Ignition Interlock Working Group Meets
The leadership core group of the Ignition Interlock Working Group met at AAMVA headquarters April 11-12, to complete the final draft of the 2018 Ignition Interlock Program Best Practices Guide. The document is now going through the AAMVA approval and publication preparation processes. AAMVA anticipates publishing the document in August 2018. Questions should be directed to Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement at bursino@aamva.org.

Joint mDL Working Group Meets
The Joint mDL working group held a face-to-face meeting at AAMVA headquarters where it continued with its work on the mobile driver license (mDL) program. The group is finalizing a procurement guidance document and continues to work towards the first official technical guidance for the mDL. This standardization is being led by ISO JTC1/SC17/WG10 and the initial guidance is being developed for offline/attended use cases. The group also continues to monitor and promote opportunities to study and "test-drive" the operational concepts for mDL as well as present both inside and outside the association. Mobile DL will be a topic for a session at every AAMVA regional conference and the 2018 Annual International Conference, in addition to external events like ConnectID, EReg, NAPHSIS, and others.

AAMVA Previews AV Guidelines Report at PennDot Automated Vehicles Summit
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation held a second summit on automated vehicles last week in Pittsburg. Kurt Myers, PennDot Deputy Secretary and Chair of AAMVA's International Board, helped host the 400 person event that focused on local planning and economic development, workforce education, training and safety. Cathie Curtis, AAMVA's Director of Vehicle Programs presented an overview of the soon to be published Jurisdictional Guidelines for the Safe Testing and Deployment of Highly Automated Vehicles. The agenda also featured several well-known speakers, including Chris Urmson, co-founder and CEO of Aurora Innovation, Philip Koopman, from Carnegie Mellon University, and Bryant Walker Smith, assistant professor in the School of Law at the University of South Carolina.
industry. Up to four interested towns and cities will be selected to participate by allowing manufacturers to test fully self-driven cars on their roadways, Gov. Dannel P. Malloy said Tuesday. Read more at courant.com.

Report: Nearly 50 MBTA Engineers Have Had Their Driver's Licenses Suspended (Massachusetts)

Nearly 50 MBTA commuter rail engineers have had their driver's licenses suspended, according to a Boston Globe report. Forty-four of those engineers have had their driver's licenses suspended more than once. The report cites engineer Dean Walker, whose driver's license has been suspended 39 times. Walker has been caught speeding 16 times and been convicted of drunken driving twice. Read more at nbcboston.com.

Self-Driving Cars Face a New Hampshire Reality

A bill that would allow companies to road-test self-driving vehicles in New Hampshire may be facing some speed bumps. House Bill 314 cleared the House on a voice vote earlier this year. Its prime sponsor, Rep. Steven Smith, R-Charlestown, said the measure is the result of three years of work by around 20 stakeholders here. Read more at newhampshire.com.

Two Men Arrested at Manchester DMV (New Hampshire)

State police arrested two people Friday — one for using false documents to try to obtain a driver’s license and the other on a burglary warrant — and both were apprehended at the Division of Motor Vehicles in Manchester. Read more at unionleader.com.

A Lot More People In New Jersey Will Be Registered To Vote Soon. Here’s Why

There's about to be a lot more registered voters in the state of New Jersey, which already has 5.8 million people on its rolls. Gov. Phil Murphy said Monday he will sign into law a bill that would automatically register people to vote if they apply for a driver’s license or non-driver ID card in the Garden State. Read more at nj.com.

Pennsylvania DOT Announces Traffic Deaths at New Low in 2017

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) today announced that traffic deaths in Pennsylvania reached a new low in 2017, dropping to 1,137, the lowest since record keeping began in 1928, and 51 less than 2016. Read the press release.

Commissioners Reject New Vehicle Registration Fee (Pennsylvania)

Some people are calling it a win for the little guy. Plans for a new vehicle registration fee in Lackawanna County failed Wednesday. Commissioners first discussed the issue in January but it came up for a final vote Wednesday morning. When the three county commissioners try and pass new legislation, it must first be introduced and then seconded before it goes up for discussion and a vote. Read more at pahomepage.com.

Many Florida Drivers Break License Plate Law Without Even Knowing It

What if I told you that the majority of drivers are getting in their cars, driving around, not doing anything aggressive yet still are in violation of a traffic law and they don’t even know it? ... Legally speaking, anything that touches or obstructs the original display of your license plate is considered illegal. Read more at clickorlando.COM.

