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OUR EVENTS

JUNE

5-6 | [CR43 State to State Working Group Meeting](#)
Minneapolis, Minnesota



JULY



SYSTEMS TRAINING

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

MAY

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

AAMVA Region 4 Conference Announces Keynote Speaker



We are pleased to announce the keynote speaker for the [Region 4 Conference](#) is Sam Bracken. Mr. Bracken is a highly sought-after dynamic and powerful speaker, coach and author moving people to radical change. He is a best-selling author, motivational speaker, change agent and executive coach who has won several awards including the Eileen Eisenberg Books that a Make a

Difference Award. He serves as the global director of media publishing for FranklinCovey, the world's leading training and leadership organization with services in more than 145 countries. Don't miss the **General Session: Sam Bracken – My Orange Duffle Bag: A Journey to Radical Change**, Tuesday July 10th, 10:15 am – 11:45 am.

The deadline for the [early bird registration](#) for this event is **June 9th!** Visit the [Region 4 Conference Web site](#) for more program details and to register online.

Presentations from Region 1 Conference Available Online

Last week, AAMVA hosted the Region 1 Conference in Wilmington, Delaware, ending with the swearing in of the new Region 1 president, AAMVA board member Chrissy Nizer (Maryland). During the conference, members had the opportunity to network and attend sessions on hot topics, including drug impaired driving, automated vehicles and Real ID. View photos of the event by [visiting our Flickr page](#). Presentations are available for download on the [AAMVA website](#). Thank you to our sponsors and exhibitors who made this event possible!

NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group (BRWG) Vacancy

The NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group (NMVTIS BRWG) was established to focus on state business processes, policies and procedures. It is made up of representatives from jurisdictions in all four regions. These jurisdictions represent the various modes of participation in NMVTIS, specifically, fully integrated online, batch, or some combination of the two. The Working Group currently has [two vacancies](#) and is seeking applications from subject matter experts of the NMVTIS business processes. If you would like to apply for this working group, [please complete the application](#) and email it to Diane Graham at committees@aamva.org. Applications must be received by June 11, 2018. If you have questions about the working group, please contact [Casey Garber](#).

REGION 1 NEWS

Why Massachusetts Doesn't Have A Cell Phone Ban For Drivers

This is it, the start of the summer driving season, when everybody hits the road, cell phone firmly in hand. And inevitably, the coming months will bring multiple stories of accidents and – tragically – fatalities caused by drivers distracted by their phones.

Sixteen states already ban cell phone use by drivers. A similar ban here would improve safety and enhance enforcement of the existing ban on texting while driving.

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

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OUR WEBINARS

MAY

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

May 30, 2018, 2-3 pm (ET)
[NMVTIS Junk Salvage and Insurance \(Total Loss\) Information \(JSI\) – What Does it Mean?](#)

JUNE

June 5, 2018, 2-3 pm (ET)
[NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 1](#)

June 6, 2018, 2-3 pm (ET)
[Understanding and Using: CSOR Turnaround Interval Report & Frequent Inquiry Report](#)

June 12, 2-018, 2-3 p (ET)
[NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

June 19, 2018, 2-3 pm (ET)
[NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

June 26, 2018, 2-3 pm (ET)
[NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

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OPEN RFPs

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

But a cell phone ban has failed to pass the Legislature in each of the past two years.
[Read the article at boston.cbslocal.com.](#)

DMV Announces Second Annual Vehicle Safety Week in New York State

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) today kicked off its second annual Vehicle Safety Week in New York State, reminding motorists to take the necessary steps now to make sure their cars are safe for the summer driving season. For the first time ever, DMV has launched a new system that will alert motorists to outstanding recalls when their vehicles are brought in for their annual inspections.
[Read the article at longisland.com.](#)

Pennsylvania DOT, Police, Safety Partners Kick off Border-to-Border Seat-Belt Enforcement (Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania)

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA), Buckle Up PA, and state and local police from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, today held a media event at the Walt Whitman Bridge in Philadelphia, to kick-off the Border-to-Border seat belt enforcement campaign as part of the national “Click It or Ticket” campaign through June 3. [Read the article at mychesco.com.](#)

