NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group Seeks Region I LE Jurisdiction Representative to Fill Vacancy

NMVTIS law enforcement working group is seeking one jurisdictional law enforcement member from AAMVA Region I. To be eligible to apply, you must be a sworn officer or DMV investigator in an AAMVA member agency and have experience working within or supervising an auto theft unit or task force and/or have other relative vehicle crimes investigative experience.

The NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group operates under the auspices of the AAMVA Law Enforcement Standing Committee. The purpose of the Working Group is to expand NMVTIS awareness and usage among law enforcement and to improve the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool (LEAT) in collaboration with the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration.

For more information about the Working Group, please contact Paul Steier, 703.270.8932 or Brian Ursino, 703.350.5103. If you are interested in applying for the working group, please complete the application and send to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org by Friday May 5.

D.C. Drivers License To Get a Name Change Starting in June

Eric Billups has held a D.C. driver’s license for 30 years and knows all about the name change. “I remember at one point people thought it was Washington state,” said Billups. “It still may cause some type of confusion again, but I guess the D.C. part will be the distinctive factor,” he said. Right now, a license issued from the Department of Motor Vehicles says “District of Columbia” at the top. But the DMV director is moving it back to Washington, D.C. beginning in June. Read the article at wjla.com.

Wolf Administration Announces Traffic Deaths Drop to Record Low in 2016, Bucking National Trend (Pennsylvania)

PennDOT today announced that traffic deaths in Pennsylvania reached a record low in 2016 with 1,188 fatalities on Pennsylvania roadways last year, a new low since record keeping began in 1928, and 12 less than 2015. Read the press release.

Pa. Bill Would Put Radar In Hands of Local Police

Pennsylvania is the only state where municipal police departments cannot use radar to catch speeders, but bipartisan legislation may change that. Read the article at abc27.com.
Senator Scott Martin Introduces Bill Targeting Repeat DUI Offenders (Pennsylvania)
Repeat DUI offenders could soon face tougher punishments under legislation introduced by Senator Scott Martin (R-13). Read the article at fox43.com.

AG Shapiro Touts Busts In Multimillion Dollar ‘Operation Car Wash’ Fraud (Pennsylvania)
A New York City-based organized crime group scammed PennDOT for years with a fraudulent license plate scheme that cost Pennsylvania more than a million dollars in unpaid sales taxes, EZ Pass tolls and parking fines, Attorney General Josh Shapiro said Wednesday. Read the article on pennlive.com.

DMV: No More Smiling In RI License Photos
Soon, Rhode Island drivers will no longer be allowed to smile in their driver's license photos. The R.I. Division of Motor Vehicles says this is one of several changes taking place in order to comply with strengthened federal security standards. Read the article in wpri.com.

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There Is No Special Navy License Plate In Virginia. A Retired Captain Aims To Change That.
Soldiers have them. So do various veterans groups, Jimmy Buffett’s Parrotheads, bowling enthusiasts and the Marine Corps. Even Naval Air Station Oceana has one. But Virginia, where more than 275 different specialty license plates graced a little more than 1.1 million of its 8.3 million registered vehicles in fiscal 2016, does not offer a tag specific to the Navy. Read the article in pilotonline.com.

The New Tool Local Lawmakers Want Police To Have To Put a Stop To Texting and Driving (Illinois)
Two Chicago Alderman want to let police use technology to catch drivers texting, like the way they catch people drinking and driving. Alderman Ed Burke and Anthony Beale introduced a resolution for the police department to consider using a "Textalyzer." Read the article on wgntv.com.

Iowa DOT loses another ticket case - must return $200,000
Iowa must return $188,640 and a truck it seized because the state transportation officer who made the traffic stop has no legal authority to enforce speeding infractions, a judge has ruled. Read the article in desmoinesregister.com.

Michigan Secretary of State Warns Against Using Unofficial Websites
The Michigan Secretary of State is warning residents searching for the department's online services to steer clear of sites that aren't hosted by the state government. Read the article at mlive.com.
Patterson Pushes Gas Pedal On Trucking Licenses (California)
California's highways have no shortage of trucks. It's the drivers who are now asking for help. "It's taking something like 13, 14, 18 weeks for some of these truck driver students to get an appointment," said Assemblyman Jim Patterson. The Fresno Republican wants to change that with Assembly Bill 301. It would allow drivers who've gone through the training to take their test sooner. Read the full story in yourcentralvalley.com.

Sandoval Waiting for Details About Alleged Voter Fraud in Nevada
Gov. Brian Sandoval said Monday that he "expects to hear more" from the secretary of state about allegations of voter fraud, and he expressed confidence in voter registration procedures at the Department of Motor Vehicles. Read the full story in reviewjournal.com.

Badge On Board Program Continues To Curb Fatalities (Nevada)
If you ask The Nevada Department of Public Safety, it's a big problem — how to safely and legally drive around commercial motor vehicles. In 2016, fatalities in such accidents increased. Read the full article at lasvegas.cbslocal.com.

Police To Get Sweeping Authority In Impaired Driving Overhaul (Canada)
Police would be given sweeping new authority to combat drunk driving by demanding a breath sample from any driver at roadside, as the Liberal government prepares for the legalization of marijuana with a major overhaul of impaired-driving laws. View the article in theglobeandmail.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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