‘Progress’ Made In Spalding County Errant Driver’s License Suspensions (Georgia)

Officials said Friday they have made “substantial progress” in resolving an error that caused many driver’s licenses to be erroneously suspended. ... The problem began earlier this year when Spalding County began electronically submitting traffic ticket dispositions to the state Department of Driver Services. Read more at ajc.com.
Have A Suspended License? DMV Could Clear You During This Week (South Carolina)
Have your driving privileges been suspended? The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has the week for you. The 2018 Driver Suspension Eligibility Week for South Carolina drivers who have had their licenses suspended for various reasons can come to a local DMV during the week of April 16-20 and they may be able to reduce or clear the remaining time on their suspensions. Read more at wlx.com.

Facebook May Not Sell the Data It Collects, But the State of Texas Sure Does
Private companies aren't the only ones sharing users' personal information to outside groups — some Texas state agencies do it, too. Read the article at houstonchronicle.com.

Secretary White’s Legislation Combating Texting While Driving Passes House (Illinois)
Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White commended the Illinois House today for approving legislation initiated by his office to strengthen Illinois’ law on distracted driving. House Bill 4846 cracks down on texting while driving by classifying first-time offenses as moving violations. Under the current law, which took effect in 2014, second and subsequent texting while driving offenses are treated as moving violations, while first offenses are treated as nonmoving violations. Read the press release.

Kansas Transportation Safety Award Winners Honored
The Kansas Department of Transportation honored six Kansans with Transportation Safety Recognition Awards for their efforts to improve traffic safety. The awards were presented at the 24th Annual Transportation Safety Conference that took place April 17-18 in Topeka. Read more at wibnewsnow.com.

Kansas’ Digital Services Platform iKan Pushes New Governor’s Focus on Tech
Kansas residents are now able to renew vehicle registration with their mobile phones thanks to iKan, a digital services platform launched by the state last month. While early functionality is mostly oriented toward services provided by the Division of Vehicles, the platform is built to allow users to interact with multiple state services in a centralized location, one they can access through smartphones, tablets and computers. Read more at govtech.com.

Missouri DOT Grapples with the Pace of Change Around New Vehicle Tech
As the auto market becomes more saturated with electric vehicles and vehicles with automation capabilities, the Missouri Department of Transportation is grappling with the changes these types of vehicles present. Read more at govtech.com.

DOT Testing Digital License Plates In Arizona
A license plate could be the very thing driving technology forward and it is being tested right here in Arizona. ADOT tells ABC15, they are working with the technology company "Reviver" to test digital license plates on about a dozen of their vehicles. Read the article at abc15.com.

British Columbia Legislation Would Allow ICBC To Cancel Driver’s Licence for Unpaid Child Support
The B.C. government has introduced new legislation that would allow ICBC to cancel the driver’s licence of someone who owes more than $3,000 in child support payments. Currently, the Family Maintenance Enforcement Program (FMEP) can ask
ICBC to refuse to issue or renew a driver’s licence of someone with substantial arrears. Read the article at globalnews.ca.

DMV Says First Application for Testing Robot Cars Without Driver Lacked Needed Information, Consumer Watchdog Reports (California)
The California Department of Motor Vehicles confirmed today that the first application to test robot cars without a driver lacked necessary information and that a letter has been sent to the still-unidentified applicant asking for additional information. Read more at prnewswire.com.

What California Drivers Should Remember On 4/20, Now That Cannabis Is Legalized
In November 2016, California voted in favor of Proposition 64, which legalized recreational cannabis for those above the age of 21. The legislation passed with 57 percent in favor, but the impact of cannabis use on those with brains yet to fully develop – and the associated risks it may pose on the roadways – should remain valid concerns for all of us. Read more at sacbee.com.

Teen Voters Targeted With Technology and Driver’s Licenses (California)
Teenagers and young adults typically vote in low numbers, a fact that elections officials are trying to reverse with technology, outreach campaigns and automatic sign-ups. California residents will soon be registered to vote when they receive their driver's license or state identification cards. Read the article at vcstar.com.

Nevada Drivers Who Pull Off a ‘California Roll’ Can Be Ticketed
It looks like a few drivers need a reminder on what it means to stop. ... For those who are unfamiliar, California rolls happen when drivers slow down — rather than stop — then drive through an intersection when they think it's safe. Read the article at reviewjournal.com.

