Dear Members,

Yesterday and today, AAMVA experienced a series of separate network outages that prevented a number of our member agencies from issuing driver licenses and vehicle titles. On Thursday, April 26th, the network routing hub known as Network Control Software (NCS), that connects motor vehicle agencies across the United States to each other and to various verification services, experienced a 4-hour outage, and this morning, the CDLIS and the State-to-State Service were both unavailable until 9:30 am EDT. In addition, the Department of Homeland Security’s verification system, SAVE, experienced an outage until 11:30 am EDT today, affecting the VLS and USPVS verification services. We are happy to report that all of these systems are now fully restored and operational.

We are very sorry for the customer delays and frustration this has caused and assure you that we will conduct a thorough after-action analysis to determine the root cause and mitigate the risk of a recurrence. If you experience any other outages contrary to what AAMVA is seeing, please let us know, and thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,
Anne

Road to Zero Coalition Releases Vision for Eliminating Roadway Deaths by 2050

The Road to Zero Coalition, managed by the National Safety Council, released a comprehensive report laying out strategies for ending roadway deaths in the United States by 2050. It is the first time in the nation’s history that so many organizations have collaborated to put forth a comprehensive plan to address motor vehicle fatalities, which have recently increased after years of decline. The Coalition, in a report written by the RAND Corporation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research institution, identified three main initiatives to reduce roadway fatalities:

- Double down on what works through proven, evidence-based strategies;
- Advance life-saving technology in vehicles and infrastructure; and
- Prioritize safety by adopting a safe systems approach and creating a positive safety culture.

A Road to Zero: A vision for achieving zero roadway deaths by 2050, is released in the midst of national discussions about motor vehicle safety issues such as highly and fully automated vehicles, investing in infrastructure, distracted driving, and alcohol- and drug-impaired driving. The country also is observing April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the traffic safety community is preparing for the annual Lifesavers Conference, which is the largest gathering of traffic safety professionals in the United States.

AAMVA is proud to be a member of the Road to Zero Steering Group, which has been integral to the creation of this report. Visit nsc.org/roadtozero for more information.

New Mexico to Join State-to-State Verification Service (S2S)

New Mexico will begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on Monday, June 18th. Tasks related to on-boarding New Mexico will be conducted during the
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1 | CD31 MPR DHR (intermediate)
2 | CDLIS Resolving Broken and Missing Pointers (intermediate)
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9 | CD02 Verification Inquiry (intermediate)
10 | CD05 AKA Data Inquiry (intermediate)
15 | PDPS Cleanfile Processing (intermediate)
16 | PDPS Inquiry Transactions (intermediate)
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OUR WEBINARS

May 15, 2:00-3:00 pm ET
NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Understanding the Administrative Features

May 22, 2:00-3:00 pm ET
NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site

May 29, 2:00-3:00 pm ET
NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature

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OPEN RFPs

AAMVA RFP FY18-072 Meeting
Name: 2018 October Combined Standing Committee Meeting
Deadline: April 30, 2018

New Mexico MVD:RFI for MVD Statewide Vehicle License Plate

REGION 2 NEWS

North Carolina DMV: You Have the Right To Remain Silent During a Traffic Stop
The new version of the state driver's license handbook will make it clear that drivers have the right to remain silent after they've identified themselves to a law enforcement

weekend of June 16th. 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, June 17th).

Following New Mexico, 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.

Snowbanks a Big Obstacle for Self-Driving Cars (Massachusetts)
Self-driving car companies are pouring millions of dollars into developing top-of-the-line autonomous vehicles, but obstacles — including snowbanks in Boston — still need to be overcome. ... In a quarterly report recently sent to Boston officials, Optimus Ride suggested the city may want to rethink how it clears snow from the roads. “When there is a lot of snow, it is natural for snowbanks to accumulate. However when snowbanks accumulate immediately next to road curbs, snow masses displace the vehicle’s turning radius,” the company said. Read more at bostonherald.com.

New Jersey Training More Cops to Spot Driving-While-High to Prepare for Legal Weed
State law enforcement officials are training more officers to recognize signs of drugged driving and preparing for other major changes as New Jersey moves toward legalizing marijuana, the state's attorney general said Tuesday. Read more at lehighvalleylivecom.

State Senate Bill Would Increase Penalties for Repeat DUI Offenders (Pennsylvania)
Proposed legislation to enact stricter punishments on a repeat drunk-driving offender, who kills someone while driving under the influence, is a move being supported by families who have lost a loved one at the hands of an impaired driver. The state Senate voted 45-4 on Wednesday to send the bill to the House for consideration. ... The bill would increase penalties to DUI offenders who continue to break DUI-related laws. Read more at dailylocal.com.

Texting While Driving Citations Increase Statewide and Locally (Pennsylvania)
Citations for texting while driving have spiked since the law's implementation, though local police said citations are not much of a deterrent for one of the highest causes of crashes. Read more at hearaldstandard.com.

