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## OUR EVENTS

## MAY



### AAMVA Leadership Academy Wraps Up

The 2018 Class of [AAMVA's Leadership Academy](#), officially completed their training last week, wrapping up several days of professional development, leadership training, and networking. As part of the training course, the 19 up-and-coming jurisdiction leaders heard from industry professionals, met with experienced administrators, and toured the Virginia DMV, among many other activities. To get a glimpse into what the week was like for the Leadership Academy participants, [visit AAMVA's Flickr page](#), or [watch this video wrap-up](#) to hear from the participants themselves.

### 2018 Region 1 Conference Next Week!

The [2018 Region 1 Conference](#) is next week, May 14-17, in Wilmington, Delaware! [Register online today!](#) The conference provides an opportunity for you and your peers to discuss relevant driver's license, 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 several networking opportunities as well as interactive learning opportunities. Jurisdiction attendees will 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 driver's license, motor vehicle and law enforcement arenas. Visit the [2018 Region 1 Conference Website](#) for more information.

### 2018 Region 2 Conference - Early Bird Deadline May 24th

Register online today for AAMVA's [Region 2 Conference](#), June 18-21, 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.

## JUNE



## REGION 1 NEWS

### Connecticut DMV Employee Accused of Title Fraud

A motor vehicle examiner specialist at Bridgeport DMV branch has been charged with title fraud and has been placed on administrative leave. Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles inspectors investigated for several months after the Consumer Complaint Unit learned in December of the suspected title fraud and they arrested Aaron Soares on Monday, according to the state Department of Motor Vehicles. [Read the article at nbconnecticut.com.](#)

## JULY



### House Denies Prospect Family Waiver To Sue DMV (Connecticut)

The House has turned back the family of a 14-year-old Prospect boy looking to hold the state Department of Motor Vehicles accountable for wrongly granting a license to a five-time DUI offender who killed him. ... Generally, state government enjoys broad immunity from lawsuits. [Read the article at mycitizensnews.com.](#)

## SYSTEMS TRAINING

\*Register for the following training sessions [HERE](#).

**MAY**

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**

[NY DMV RFP C00890: DMV System Modernization](#)  
**Deadline: July 31, 2018**

**Delaware Bill Restricts the DMV From Suspending Expelled Students' Driver's License**

Delaware lawmakers have introduced legislation that restricts the DMV from suspending a student's driver's license if they've been expelled from a public school.

Under current law, a school superintendent is required to notify the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) any time a student was expelled from a public school, at which time the DMV is permitted to suspend the students driver's license for up to two years. [Read the article at delaware1059.com.](#)

**The Division of Motor Vehicles Announces New Design for Driver License and Identification Cards (Delaware)**

On June 4, 2018, The Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will release a new, more secure, card design for driver license and identification cards (DL/ID). This new design release is a part of the DMV's continuous effort to provide customers with the latest in available document security to combat fraudulent attempts to alter or replicate an authentic DL/ID. New features include Legislative Hall prominently displayed on the front of the license, a new look for the federally compliant gold star, and images including a blue hen on the back of the card. [Read the press release.](#)

**Loophole in Noah's Law Has Maryland Judges 'Tramplng' Drunken Driving Act**

After facing years of criticism, the passage of Noah's Law in 2016 was supposed to show that Maryland lawmakers took drunken driving seriously and were willing to impose stronger sentences. But now advocates are growing frustrated that the law may not be having the impact it was supposed to thanks to a loophole that allows some people to walk out of court with minimal sentences. [Read the article at wtop.com.](#)

**Ontario Issues First Non-Binary Birth Certificate After Human Rights Claim**

Canada's largest province has issued its first non-binary birth certificate, marking the culmination of a successful human rights claim against Ontario. ... Ontario now provides several options for gender on birth certificates. In Ferguson's case, gender is denoted by an "X", but petitioners can also have their gender removed altogether from the official document. Ontario issued its first gender-neutral driving licenses and health identification cards last year. ... In 2017, California passed legislation to allow non-binary as an option for birth certificates, a law to go into effect in 2018. [Read the article at theguardian.com.](#)

**Texting and Driving 'Rampant' In Pennsylvania, But Few Get Tickets. Here's Why**

You're on a Pennsylvania road, and you're texting and driving. Are you going to get away with it? Let's put it this way: In 2017, on average a grand total of two citations per municipality were issued by police statewide — and that represented an increase. [Read the article at philly.com.](#)

