AAMVA Board of Directors Holds Annual Spring Meeting
The AAMVA Board of Directors held their annual spring meeting virtually last week. The Board received operational updates on key initiatives and heard briefings from numerous partners and stakeholders, including Meera Joshi who was recently nominated by President Biden to lead the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The Board approved a number of deliverables for members including a new off-road vehicles best practice and a whitepaper on automated delivery vehicles. Also approved were updates to the Suspended & Revoked Best Practices and the Foreign Reciprocity Best Practices. The Board also authorized a plan for AAMVA to test the concept of hosting an mDL Digital Trust Service to facilitate the exchange of secure public keys needed for an interoperable mDL ecosystem. More information about the board’s decisions, as well as copies of the approved documents, will be available to members in the coming weeks.

Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19
Click here to view consolidated information and see how motor vehicle administrations are handling driver licensing and vehicle registration. This document will be updated with the most current information on our homepage.

Motor Vehicle Industry Response to COVID-19 Pandemic
Below is a selection of news articles regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

**COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE**

- REAL ID Deadline Pushed Back to 2023 Due to Pandemic

**COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE**

- New York State DMV Tests Virtual Hearings for Traffic Tickets
- New York Launches Online Learner Permit Tests for Passenger Vehicles, Motorcycles

**COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE**

- Secretary of State Announces a New Era of Customer Operations (Michigan)

**COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE**

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Nevada DMV Wants To Move All Services Online in Next 4 Years
Reasons for Long Lines at the DMV (Nevada)
Oregonians Can Renew Driver's Licenses Online Starting Next Week

Visit cdc.gov for more information on COVID-19, guidance, press releases, press kits, and more.

REGION 1 NEWS

DMV Emissions Tests, Vehicle Inspections Restart After Nearly Month-Long Outage (Connecticut)
The state emissions testing program is back up and running Tuesday after nearly a month offline following a malware attack. The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced that Applus Technologies Inc. had restored service to all Connecticut emissions test centers, allowing vehicle inspection and testing to resume. Read more at fox61.com.

From Seat Belts to Traffic Light Cameras, Here’s What To Know About Charlie Baker’s New Road Safety Bill (Massachusetts)
Even with empty roads for much of the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Massachusetts saw nearly the same number of roadway deaths in 2020 as the state saw in 2019. And as more drivers return to the streets, Gov. Charlie Baker’s administration is introducing a bill to reduce roadway deaths and update the state’s traffic laws, and it goes well beyond cars. Read more at boston.com.

New Jersey Set to Open up Driver's Licenses to Undocumented Immigrants, Joining More Than a Dozen States
Benito Torres knows too well the difficulties of everyday life in New Jersey without a driver's license. An undocumented Mexican immigrant living in Millville, New Jersey, Torres has received several summonses over the years for driving without a license. Read more at usatoday.com.

Inspector General Tagliafierro’s Investigation Finds DMV Employee Profited From Illegally Accessing DMV Records (New York)
New York State Inspector General Letizia Tagliafierro announced the arrest of a New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office assistant who illegally accessed DMV records of family members and other individuals for personal financial gain. Read more at ig.ny.gov.

PennDOT Launches Public Survey on Automated Vehicles (Pennsylvania)
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced April 28 the launch of a survey meant to offer an idea of constituents’ perceptions and knowledge of automated vehicles...the state’s Highly Automated Vehicle Advisory Committee seeks to gauge Pennsylvanians’ understanding of automated vehicle technology, level of comfort and expectations. Read more at ttnews.com.

REGION 2 NEWS
SC Highway Heroes Campaign to Combat Human Trafficking (South Carolina)
The South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force on Wednesday announced the launch of the S.C. Highway Heroes Campaign — an initiative involving the Attorney General’s Office, the S.C. Trucking Association, the Office of Highway Safety, the State Transport Police, and the Department of Motor Vehicles. Read more at scnow.com.

Catalytic Converter Thefts in Houston up More Than 400%, Data Shows (Texas)
Catalytic converter thefts in the city of Houston are up more than 400% since last year, new data shows. In January 2020, 71 cases were reported to the Houston Police Department compared to 298 in the same month this year. Read more at abc13.com.