Officials Urge Lawmakers to Change Pennsylvania Radar Laws

Several local police departments are urging lawmakers to pass legislation allowing them to use radar to catch speeders. State Police in Pennsylvania have been using the tool since 1962, but Pennsylvania is now the only state in the country to ban local law enforcement from using it. [Read the article at wjactv.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Louisiana Joins States Adopting Changes for Truck Platoons

Providing authority to test driver-assistive truck platooning technology on highways continues to advance through statehouses from Louisiana to Pennsylvania. The concept uses a lead truck to control the speed and braking of following trucks. Advocates say truck platooning will save fuel because of reduced aerodynamic drag, lessen traffic congestion, and improve highway safety ... Critics question how automated vehicles and traditional vehicles will interact on roadways. Others doubt whether widespread use of the technology is realistic. [Read the article at landlinemag.com.](#)

Help Could Be On the Way for People With Suspended Licenses (Tennessee)

Drivers who had their licenses taken away, may be able to get them back without paying a fine. ... State law makes it mandatory for cities to have a community service program that when completed will waive court costs for those whose driver license has been taken away. ... Advocates expect the program to be up and running later this year. [Read the article at fox13memphis.com.](#)

Proposed Motor-Voter Fixes Go Too Far, Texas Tells U.S. Judge

After losing a legal fight over the way Texas handles online voter registration, state lawyers are arguing that fixes proposed by a civil rights group go too far and should be rejected. U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia of San Antonio had given both sides until Thursday to submit plans that will let Texans simultaneously register to vote when they obtain or renew a driver's license on the Department of Public Safety website. [Read the article at statesman.com.](#)

Texas DMV Warns Buyers to Beware of Flood-Damaged Vehicles

Giving someone a new or used car as a graduation gift may earn you an “A” for effort, but failing to do your homework before buying could be a dangerous and costly mistake. More than eight months after Hurricane Harvey damaged an estimated

500,000 cars and trucks, Texans are still at risk of unknowingly purchasing flood-damaged vehicles. [Read the article at crossroadstoday.com.](#)

Texas Officials: Travis Case Shows More Auto Title Oversight Needed

An evolving — and potentially expensive — scandal in the Travis County tax office regarding automobile title transfers served as a cautionary tale at the Capitol on Wednesday for why stronger tools are needed statewide to combat title fraud. State regulators “still lack adequate oversight” resources to stamp out the problem, said Steven Ogle, general counsel of the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission. ... The fraud investigation became public last Friday when the arrests were announced. This week, the Statesman reviewed an audit that indicates Travis County could owe the state more than \$1 million in uncollected state sales taxes because of faulty title transfers, meaning the paperwork required when vehicles are bought or sold. [Read the article at mystatesman.com.](#)

Director of Highway Safety in West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles Says Drunk Driving Arrests Are Down

Bob Tipton, director of highway safety in the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles, said drunk driving arrests are down during a recent appearance on MetroNews “Talkline.” [Read the article at wvmetronews.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Michigan Secretary of State Calls Attention to Motorcycle Safety

May is "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month". It's an effort to remind you to be aware of your surroundings and be looking out for motorcycles on the road. [Read the article at wlns.com.](#)

What Your License Plate Can't Say in Missouri, Including 'NEKK1D' or 'DRUNK'

Personalized license plates make it easy to identify a person's car and give it a little extra flair. For some Missourians, it's also an opportunity to be vulgar. But the Department of Revenue isn't having it. Between Jan. 1 last year and May 9 of this year, the department rejected 430 personalized license plate requests. [Read the article at stltoday.com.](#)

Drug Recognition Experts Tackle Drugged Driving (Nebraska)

Decades of law changes and education programs have significantly curbed drunk driving, and law enforcement and national traffic safety agencies are making efforts to do the same with drug-impaired driving. In 2017 there were 56 fatalities in Nebraska in crashes where both drugs and alcohol were a factor, or 24.7 percent of all fatalities, according to data provided by Nebraska Highway Safety Administrator Fred Zwonechek. There were 52 in 2016 (25 percent) and 41 in 2015 (18.8 percent). [Read the article at omaha.com.](#)