Saskatoon Licensing Body Vice-President Admits Semi Driver Rules 'Not Good Enough' (Saskatchewan)
A Saskatchewan Government Insurance executive admits the rules governing semi driver training are inadequate. Read more at cbc.ca.

Here’s What License Plates Look Like In Every US State — and the Hidden Meaning Behind Them
US license plates are as diverse as the states they come from. From plates that showcase state symbols to those that display famous landmarks or historical figures, each one has a story to tell. Read more at thisisinsider.com.

Your Fancy New Car Steers and Brakes For You; So Why Keep Your Hands On the Wheel?
Right now on a busy stretch of highway somewhere, a driver is gazing out the window, hands on their lap, feet off the pedals. Such driver-assisted motoring, a midpoint on the journey to fully self-driving cars, uses radar and cameras to help a car steer, brake and even change lanes. Read more at usatoday.com.

Sweden Built the World’s First Stretch of Electric Road
... The world’s first electric road is now open in Sweden. The road stretches for 1.2 miles between Stockholm and Arlanda Airport and charges vehicles as they move. The small piece of road, which reportedly cost more than $1 million per kilometer to build, runs via a system of underground rails that transfer electricity to cars. Read the article at curbed.com.

Automatic Voter Registration Goes Beyond the DMV
New Jersey on Tuesday became the 12th state, plus the District of Columbia, to enact an automatic voter registration law, which is intended to increase participation in
elections. While automatic voter registration (AVR) is itself a new trend – first adopted in Oregon in 2015 – New Jersey’s law represents a new twist: It allows the practice to extend beyond the DMV. Read more at governing.com.

**Personal Privacy of Your Driver License**

... Each state issues a drivers license to residences within that state. Beyond your name and address is your date of birth, your driving record and that links to what you drive. There is quite of bit of information that we entrust to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Read more at forbes.com.

**Senators Urge NHTSA To Include Crash Avoidance Information On Vehicle Window Stickers**

U.S. Sens. Dean Heller (R-NV) and Edward Markey (D-MA) recently sent a letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) urging the agency to include crash-avoidance technology information into the safety rating section on the Monroney label, which is the window sticker attached to new vehicles sold in the United States. Read more at transportationtodaynews.com.

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**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.

Check out recent @AAMVAConnection Twitter action.

***Thank you for the @AAMVAConnection mentions!***

johnebredehoft @johnebredehoft | View the Tweet

For information from the @AAMVAConnection on mobile driver's license initiatives, see https://www.aamva.org/Mobile-Drivers-License/...

Kevin Gamble @SF_KevinG | View the Tweet

#AutonomousVehicles have implications for all parts of the vehicle process: testing, manufacture, sale, use, regulation, standards, liability - via Casey Garber of @AAMVAConnection #TSCTopeka

GHSA @GHSAHQ | View the Tweet
While many of us are heading to #Lifesavers2018, the GHSA team is finalizing plans for #GHSA2018 in Atlanta. Visit with @jraindc, @madison_forker, @amadie and the rest of the team in San Antonio to see what we have planned. – at Hall of The States Building

ODCTX @ODCTXTS | View the Tweet

Getting to zero isn’t impossible, it just hasn’t been done yet. @RoadToZeroUS presents plan to eliminate roadway deaths: http://ow.ly/GLOz30jzHHn  @NSCsafety
Vehicle Logistics Leader Aspires to be Georgia's First Female Lt. Gov.  
... #Georgia #ElectedLeaders #Fleet

Terrible news today from Gilchrist County. Our deepest condolences go out to the two Gilchrist County officers shot and killed in the line of duty this afternoon. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the deputies as well as the GCSO Sheriff's Office.

It's National Child Abuse Prevention Month! Here are some ways you can get involved & help spread the word about #NCAPM2018:  
· Plant a Pinwheel Garden  
· Get involved locally  
· Purchase a specialty plate from @MissouriRevenue  
Driving high puts motorists, passengers, cyclists and pedestrians at risk. Driving responsibly keeps everyone safe. #DontDriveHigh
https://www.canada.ca/en/campaign/don-t-drive-high.html …

Richmond Raceway @RichmondRaceway | View the Tweet

Before the green flag drops on the #ToyotaOwners400, don’t forget to find a @_WhosYourDriver ambassador to take the pledge to be a safe and sober driver!
http://whosyourdriver.org/sign-the-pledge/ …