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## OUR EVENTS

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## SYSTEMS TRAINING

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## Future Leaders Converge at AAMVA Headquarters to Participate in the AAMVA Leadership Academy



AAMVA welcomed [19 up-and-coming leaders](#) to the Leadership Academy this week at AAMVA headquarters in Arlington, VA. The Leadership Academy provides professional development opportunities for future leaders in the AAMVA community. This week-long program will include modules on defining leadership, working with legislators, team work and collaboration, organizational performance management, and more. [View the photos](#) from this an intense training opportunity focused on the unique characteristics of leading and managing a motor vehicle or law enforcement agency.

## Region 2 Conference Early Bird Deadline Is May 24th

[Register online today](#) for AAMVA's Region 2 Conference this June in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This unique opportunity provides AAMVA members with an intimate and collaborative environment to discuss relevant driver license, motor vehicle and law enforcement issues. Register by May 24th to get the Early Bird Registration rate and save! Visit the [2018 Region 2 Conference website](#) for more information and to register.

## 2018 Region 4 Conference – Registration Now Open!

Register online today for the [2018 Region 4 Conference](#), July 10-12, in Big Sky, Montana. The 2018 Region 4 Conference provides a terrific opportunity for attendees to discuss today's relevant motor vehicle and law enforcement related issues. As with every AAMVA conference, the ability to network is one of the most beneficial experiences and this year's regional conference provides many valuable interactive and learning opportunities. Jurisdictional attendees can learn about the successes and challenges of others, share ideas, build relationships, and discover the many products and services provided by our industry partners that can assist in your mission. Industry attendees will have the opportunity to meet with key players in the motor vehicle and law enforcement arena. [Visit the conference website](#) for more information and to register!

## Nova Scotia Implements the IDEC Certified Driver Examiner (CDE) Program

The AAMVA IDEC Board welcomes the Department of Transportation, Road Safety Division in Nova Scotia to the [International Driver Examiner Certification \(IDEC\) program](#). The AAMVA IDEC CDE program assists jurisdictions and non-commercial examiners by providing consistency in training. The program provides a standardized process for examiner training and increases jurisdictional operational efficiency through the use of better trained examiners. The IDEC training materials are updated

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8 | [CD01 Search Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

9 | [CD02 Verification Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

10 | [CD05 AKA Data Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

15 | [PDPS Cleanfile Processing \(intermediate\)](#)

16 | [PDPS Inquiry Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

17 | [PDPS Broken Pointer Management \(intermediate\)](#)

29 | [ACD Basic \(basic\)](#)

30 | [ACD Advanced \(advanced\)](#)

31 | [ACD Using Specific Codes \(advanced\)](#)

**[REGISTER ONLINE!](#)****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](#)

**[REGISTER ONLINE!](#)****OPEN RFPs**

[New Mexico MVD:RFI for MVD Statewide Vehicle License Plate Recycling and Destruction Services](#)  
Deadline: May 10, 2018

[IRP RFI Electronic Credentials](#)  
Deadline: May 11, 2018

annually by the AAMVA IDEC Board and Test Maintenance Subcommittee and provided free of charge to all AAMVA members. Jurisdictions interested in additional information on the program should contact [Denise Hanchulak](#).

**2018 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute Receives CLE Accreditation**

The Colorado Supreme Court, Office of Continuing and Legal Education has accredited the 2018 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute for 12 CLE hours of standard instruction and 2.4 CLE hours of ethics instruction. For those attending attorneys needing a copy of the accreditation notice for verification purposes, [please contact Cian Cashin](#).

**REGION 1 NEWS****Curses! Effort To Protect Free Speech Has Driven a Vanity Plate Free-For-All (Maine)**

The Maine Secretary of State's Office received warnings about the possibility of ugly consequences when it got legislative approval three years ago to drop its long-standing policy of screening vanity license plates for vulgar language. [Read the article at pressherald.com](#).

**Road Fatalities Jump 7 Percent in Maryland**

Road fatalities in Maryland increased 7 percent in 2017, reaching 557 deaths, while vehicle miles traveled grew 2 percent, according to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). In response, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), traffic safety advocates, law enforcement and health officials have issued a call-to-action to reduce the fatalities. [Read more at transportationtodaynews.com](#).

