeah | View the Tweet**

Advocating for Transportation Safety: Solving a Major Public Health Problem Is a ‘Winnable Battle’
After losing two daughters in a car crash, Michigan Public Health alumna Marianne Karth has devoted her life to advocating for safety measures that would prevent a ...

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National Public Health Week’s theme for the day: Advocating for Everyone’s Right to a Healthy Life. University of Michigan post: Advocating for Transportation Safety: Solving a Major Public Health Problem Is a ‘Winnable Battle’

**Road to Zero @RoadToZeroUS | View the Tweet**
Congratulations to Deputy Administrator Heidi King who has been officially nominated to take the reigns @NHTSAgov!

Andy Alden @AldenI81 | View the Tweet

Great idea @VaDOT! -- Check out SmarterRoads Hackathon - Roanoke

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On April 11, #KidsAndCars will be working to draw attention to the risks of #Heatstroke. Research indicates an average of 37 kids die in hot cars each year. Never leave your child alone in a car, not even for a minute: http://ow.ly/7Qsm30jkEgW @safekids @NHTSAgov @HuffPostParents

KDOT @KDOTHQ | View the Tweet
#NationalWorkZoneAwarenessWeek begins on Monday! You can be part of the movement. On Monday, wear orange and show support for all our highway workers. #GoOrange
Show our highway workers that they matter by #payingattention and slowing down in #workzones