Pennsylvania DOT Buys Ads to Remind People of Upcoming 'REAL ID' Requirements
The Department of Motor Vehicles is advertising with the goal of getting Pennsylvanians to sign up for identification cards and driver's licenses that meet stricter federal “REAL ID” standards. PennDOT started airing the new television ads Monday reminding residents that, starting in October 2020, they'll need new ID cards to fly on commercial flights or enter federal facilities that ask for identification under a 2005 law that Pennsylvania’s legislature resisted for years. ... The cost for the first phase of ads was about $675,000; they will run through June 30 before they are adjusted or renewed. Read more at triblive.com.
Recycling and Destruction Services  
*Deadline: May 10, 2018*

IRP RFI Electronic Credentials  
*Deadline: May 11, 2018*

Officer who has pulled them over. The change follows a complaint by the American Civil Liberties Union that an earlier version of the guidelines for traffic stops suggested that drivers are required to answer an officer's questions, including about where they're going or why. [Read more at newsobserver.com](https://newsobserver.com).

**Oklahoma Man Sentenced For Theft After Decades of Fraud**  
Officials with the Western District of Arkansas have sentenced an Oklahoma man to more than seven years in federal prison on charges following years of fraud, theft and eluding law enforcement officials. Allen Frank Martin, 57, of Arkoma was sentenced to 87 months in federal prison and three subsequent years of supervised release on charges of aggravated identity theft, theft of government funds and failure to appear on Thursday. ... From the time he stole the wallet until he was arrested, Martin used his false identity to receive multiple Arkansas driver’s license, at least one California driver’s license, a birth registration card and a Social Security card. [Read more at swtimes.com](https://swtimes.com).

**Tennessee Bill Seeking To End Vehicle-Emissions Testing May Take Years To Gain Federal Approval**  
A bill that attempts to end mandatory vehicle emissions testing in Hamilton and five other Tennessee counties is scheduled for a final floor vote this afternoon in the state Senate. But while the bill is expected to pass, its stated goal of halting emissions testing on cars and trucks won't happen overnight. [Read more at timesfreepress.com](https://timesfreepress.com).

**Report Outlines How DPS Could Improve Driver License Services (Texas)**  
Tammy Kitten and her son Dylan, 18, walked out of the Texas Department of Public Safety Driver License office in Lubbock with smiles on their faces. "It was very quick," Kitten said about renewing her son's driver license. [Read more at kxan.com](https://kxan.com).

**Texas Taps Deloitte as New Caretaker for Texas.gov, Aiming for a One-Stop-Shop Portal**  
Texas has tapped Deloitte as the primary developer for its Texas.gov digital services platform, with both the state and the company saying they have big plans to enhance the site in the coming months. [Read more at govtech.com](https://govtech.com).

**Last Minute Issues Don’t Stop Finish of Self-Driving Car (Virginia)**  
Virginia Tech’s new self-driving car was sent off for its first competition earlier this week, but only a couple students could be there to bid farewell as a year’s worth of work was loaded onto the truck. They were asleep — finally. ... They got the car back with a little over a week before it would be tested in the first leg of the three-year AutoDrive competition. The rush was on. [Read the article at roanoke.com](https://roanoke.com).

**Secretary White’s Legislation to Strengthen Drunk Driving Law Passes House (Illinois)**  
Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White’s legislation requiring judges to explain the rationale for rescinding Statutory Summary Suspensions (SSS) is moving on to the Senate after passing the House today. House Bill 5042, designed to strengthen the state’s current drunk driving law, will prevent a SSS or revocation from being rescinded without a factual basis for the rescission from the court. White commended the Illinois House for approving HB 5042, sponsored by state Rep. John D’Amico (D-Chicago). [Read the press release](https://www.illinois.gov).

**Police Focus On Detecting Distracted Drivers (Indiana)**  
In recognition of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s designation of April as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and in support of the “U Drive, U text, U Pay” campaign, state police at Indiana are placing a greater emphasis on detecting distracted drivers during the month of April. [Read more at indianagazette.com](https://indianagazette.com).

**UK, Michigan To Collaborate On Self-Driving Car Rules**  
Britain and Michigan will work together to develop rules for self-driving cars and
technology for smart motorways under a broad agreement to collaborate over the changes coming to road transport. Under a memorandum of understanding signed by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder and UK business minister Richard Harrington, agencies and businesses from Detroit and parts of the UK such as Warwick and London will share technology and ideas for the future. Read more at ft.com.

**Specialty License Plate Sales Spike in 2017 (Nebraska)**

Nebraska drivers chose to register more than 50,000 vehicles with specialty license plates in 2017 — more than doubling the amount of non-standard-issue plates on Nebraska roads. Including personalized version of the standard-issue state plate, there are more 26 ways for vehicle owners to show their support for a cause, an organization, even state or school pride. Read more at 3newsnow.com.

**Mom Says Specialty License Plates With Son's Handprint Are For All Families Fighting Childhood Cancer (Nebraska)**

Erin Nahorny couldn't wait to put new license plates on her car. After all, the specialty plates are sporting her son's handprint. And now the plates, designed to promote awareness of childhood cancer, are available to all Nebraska drivers. Read more at omaha.com.