**Maryland Rakes In Millions of Dollars from Toll Fines and Penalties**

Maryland's stepped-up efforts to collect unpaid tolls are raking in millions of dollars for the state — outpacing the growth in toll revenue itself. State lawmakers and consumer protection groups say the crackdown — which includes referring thousands of delinquent accounts to collections — is punitive and predatory, and is pushing Marylanders into debt — and in some cases bankruptcy. [Read more at washingtonpost.com](#).

**New Federal Law for Driver's Licenses Bumpy Ride for Worcester Area Residents (Massachusetts)**

Justine Bwira stood patiently in line with a handful of documents at the Registry of Motor Vehicles Thursday, waiting for her number to be called so that she could get a license. When she finally got up to the counter she handed a clerk what she thought were all the required identification documents, including a voter-registration correspondence the city had mailed to her. [Read more at telegram.com](#).

**Confusion Lingers Over State's Driver Privacy Law (New Hampshire)**

It's a staple of local news coverage: A car slams into an oncoming vehicle, causing serious injury or a temporary road closure. Soon after, reporters fill the public in: who the drivers were, where they came from and what investigators think caused the wreck. But at times over the past year, that basic information has been hard to obtain. Citing a new reading of a state law known as the Driver Privacy Act, some New Hampshire police departments ceased giving out the names of drivers, makes and models of cars and other details about crashes. [Read more at sentinelsource.com](#).

**Could Unauthorized Immigrants in New Jersey Get Driver's Licenses?**

Immigrants and advocates are canvassing train and bus stations across the state in hopes of mustering support for a bill that would let unauthorized immigrants and others without documentation apply for driver's licenses. [Read the article at appg.com](#).

**The Future of Autonomous Vehicles Slowly Moving Toward Reality (Pennsylvania)**

The idea of self-driving vehicles is spreading across the country, including in Pennsylvania. ... However, Leslie Richards, secretary for the Department of Transportation, said we're still a long way away from seeing self-driving vehicles beside us on the roadways. But she said they believe the effort to test them could not only change lives---but make them safer. [Read more at fox43.com.](#)

## REGION 2 NEWS

### **Georgia Takes Action on Handheld Cell Phone Use While Driving**

Yesterday afternoon, Georgia Governor Nathan Deal signed H.B. 673 into law, making the state the 16th (along with D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) to ban handheld wireless device phone use behind the wheel. [Read the GHSA press release.](#)

### **If Hindsight is 20/20, the South Carolina Legislature Has a Fuzzy View of Public Safety**

A South Carolina Senate panel earlier this month voted to delay until 2020 reversing an earlier decision to end vision screening for residents when they renew their driver's license. That's a mistake, and it could lead to otherwise avoidable injuries and deaths. [Read more at heraldonline.com.](#)

### **Live 5 Investigates: The Separation of Church and Plate (South Carolina)**

Thousands of people across South Carolina driven by self-expression have purchased personalized license plates. But there's a running list of words and phrases that officials at the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles won't allow you to display on your tag. And you might be surprised to learn two of those words are God and Jesus. [Read more at live5news.com.](#)

### **No One Rushing to Fix Law That Makes It Easier to Avoid DUI Conviction in South Carolina**

South Carolina's law that requires strong video evidence of field sobriety and Breathalyzer tests was supposed to make it easier to get drunken driving convictions, one of the legislators who helped write the law recently said. Instead, one word included in the statute has been seized on by defense lawyers to get many DUI charges reduced or thrown out of court. [Read more at independentmail.com.](#)

### **Texas Commission: Merge Vehicle License Services**

"I'm so happy I get to spend all afternoon at the DPS office and renew my license," said no one... ever. But could there be changes ahead for more than 20 million licensed Texas motorists? [Read more at kten.com.](#)

### **Virginia DMV Extending Credentials That Expire Between April 26-30**

At the direction of Governor Ralph Northam, the Virginia DMV extended the validity of Virginia credentials that expire between April 26-30, 2018 through May 4, 2018. A nationwide verification system used to support driver's licensing experienced two separate outages during the afternoon of Thursday, April 26 and the morning of Friday, April 27. These outages prevented DMV from conducting licensing transactions during these periods of time. [Read more at augustafreepress.com.](#)