**REGION 2 NEWS****Digital License Plates Coming Soon to Florida**

Digital license plates are about to go mainstream in Florida, and it could help save taxpayers millions. According to NBC News, a company called Reviver Auto has developed electronic license plates, dubbed Rplates. Rplates are now on sale in California, and will be available in Arizona, Texas and Florida in the near future. [Read the article at wptv.com.](#)

**North Carolina Urging People To Get New Real ID Ahead Of 2020 Deadline**

North Carolina is beginning a push to get more drivers to apply for Real ID, which is an upgraded federal requirement to driver's licenses that goes into effect by 2020.

Although that deadline is still two years away, the NC DMV is trying to get more people to apply for it now before it gets too close to the deadline. [Read the article at cbs17.com.](#)

## These Are the Personalized License Plates Tennessee Rejected In the Last Year

There's a spreadsheet that circulates in the Tennessee Department of Revenue with 4,600 bad ideas for vanity license plates. ... While the list — used by other states as well, said Kelly McCarthy, public information officer for the Department of Revenue — gets quite specific with multiple variations of potentially objectionable phrases, it serves only as a guideline. [Read the article at tennessean.com.](#)

## Sex, Drugs And Other 'Vulgurities' Banned On Custom License Plates (Texas)

Starting at \$150 a year, the State of Texas will let you personalize the license plate on your vehicle, but the combination of letters and numbers cannot invoke anything the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles considers to be indecent. [Read the article at kut.org.](#)

### REGION 3 NEWS

## 76,000 Detroiters Who Can't Legally Drive Due To Responsibility Fees Can Get Early Relief (Michigan)

Detroit is looking to use a work training program to wipe out Driver Responsibility Fees for thousands who have had their driver's licenses suspended as a result of the outgoing penalty policy. About 76,000 Detroiters owe \$1,600 on average in responsibility fees, and the city is offering residents a chance to complete 10 hours of workforce development training to get their licenses back, rather than waiting for statewide fee forgiveness to kick off in Oct. 1, the city announced Tuesday. [Read the article at mlive.com.](#)

## Minnesota Licenses Without Real ID Good For Flights Through 2020, State Says

Minnesota residents can continue to use their standard driver's license or other state-issued ID cards for domestic air travel until 2020, state officials said Monday. Minnesota has been one of the last states in the country to bring itself into compliance with the new federal requirement, which came in the wake of the September 2001 terror attacks. [Read the article at startribune.com.](#)

## REAL ID, Upgrade to North Dakota Driver's Licenses Set For Later This Month

People renewing a driver's license later this month can opt for a "REAL ID" that meets new federal guidelines, according to Glenn Jackson, director of the driver's license division of the North Dakota Department of Transportation. "As of Oct. 1, 2020, if you don't have a REAL ID credential you will not be able to board a domestic flight or enter a military or federal installation," he said. [Read the article at jamestownsun.com.](#)

## Governor John Kasich Signs Executive Order Allowing Autonomous Vehicle Testing On Ohio roads

Gov. John Kasich signed an executive order Wednesday morning that will allow companies to test autonomous vehicles on all public roads in Ohio. Kasich, a Republican, said he hopes the move will zoom Ohio to the front of the pack in the autonomous vehicle industry, creating jobs and keeping college graduates in the state. He also believes the industry's promise that the vehicles will make roads safer - resulting in fewer traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities. [Read the article at cleveland.com.](#)

### REGION 4 NEWS

## State Assembly Committee to Meet About Autonomous Vehicle Safety (California)

Automated vehicle safety will be spotlighted Monday at a hearing by the Assembly Transportation Committee, chaired by Assemblyman Jim Frazier, whose district includes Brentwood and Antioch. The hearing, which is informational only, will address balancing the safety benefits and concerns of driverless vehicles, and will be livestreamed. The meeting begins at 2:30 p.m. at the Capitol in Room 4202. [Read the](#)

[article at nbcbayarea.com.](#)

## **Avoid the Lines – Easy Ways to Renew Registration (California)**

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) wants customers to avoid making an unnecessary trip to a field office to renew their vehicle registration when this simple transaction can be completed online, by mail, at a DMV Now Self-Service Terminal or at partner organizations. [Read the press release.](#)