**Self-Driving Bill Faces Unclear Path In Senate (Arizona, California)**

A bill championed by U.S. Sen. Gary Peters that would allow automakers to sell more than 80,000 self-driving cars each per year faces an uncertain path after a pair of high-profile crashes involving self-driving cars in Arizona and California have emboldened critics of the technology. ... Safety advocates have urged lawmakers to pump the brakes on the measure, but Peters and other supporters say they are still trying to put the bill on President Donald Trump’s desk this year. Read the article at detroitnews.com.

**Lawmakers Pass Bill to Give Bureaucrat Authority to Set Vehicle Registration Fees (Arizona)**

It could soon cost more to register your car or truck in Arizona. On a 17-13 vote Monday, the Senate gave final approval to allowing the director of the Department of Transportation to levy a fee on each vehicle. But HB 2261, already approved by the House, does not spell out how much that fee would be. Instead, it tells the agency chief to raise enough to fund the Highway Patrol and a little bit more for good margin. Read the article at azcapitoltimes.com.

**Bill That Would Allow DMV Customers To Choose Their Driver License Photo Passes Committee (California)**

Summary: A bill that would allow DMV customers to choose their drive license photo passed the Senate Transportation Committee unanimously and now heads to the Appropriations Committee. Read more at tveyes.com.

**Digital License Plates Will Start Appearing on California Cars**

Car dealerships in the area will start selling digital license plates to customers. RPlates are made by Reviver Auto, a company based in Foster City. The company says the RPlate Pro can be used as a legal license plate, but can also be used to display advertising or DMV-approved messages like “Don’t Drink and Drive” or “My Child is an Honor Student.” ... CBS13 learned the California Department of Motor Vehicles approved the use of digital license plates in 2013 and is privately testing them. Read more at sacramento.cbslocal.com.

**DMV: Golden Knights Specialty License Plates Ready for Production (Nevada)**

There will soon be another way to show your support of the Vegas Golden Knights. A specialty license plate for the first-year franchise has been designed and is ready to be produced, said Kevin Malone, a spokesperson for the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles. ... Unlike other specialty plates — for causes such as UNLV athletics or the
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Reno Air Races — a portion of the fee won't go toward a charitable cause. Read more at lasvegassun.com.

OTHER NEWS

Electrical Defects Cause Priuses To Stall; Toyota May Be Bracing For a Legal Fight As Safety Worries Grow
Toyota is closely monitoring breakdowns in the electrical power system of some Prius models, as failures continue to mount across the nation despite a 2014 safety recall that was supposed to fix the problem, according to Toyota documents reviewed by The Times. The Toyota documents show that more than 800 defective electrical components from Toyota Prius models were returned from dealers to the automaker and its outside technical consultant over less than a two-month period this year after electrical system failures. The problem, in which overheating causes damage to key electrical parts and a resulting loss of power that can leave motorists stranded, has been dogging Toyota for about seven years. But the safety issue is now growing in scope. Read more at latimes.com.

Places That Write a Lot of Tickets For Distracted Driving Also Have Lower Fatal Crash Rates, Analysis Finds
Places that write a lot of tickets for distracted driving, including the District, appear to have lower fatal crash rates than places that don't, according to a report compiled by an online security services firm. Read more at washingtonpost.com.

License Plates Are Getting a Tech Makeover. Here's Why
From in-vehicle infotainment to driver-assist systems, digital technology can be seen in just about every component of modern automobiles — except the license plate. But if one Silicon Valley startup has its way, even those stamped metal plates will soon go digital as well. Read more at nbcnews.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.).

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!***

Road to Zero @RoadToZeroUS | View the Tweet

Road to Zero Coalition Charts Ambitious Goal to Reduce Traffic Deaths by 2050. @TransportTopics
Roadway deaths are preventable and this is our moonshot. 50 years ago, sending a man to the moon seemed impossible.” @DebbieHersman
https://goo.gl/Er88oM

#RoadToZero

MN State Patrol @MnDPS_MSP | View the Tweet

So, this really happened on Saturday. Lt. Gordon Shank responded to a call of a loose goat & dog walking together on Hwy. 61 near Hastings. Passing motorists had contained the duo to keep them safe. Lt. Shank kept the two pals company until the Humane Society showed up.

DelawareDMV @DelawareDMV | View the Tweet

Schedule your road test online today!!

Do you need to schedule a road test with Delaware DMV? Go to http://dmv.de.gov and our Online Road Test Scheduling option allows MyDMV users to set their own appointment date without having to call.
https://services.dmv.de.gov/services/online_svcs.shtml … #FirstClassService #netDE

Calgary Police @CalgaryPolice | View the Tweet
Today we said a final goodbye to a loving colleague/friend/mother and wife. 
End of watch: Cst. Sarah Onofrychuk #4576

Jonathan Adkins @jraindc | View the Tweet

By addressing areas most under our control, we can dramatically reduce officer line-of-duty deaths. 
Predictable is preventable!

160 law enforcement officers die in the line of duty each year. This morning, we are hearing about the Below 100 program whose mission is to reduce the risk to officers and the community. Check out http://www.below100.com . #lifesavers2018