### **DOL Plans Public Hearings on REAL ID Marking for Standard Driver Licenses (Washington)**

The Department of Licensing has planned six public hearings this month throughout the state – including one in Kent on May 9 – to receive public comment on the proposed marking of standard driver licenses and ID cards that will start this summer. Starting July 1, DOL plans to begin marking all standard driver licenses and ID cards with the proposed language, “federal limits apply.” The federal Real ID Act requires states to mark identification documents that are not Real ID compliant. [Read the article at kentreporter.com.](#)

**REGION 3 NEWS****Self-Driving Bus Travels Over the Washington Avenue Bridge (Minnesota)**

A 12-passenger autonomous bus traveled on a pre-mapped route on the Washington Avenue Bridge at the University of Minnesota Monday, allowing passengers to experience self-driving technology. The Minnesota Department of Transportation has been studying this autonomous bus since December to see how the vehicle responds to winter weather and to different locations, like a college campus. [Read more at mndaily.com](http://mndaily.com).

**Missouri Highway Patrol Camera Makes It 'Nearly Impossible' to Run From Law**

They received funding from a Port Authority Grant in the amount of \$421,637.00. The MSHP matched the remaining \$78,596.46 with Highway Funds. The cost for the mapping system was \$128,710.40. This purchase was funded entirely from a Highway Safety Grant, so no MSHP funding was necessary. [Read the article at kshb.com](http://kshb.com).

**REAL IDs to be Issued In North Dakota**

The North Dakota Department of Transportation has started issuing REAL IDs in Bismarck with an expected statewide roll out later this month. Don't worry though, the issuance of REAL ID's doesn't mean the state has been issuing fake IDs. [Read the article at kfyrtv.com](http://kfyrtv.com).

**Here Are All 403 Personalized License Plates Ohio Rejected In the Past Year**

Have you ever seen a personalized license plate so outrageous, you wonder why the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles allowed it in the first place? Turns out, there are many worse ideas for vanity plates. Hundreds, actually. Between May 1, 2017, and April 27, 2018, the state rejected 403 license plates, many of which suggested dirty words, anti-Trump and anti-law-enforcement rhetoric, and much more. [Read the article at cincinnati.com](http://cincinnati.com).

**REGION 4 NEWS****California Joins 16 Other States and Sues to Halt Trump's Plan to Roll Back Vehicle Emission Standards**

An angry Gov. Jerry Brown on Tuesday announced a lawsuit by California and 16 other states against the Trump administration to stop it from rolling back aggressive national fuel economy standards championed by the state. [Read the article at latimes.com](http://latimes.com).

**Self-Driving Cars' Shortcomings Revealed in DMV Reports (California)**

A demand from the California DMV of eight companies testing self-driving cars has highlighted a number of areas where the technology falls short of being safe to operate with no human backup. All companies testing autonomous vehicles on the state's public roads must provide annual reports to the DMV about "disengagements" that occur when a human backup driver has to take over from the robotic system. The DMV told eight companies with testing permits to provide clarification about their reports. [Read more at mercurynews.com](http://mercurynews.com).

**Distracted Driving May Add a Point to Your Driving Record (California)**

Driving while using a cell phone may now add a point to your driving record. The California State Senate unanimously passed SB 1030 on Monday. It would make distracted driving a moving violation, not just an infraction. [Read more at sacramento.cbslocal.com](http://sacramento.cbslocal.com).

**San Ramon Driving School Owner Admits Helping Students Get Licenses Illegally (California)**

A San Ramon driving school owner pleaded guilty to working with California

Department of Motor Vehicles employees to obtain commercial driver's licenses for his students who did not pass the tests, officials said. Mangal Gill, 58, pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy to commit bribery and identity fraud in federal court in Sacramento, officials said. [Read more at sfchronicle.com.](#)

### **License Plate Surveillance Prompts New Concerns About Your Privacy (California)**

Photos of your license plate taken by police cameras can track where you've been, where you shop, and who you visit. ... By taking multiple photos of the same vehicles in different locations, law enforcement can create a sort of digital road-map of your whereabouts. But critics tell NBC 7 Investigates they are concerned with law enforcement sharing this information with other agencies. [Read more at nbcсандiego.com.](#)