Report: Wisconsin Local Governments Turn to Wheel Taxes as State Road Funding Stagnates

Local governments, including Dane County, increasingly resorted to imposing wheel taxes since 2011 to fund local roads, as the buying power of state funding declined, a new report found. The report was released Tuesday by the nonpartisan Wisconsin Policy Forum. It found vehicle registration fees, also known as “wheel taxes,” were in place in 27 communities at the end of 2017 — compared to four in 2011. [Read the article at host.madison.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

California's Process for Allowing Teens to Drive is Meant to Keep Them, and You, Safe

Do you have a teenage driver in your family? If so, odds are you are familiar with

California's Graduated Driver License Program. The GDL program was adopted by California in 1998 and is solely in place to help protect teen drivers as they gain experience behind the wheel. As we know, safe drivers are not just born overnight.

[Read the article at fresnobee.com.](#)

Division of Motor Vehicles Computer System Upgrade Aims to Improve Customer Service (Colorado)

All Colorado title and registration services, including motor vehicle registration renewal, vehicle titling, International Registration Plan (IRP) and ownership transfers will be unavailable August 1-5, 2018 to allow for technical upgrades, which will improve the customer and employee experience in offices and online. [Read the press release.](#)

Bill Would Make Guam REAL ID Compliant

Sen. Joe San Agustin on Friday introduced a bill to make Guam compliant with the federal government's Real ID Act, which was passed in 2005. The law established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards.

Guam has five months — or until Oct. 10, 2018 — to comply, based on its current extension status with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. [Read the article at guampdn.com.](#)

Input Sought On New Driver's License Language (Washington)

State officials are asking for residents' ideas on how to best explain on a standard driver's license or ID card that it is not valid identification for use at airports and federal facilities. ... The Department of Homeland Security also mandates the marking. The state Department of Licensing has proposed writing "federal limits apply," but Yakima residents will have an opportunity Wednesday to say if they believe that wording makes it clear where the card can be used. [Read the article at yakimaherald.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

The Wordsmiths Behind Those Catchy Highway Signs

Despite rising gas prices and rain in the forecast, more drivers are expected this Memorial Day Weekend. And one thing you may notice -- some memorably worded digital safety signs from the Virginia Department of Transportation. The signs might read, "Signal Intention for Crash Prevention" or "See the Cone ... Respect the Zone." WMRA's Jessie Knadler talks to the wordsmiths at VDOT to find out what's going on with those catchy signs. [Read the article at wmra.org.](#)

GHSA and The National Road Safety Foundation Provide \$75,000 to Bolster State Drowsy Driving Prevention Programs

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) and The National Road Safety Foundation (NRSF) are pleased to announce the recipients of the second year of grants to help states implement innovative drowsy driving prevention campaigns. Connecticut, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, and South Dakota will receive \$15,000 each in funding. Twelve states applied for these grants; a panel of issue experts reviewed all applications against a number of criteria and selected the winners. [Read the press release.](#)

More Than 7 Million People May Have Lost Driver's Licenses Because of Traffic Debt

More than 7 million people nationwide may have had their driver's licenses suspended for failure to pay court or administrative debt, a practice that advocates say unfairly punishes the poor, a Washington Post analysis found. About 10 percent of that total involved residents of Virginia, Maryland and the District. [Read the article at washingtonpost.com.](#)

Race Against Time: States Debate Autonomous Vehicle Legislation Amid Aging Population

U.S. senior citizens are expected to double in number to 83.7 million by 2050, yet legislation to allow driverless cars to freely roam the roads and provide a mode of transportation and independence to this segment of society may not be keeping pace.

