AAMVA Plans for an mDL Digital Trust Service
Following feedback received from a Request for Information (RFI) to help assess the feasibility of setting up a trust framework for Mobile Driver Licenses (mDLs) issued by AAMVA members, the AAMVA Board of Directors has approved a recommendation to build a Minimally Viable Product (MVP) version of an mDL Digital Trust Service (DTS). The MVP version of the DTS will allow AAMVA to test technologies, establish basic governance rules and policies, and create an operating framework to discover the path to a full DTS. As part of this development phase, AAMVA plans to consult with a representative group of issuing authorities, relying parties, mDL application providers, industry groups, and residents of participating jurisdictions during the operation of the MVP as necessary. A full summary of the DTS and the recommendation approved by the Board can be found here.

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
- How the Pandemic Led to a Rental Car Crisis Just as Americans Are Ready To Bust Loose
- Study: Without Commuter Traffic, Pandemic-Era Drivers Are Speeding up, Increasing Noise Pollution

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE
- Vermont DMV Considering Future of Remote Locations

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE
- DMV Resumes Regular Road Tests for Ages 15-17 (North Carolina)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

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- Ask the DMV: Information on Accessing DMV Services Online in ’21 (California)
- Millions of Californians Taking Advantage of DMV Services Without Visiting Office - No Need To Wait in Line or Even Leave Home
- Honolulu Police Department Reminds Officers That Many Hawaii Driver’s Licenses Have Been Extended
- Oregon DMV Makes Changes To Address Appointment Backlog
- SGI Rebate Explained: Cheques Coming This Month (Saskatchewan)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles Announced Placard Abuse Prevention Week

The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing its Placard Abuse Prevention Week, a yearly public service campaign that seeks to bring attention and awareness to the misuse of disability parking placards. Read more at news10.com.

Driving While High — How Legal Weed May Impact NJ’s Roads (New Jersey)

Research related to the impacts of driving while high is limited, even though states have had a recreational market on the books for years. As the Garden State inches closer to an official launch of its adult-use cannabis marketplace, the jury is out on what the move will mean in the way of safety on New Jersey's roads and, in turn, auto insurance rates. Read more at wobm.com.

REGION 2 NEWS

MDOT Law Enforcement Absorbed by Department of Public Safety (Mississippi)

Beginning July 1, Mississippi Department of Transportation law enforcement responsibilities will be under control of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. Commissioner Sean Tindell this week announced the formation of the team that will facilitate the transition... Read more at dailyleader.com.

Aluminum Shortage Forces DMV To Hit Brakes on Plate Replacement Program (North Carolina)

A worldwide shortage of aluminum has forced the state Division of Motor Vehicles to indefinitely suspend its program to replace license plates that are older than six years. DMV launched the program in January, swapping out plates as vehicle registrations came up for renewal. Read more at wral.com.

Texas Lawmakers Weigh Potential Fees for Electric Vehicle Owners

There’s only a month left in this year’s session of the Texas Legislature, and some lawmakers and advocacy groups are hoping laws regarding new registration fees for electric vehicle can beat the clock. It’s an effort to make

AAMVA offers systems trainings on-demand for members through our new Learning Management System
up for lost gas tax revenue as more drivers opt for electric and hybrid vehicles. Read more at ksat.com.

**REGION 3 NEWS**

Motorcycle Crashes, Fatalities Increased in 2020; Majority of Fatalities Were Not Wearing Helmet (Indiana)
With temperatures on the rise and motorcycles out in greater numbers, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) and Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) are reminding drivers and riders to stay alert and share the road. Read more at wane.com.

Iowa DOT Road Crews Turn to Sirens To Warn Drivers off a Collision Course
Five Iowa Department of Transportation crews were hit while doing roadwork in 2020. Two workers lost their lives. This year, four Iowa DOT crews have been struck by motorists...The department is hoping that a new addition to an old piece of equipment will be the key to keeping workers — and motorists — safe. They’re called audible attenuators, and they can be loud. Read more at thegazette.com.

**REGION 4 NEWS**

DMV Warns Customers of Phishing Scam (California)
In light of a text message phishing scam related to REAL ID, the California DMV recently sent out a reminder that it will never ask customers for personal information related to driver’s license number, Social Security number or financial information via email, text or over the phone. Read more at losaltosonline.com.

Well-Known Supercar Dealer CNC Motors Accused of 'Stealing' Cars in Massive Alleged Fraud (California)
California exotic car dealer CNC Motors had it good in recent years...But something alarming has been going on at CNC Motors since last fall. Dozens of people have come forward to claim the dealership sold their consigned cars without their knowledge and kept the money. Read more at thedrive.com.