### **Governor Brown Signs Immigrant Tuition Equity, Driver's License Bills at May Day Rally (Oregon)**

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown signed two bills supporting immigrants living in Oregon at the annual May Day rally Tuesday. ... Brown signed ... House Bill 4111, which allows the DMV to renew and replace a limited-term driver's license for DACA and Temporary Protected Status recipients whose status may have expired due to federal immigration policy changes. [Read the article at kgw.com.](#)

### **Saskatchewan Government to Mandate Training for Semi-Truck Drivers After Humboldt Broncos Crash**

Starting early 2019, the Saskatchewan government will mandate a minimum 70 hours of Class 1 driver training. The news comes after 16 people were killed and 13 injured in a crash between a semi-truck and the Humboldt Broncos team bus on April 6. [Read the article at globalnews.ca.](#)

### **State Admits Some Veterans Wrongly Billed for Purple Heart License Plates (Washington)**

Purple Heart license plates are a special designation for veterans who were wounded serving our country, but some recipients are feeling frustrated with the state Department of Licensing. A few months ago, KING 5 started hearing from frustrated veterans who were seeing a new \$30 charge on their car registration. [Read more at kings.com.](#)

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **To Buy or Not to Buy? Car Subscriptions Offer Alternative For New Car Shoppers**

People use monthly subscriptions to pay for lots of things they used to buy: music, smartphones, books and even clothes. Why not cars? [Read the article at usatoday.com.](#)

### **The Pentagon Could Get Self-Driving Vehicles First**

Forget Uber, Waymo and Tesla: the next big name in self-driving vehicles could be the Pentagon. "We're going to have self-driving vehicles in theater for the Army before we'll have self-driving cars on the streets," Michael Griffin, the undersecretary of defense for research and engineering, told lawmakers at a hearing on Capitol Hill this month. "But the core technologies will be the same." The stakes for the military are high. [Read the article at bloomberg.com.](#)

### **Rear View Cameras Now Required in All New Vehicles**

Starting May 1 all new vehicles will need to come equipped with a rear view camera. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration approved the new safety standard in 2014. It's been slowly phased in during the years that followed. [Read more at sacramento.cbslocal.com](#)

### **New Data Finds Motorcyclist Fatalities Down 5.6% in 2017**

A new report from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) projects that 4,990 people were killed on motorcycles in 2017. This number, based on preliminary data provided by State Highway Safety Offices (SHSOs), represents a projected 5.6%

decrease from 2016 – a difference of 296 lives. [Read the GHSA press release.](#)

## The State of Self-Driving Car Laws Across the U.S.

Despite two fatal accidents involving semi-autonomous cars occurring within days of each other in March, testing of the technology continues. On April 2, California expanded its testing rules to allow for remote monitoring instead of a safety driver inside the vehicle. Waymo and another company have since applied to begin testing vehicles without drivers in the state. While neighboring states Arizona and Nevada also allow testing without a safety driver, California is both the most populous state and also the home to many of the companies' testing vehicles. States should learn from regulations that promote innovation and safety at the same time. [Read the article at brookings.edu.](#)

## Channel 2 Investigation Into Flood Cars for Sale Attracts National Insurance Crime Bureau

A new market is emerging for flood vehicles. It is not where some would expect to find such cars, but thousands of vehicles from last year's hurricane season ended up overseas, according to Gediminas Garmus, the owner of car exporter W8 Shipping. [Read the article at click2houston.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.).

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CT: Urgent Update to seat belt upgrade advocates. The seat belt bill, HB 5161, is expected to come up for vote in the House today. Please weigh in with House Members ASAP. Contact information is here:

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.@WDVMTV's @KylieKhanWDVM today interviews WRAP's Kurt Erickson in Tysons Corner, Virginia about the nonprofit organization's anti-drunk driving Cinco de Mayo #SoberRide campaign. #VivaSafety soberride.com

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Fraud alert for anyone who purchased a vehicle from Siouxland Auto Sales <http://www.news.iowadot.gov/newsandinfo/2018/05/fraud-alert-for-anyone-who-purchased-a-vehicle-from-siouxland-auto-sales.html> ...

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