[Read the article at govtech.com.](#)

Fear of Autonomous Cars Rises After High-Profile Fatalities, AAA Survey Finds

Consumer trust in self-driving cars has plummeted following high-profile roadway fatalities, with almost three-quarters of Americans now saying they are too afraid to ride in an autonomous vehicle, according to a new survey. The survey by the American Automobile Association shows faith in robot rides has been shaken by two March incidents: A pedestrian in Arizona struck and killed by an Uber self-driving car and a fatality involving a Tesla Model X operating in semi-autonomous "Autopilot" mode. The fear-factor reported by 73 percent of those polled last month was up 10 points from late 2017 and nearly erased gains from the 78 percent afraid of automated cars early last year. [Read the article at autonews.com.](#)

Senate Panel Delays Vote to Approve Auto Safety Chief

The U.S. Senate Commerce Committee on Monday delayed a vote on the Trump administration's nominee to be the top auto safety regulator in the face of opposition among Democrats over planned changes to vehicle emissions rules. Heidi King, who has been deputy chief of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) since September, was set to be voted on Tuesday, but her nomination was pulled from the calendar late Monday because of concerns Republicans would not have enough votes to win approval. That means she will not get a vote until next month at the earliest. [Read the article at reuters.com.](#)

Federal Board Recommends Seatbelts On All New School Buses After Deadly Crashes

A federal transportation panel on Tuesday recommended to states that all new large school buses be equipped with both lap and shoulder seatbelts, which the board chairman called a "tried and true" safety protection. The National Transportation Safety Board, which investigates transportation disasters, approved the recommendation Tuesday in Washington. The board also recommended requiring collision-avoidance systems and automatic emergency brakes on new school buses. [Read the article at baltimoresun.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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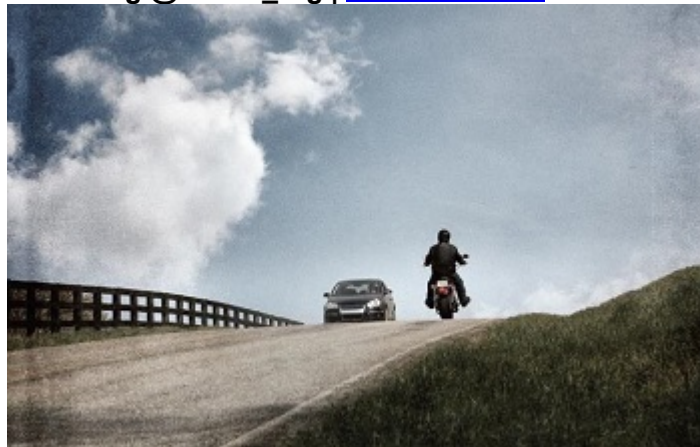
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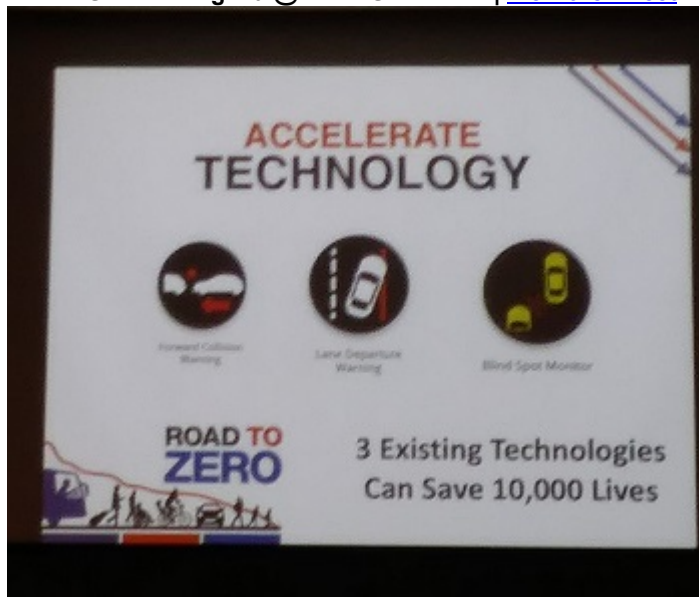


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The recipient of the 2018 @GovernorVA's Transportation Safety Award for Lifetime Achievement is Col. (Ret.) W. Steven Flaherty, Virginia State Police. Congratulations, Steve! #safetysummitva @VirginiaDMV @VSPPIO

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improvements and work have saved taxpayers time, money, and protected them against identity theft. <https://on.ny.gov/2KOSjZm>



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