VSP To Offer Free Motorcycle Safety Courses...in May (Virginia)
Seeing as May is National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, Virginia State Police will start offering their “Ride 2 Save Lives” motorcycle self-assessment courses around Virginia — including Salem and Lynchburg — in the next few weeks. Read more at wfxtv.com.

May Is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month (Missouri)
Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, would like to make the public aware that May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Preliminary 2020 statistics indicate there were 173 crashes involving a motorcycle. In these crashes, 157 people were injured and 11 people were killed. Read more at dailyjournalonline.com.

OSHP: Distracted Driving Safety Corridor Is Working (Ohio)
The Ohio State Highway Patrol and Ohio Department of Transportation gave an update on the effectiveness of the Distracted Driving Safety Corridor that was implemented on Interstate 75 in March of 2020. We asked Lt. Tim Grigsby...if the corridor, that stretches from Findlay to Beaverdam, is accomplishing what they hoped it would. Read more at wfpn.com.

California Code Enforcement Officers Raise Concerns About Job Safety, Want 2 Bills to Move Forward in Senate
A statewide advocate group is worried about the recent rise in threats and attacks against code enforcement officers in California and say two safety bills meant to help are stalled in the state Senate. Read more at fox40.com.

City Council Votes in Favor of Requesting DMV Print Urdu Materials (California)
According to American Community Survey, a demographic survey program conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, there were 63,038 Pakistani residents in California as of 2018. Read more at ldnnews.com.
‘Wrong-Way Driver, Exit Immediately’: CDOT Signs Help Police Evacuate I-70 During Pursuit (Colorado)
Police tactics changed abruptly during a multi-agency pursuit of a stolen SUV on Interstate 70 Sunday morning. What began as an attempt to stop the driver’s vehicle turned into a coordinated effort to prevent a deadly, high-speed, head-on collision. Read more at denver.cbslocal.com.

DMV Offers Advice for Upgrading to REAL ID Following Deadline Extension (Nevada)
The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced it will once again extend the deadline for states to comply with its Real ID program...The DMV’s advice for customers who need a Real ID is to wait until their next renewal or other in-person office visit. Read more at klootv.com.

Sask. Licence Plate Recalled After Concern Raised (Saskatchewan)
An SGI spokesman said those tasked with vetting applications for personalized plates catch many questionable requests, but a few can slip through the cracks. Read more at leaderpost.com.

Utah Vehicle Registration Postcard Reminders Are Officially Back
The Utah State Tax Commission announced Monday that the first batch of Division of Motor Vehicles’ registration renewal notice postcards will be sent this week for Utahns whose vehicle registration expires in May. Read more at deseret.com.

Contrast Striping Being Used To Help Utah Drivers, Autonomous Cars Stay In Lanes
If you have trouble seeing the lines on Utah roads, you’re not alone. Monday on KSL 5 News at 10PM, the KSL Investigators looked into what the Utah Department of Transportation is doing to address concerns from drivers that lane lines seem to be slowly vanishing and can appear downright invisible in certain conditions. Read more at ksltv.com.

Fleets Cautious About ADAS Adoption, TMC Panelists Say
Advanced driver assistance systems have the potential to improve safety, but the road to adoption in trucking likely remains long, according to experts. A Technology & Maintenance Council study group on fleet maintenance management hosted the session on advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) as part of the council’s spring meeting on April 23. Read more at ttnews.com.

The (Near) Future of Driving: Cars That Watch You Watch Them Steer
It’s 2025 and you’re cruising down the highway late at night. It’s been a long day and your eyelids feel heavy. All of a sudden, you hear three beeps, lights flash, your car slows down and pulls itself safely to the side of the road. Read more at latimes.com
Tesla Drives on Autopilot Through a Regulatory Grey Zone
The fatal crash of a Tesla with no one apparently behind the wheel has cast a new light on the safety of semi-autonomous vehicles and the nebulous U.S. regulatory terrain they navigate...Tesla’s Autopilot and FSD, as well as the growing number of similar semi-autonomous driving functions in cars made by other automakers, present a challenge to officials responsible for motor vehicle and highway safety. Read more at reuters.com.