## **Colorado Lets You Say What You Want On Your License Plates. Except When It Doesn't.**

Armed with Urban Dictionary and a discerning eye, clerks at the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles act as bouncers, guarding the entrance to the realm of personalized license plates to keep vanity plates from devolving into profanity. [Read the article at denverpost.com.](#)

## **Pat Kohler Stepping Down from Department of Licensing (Washington)**

Governor Jay Inslee announced today that Pat Kohler, director of the Department of Licensing, is stepping down. Her last day will be June 30. In her resignation letter to Inslee, Kohler said that the tragic loss of her brother earlier this year is prompting her to re-evaluate her priorities and that she is currently exploring future opportunities. [Read the Governor's announcement.](#)

### **OTHER NEWS**

## **Three Keys to Teen Drowsy Driving Prevention**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens, killing more than 2,000 teen drivers each year. While drunk driving and distracted driving are key risk factors, drowsy driving deserves similar attention. [Read the blog at noys.org.](#)

## **Driver's Licenses Go Digital**

Digital driver's licenses are coming to the United States, harnessing biometrics like facial recognition, fingerprints, and iris scanning for security. Iowa in 2019 plans to begin doling out the licenses state-wide, and Delaware, Virginia, Wyoming, and several other states have conducted small pilot studies of the technology. ... IEEE Spectrum caught up with Rob Mikell, director of business development for government solutions at Billerica, Mass.-based Idemia—the company charged with supplying Iowa's digital driver's license technology ... and asked him to make the case for digital driver's licenses, also called mobile driver's licenses. [Read the article at spectrum.ieee.org.](#)

## **Reducing Speed and Alcohol Impairment Key to Preventing Pedestrian Deaths**

Earlier this year, GHSA projected nearly 6,000 pedestrians were killed in 2017 on U.S. roads for the second year in a row. By analyzing where, when and why pedestrian fatalities most often occur, today's Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) report reinforces what needs to be done to curb these preventable tragedies through strong engineering, enforcement and education measures. [Read the GHSA statement.](#)

## **Study: Older Riders Make Up Largest Share Of Motorcycle Deaths**

Fewer motorcyclists are dying in Wisconsin and the U.S. as a whole, but increasingly, those involved in fatal crashes are older, according to new data. [Read the article at wpr.org.](#)

## **AAA: 1-in-5 U.S. Drivers Want an Electric Vehicle**

American appetite for electric vehicles is heating up. A new AAA survey shows that 20 percent or 50 million Americans will likely go electric for their next vehicle purchase, up from 15 percent in 2017. With lower-than-average ownership costs, increased driving ranges and the latest advanced safety features, AAA sees a strong future for electric vehicles. [Read the article at newsroom.aaa.com.](#)

## Feds: 'Do Not Drive' Ford and Mazda Pickups With Defective Air Bags

Three months ago a pair of automakers issued "Do Not Drive" warnings for pickup trucks equipped with air bags that can explode and spray metal shrapnel that has killed 22 people and maimed hundreds more. The air bags on 2006 Ford Rangers and Mazda B-series trucks should be replaced immediately, the companies said. But Monday, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said too many people are still driving the trucks. [Read the article at mercurynews.com.](#)

## FHWA Launches Nationwide Initiative on Highway Automation

The Federal Highway Administration will host a series of meetings throughout the remainder of the year that will bring government and private-sector representatives together over the topic of highway automation. [Read the article on ttnews.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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# It will soon be illegal to hold your phone while driving in Georgia

By: Aaron Diamant , Richard Elliot

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**ATLANTA** - Georgia's governor is expected to sign a new distracted driving bill Wednesday.

A step in the right direction...way to go Georgia 🙌👍

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Have you checked out our section on the future of automated vehicles? Take a look at what lies ahead: <https://mycardoeswhat.org/the-future/>

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With 40% of Virginia's single-vehicle motorcycle deaths last year involving drunk driving, @VirginiaDMV urges caution this summer. 🏍️ #RideSober [https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/general/news/pressReleases/#!/News\\_Article:12360 ...](https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/general/news/pressReleases/#!/News_Article:12360...)

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Steve McCarthy couldn't believe what he was hearing when he was told that two goats were trapped on a bridge beam in Lawrence County. It took photographic evidence for McCarthy, Senior Civil Engineer - Bridge Unit, to be convinced. Learn more at <https://goo.gl/1gkR7m> .



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