New Study Finds California's Zero-Emission Cars Standards Could Save Lives, Reduce Pollution, Save Californians Money
California could save more than 7,000 lives by 2050, significantly reduce smog and climate pollution, and save new car buyers thousands of dollars if the state adopts Advanced Clean Car II standards that ensure all new cars, trucks and SUVs sold are zero-emitting vehicles by 2035, according to a new report by Environmental Defense Fund. Read more at edf.org.

Nevada DMV Resolves Network Issue Affecting Licenses, ID Cards
The Nevada DMV has resolved a network issue that affected processing for driver's licenses and ID cards, according to a department spokesperson. A slowdown hit the communications between the DMV's systems and the internet, which staff first noticed Monday, Kevin Malone said in an email. Read more at mynews4.com.
Fox 13 Investigation Prompts Utah To Look Into Potential Fraud at General RV
After a FOX 13 investigation in April revealed serious discrepancies on a consumer’s General RV contract, additional customers have now come forward with the same smudge on their documents. The story has since prompted the Utah Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division to investigate the dealership for potential fraud. Read more at fox13now.com.

Other News

Tesla Tells Regulator That Full Self-Driving Cars May Not Be Achieved by Year-End
Tesla Inc (TSLA.O) told a California regulator that it may not achieve full self-driving technology by the end of this year, a memo by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) showed. Tesla CEO Elon Musk said during an earnings conference call in January that he was "highly confident the car will be able to drive itself with reliability in excess of human this year." Read more at reuters.com.

GM Expects To Offer Personal Self-Driving Vehicles to Consumers This Decade
General Motors CEO Mary Barra expects the automaker to offer self-driving vehicles to consumers later this decade. While autonomous vehicles for deliveries and ride-hailing services are currently undergoing rigorous testing, manufacturing them for retail customers hasn’t been a priority for automakers because the technology needed for the systems is prohibitively expensive. Read more at cnbc.com.

Why Some Electric Car Owners Return to Gas – the Reasons Aren’t Surprising
A study has looked into why about 18% of electric car owners go back to gas-powered vehicles...This number will be surprising to some, but the focus of the study was the reasons that led them to switch back to gas, and when you look into those, they are not really surprising. Read more at electrek.co.

XPO Begins Testing Electric Trucks
XPO Logistics is testing a Freightliner eCascadia in Oakland, Calif., the first step in what it expects is a lengthy transition from diesel-powered heavy-duty trucks..."XPO will use this pilot to better understand how EVs will fit into our operations as part of our ongoing commitment to carbon reduction," the company said in a May 5 statement. Read more at ttnews.com.

New Study Addresses E-Scooter Safety
The use of electric scooters in the United States has boomed in recent years, but information on their safety has been scarce...Now, thanks to new research released by Professor Chris Cherry and graduate student Nilesh Shah in the University of Tennessee, Knoxville’s Tickle College of Engineering, city managers and policymakers have the data to make long-term decisions. Read more at news.utk.edu.

Interview: IDEMIA’s Matt Thompson on the Reality of Mobile ID and ‘Identity on the Edge’
IDEMIA is one of the biggest digital identity and security companies in the world, and has established itself as a leader across a diverse range of technologies and sectors...But IDEMIA is poised to accrue even more distinction through its trailblazing efforts in the area of mobile ID, with a biometric identity solution that is already getting serious attention from multiple state governments. Read more at findbiometrics.com.

**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 week's activity.

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ARKANSAS STATE TROOPER NAMED NATIONAL TROOPER OF THE YEAR

Arkansas State Trooper James Ray has been named by the American Association of State Troopers as the Trooper of the Year – 2021, recognizing him for his selfless act of bravery that saved...... https://bit.ly/3eS9xWs

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During the three days of International Roadcheck, inspectors are out inspecting CMVs and drivers. And after #Roadcheck, inspectors will still be out inspecting CMVs and drivers. The awareness campaign might be ending today but our commitment to CMV safety keeps going.
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Our branches processed 6.2 million transactions in 2020. During Public Service Recognition Week, we want to thank our outstanding team for their dedication and hard work. #PSRW

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May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Check out our new podcast-style audio interview series, "Behind The Wheel," which we’re kicking off with a 4-pt series focusing on motorcycling in Maine. Listen here: https://youtube.com/watch?v=Pd0p9LQpLG0
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In honor of Maryland State Employees Appreciation Day, we’re celebrating ALL of our hardworking and dedicated employees. In the past year, we’ve served more than 9.4 million customers and it wouldn’t be possible without these friendly faces. THANK YOU!

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It’s encouraging to hear that two bills increasing children’s safety at school bus crossings were passed by the legislature last week.

We hope that these new bills encourage people to be more aware of their surroundings.

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Almost forgot to turn the calendar to the best month of the @State_Troopers_2021 #CruiserCalendar!

#May #Nebraska #Troopers
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