Three U.S. Senators Want Driver Monitoring Systems Mandated
Three Democratic U.S. senators on Monday said they are introducing legislation that would require U.S. regulators to mandate installation of driver-monitoring systems to ensure motorists pay attention while using systems like Tesla’s (TSLA.O) Autopilot. Senators Ed Markey, Richard Blumenthal and Amy Klobuchar introduced the measure on Monday, saying they hope to get it included as part of infrastructure reform legislation. Read more at reuters.com.

Senators Propose Legislation To Boost Safety of Vehicle Seats After CBS News Investigation
Following a series of CBS News reports that revealed potential safety dangers in vehicle seats, Senators Ed Markey and Richard Blumenthal will reintroduce legislation that would require a new strength standard...The Modernizing Seatback Safety Act would require automakers and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to strengthen seat standards within two years. Read more at cbsnews.com.

Study: Individualized Training Is Key for Autistic Adolescents Learning To Drive
A collaborative study from the Center for Injury Research and Prevention (CIRP) and the Center for Autism Research (CAR) at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) identified clear strengths and a series of specific challenges autistic adolescents experience while learning to drive. Read more at sciencedaily.com.

Study: States With the Riskiest Teenage Drivers
Learning to drive is a major rite of passage for most teenagers, but doing so also comes with a fair amount of risk. In addition to simply being inexperienced on the road, teen drivers are more irresponsible in their decisions, more prone to distraction, and more likely to make errors behind the wheel. Read more at copilotsearch.com.

Study: Digital Identity in the USA: Why DMVs Must Deliver REAL ID Online
The deadline for REAL ID is approaching. Americans will soon need REAL ID-compliant identification to travel from regulated airports. Thanks to changes in the law, DMVs can now accept identity and lawful status information electronically. Read more at iproov.com.

Study: Driving Behaviors Harbor Early Signals of Dementia
Using naturalistic driving data and machine learning techniques, researchers have developed highly accurate algorithms for detecting mild cognitive impairment and dementia in older drivers. Naturalistic driving data refer to data captured through in-vehicle recording devices or other technologies in the real-world setting. These data could be processed to measure driving
exposure, space and performance in great detail. Read more at sciencedaily.com.

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**Study: Rideshare Apps Like Uber and Lyft Are Making Traffic Jams Worse**

Uber and Lyft took the world by storm in the early 2000s, touting their ride-sharing services as the answer to congested roads. The notion has since been debunked, but a new study from MIT reveals such services are doing more than just adding to congestion – they are prolonging traffic jam times. Read more at msn.com.

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**TWITTER NEWS**

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community on social media. You may be surprised at what you're missing! Here are a few highlights of last weeks' activity.

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**MD State Police @MDSP | View the Tweet**

Though many love higher temps, the warmer weather means we once again need to remind you: NEVER leave a child or pet alone in a car and always check the backseat.

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**LA State Police @LACounty @LAStatePolice | View the Tweet**

Troopers Rescue Elderly Woman from High Rising Water

Last night, a large portion of Louisiana encountered severe weather with localized flooding. Around 10:30 p.m., Troop E (Alexandria) received a report of a submerged vehicle near Alexandria.
NSP Trooper Cook @NSPTrooperCook | View the Tweet

As you venture out to enjoy the nice #Weather today, don't let this be how your #Sunday ends. #JustDrive
Stop #DistractedDriving
#distracteddrivingawarenessmonth

Alaska DOT&PF @AlaskaDOTPF | View the Tweet

Construction season is here! Smiling face with open mouth Please be extra-aware around work zones to prevent crashes. Slow down, follow directions on road signs, pay attention to flaggers. Stop sign
Check out this PSA on work zones:
MD_MVA @MD_MVA | View the Tweet

In our April Update, MDOT MVA Administrator Chrissy Nizer is joined by @MDSHA Administrator Tim Smith to discuss work zone safety, distracted driving, and more! #MDOTSafety

CO Dept. of Revenue @CO_Revenue | View the Tweet

More motorcyclists were killed on Colorado roads in 2020 than any other year on record. For Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the Colorado Department of Revenue and the DMV joined forces with @CDOT and @CSP_News to spread the word about motorcycle safety.
GHSA @GHSAHQ | View the Tweet

Thanks to @NSCsafety's Family Safety & Health for highlighting the disturbing rise in the pedestrian fatality rate amid increased dangerous driving. @FamilyNsc #PedestrianSafety

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