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## OUR EVENTS

## MAY

23-24 | [NDR Working Group Meeting](#)  
Boston, Massachusetts

## JUNE

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



**REGION 2  
CONFERENCE**  
MYRTLE BEACH, SC  
JUNE 18-21

## JULY



**REGION 4  
CONFERENCE**  
BIG SKY, MT  
JULY 10-12

## Jurisdictional Guidelines for the Safe Testing and Deployment of Highly Automated Vehicles Now Available

AAMVA's [Autonomous Vehicles Working Group](#) has completed an important product to assist our members in navigating the emerging area of vehicle automation. [Jurisdictional Guidelines for the Safe Testing and Deployment of Highly Automated Vehicles](#) was created to assist motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies seeking to address the testing or use of Level 3, 4, and 5 automated vehicles in their jurisdiction. It provides voluntary guidance and recommendations that balance public safety with the advancement of vehicle innovations that have the potential to reduce crashes, fatalities, injuries and property damage. As your jurisdiction addresses the use of Highly Automated Vehicles, you may want to use [these guidelines](#) to ensure your jurisdiction is addressing key components while giving consideration to creating a consistent regulatory approach across jurisdictions. The report is based on a combination of research, experience, and knowledge accumulated over the last three years by the members of the AAMVA Autonomous Vehicles Working Group who are professional staff members of different motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies throughout North America. While some jurisdictions have developed requirements for entities to test HAVs on public roadways and others have not, the group utilized the collective experiences of the jurisdictions to assist in shaping these recommendations. [Download and view](#) the document here.

## CDL Coordinators/IT Meeting

FMCSA Administrator Raymond Martinez, AAMVA Test Maintenance Subcommittee Chair Larry Boivin (ME) and AAMVA President and CEO Anne Ferro welcomed attendees to the FMCSA CDL Coordinators and IT meeting April 8-10, in Columbus, OH. Attendees discussed strategies and requirements of the federally mandated CDL and CDLIS programs, including partnerships with courts and prosecutors, the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners, the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse rule, approaches to Employer Notification Systems, CDL Skills Testing and training tools available, CDLIS, and state innovation stories.

## REGION 1 NEWS

### 'Real' ID Not Catching On In Massachusetts Yet

The Registry of Motor Vehicles began issuing licenses compliant with the federal REAL-ID law in late March, but those new forms of identification have yet to fully catch on, according to a top transportation official. The majority of people recently obtaining identification through RMV service centers have opted for a standard Massachusetts license, while at AAA locations, more people are seeking REAL-ID cards, Registrar of Motor Vehicles Erin Deveney said Monday. [Read the article at salemnews.com.](#)

### Online System Will Provide Wait Times At State's Busiest DMV Offices, Including Concord (New Hampshire)

Waiting at the DMV is nobody's idea of fun, but the state hopes that telling people how long they will have to wait in line might ease the psychological burden. Using a queuing system launched in September, on Thursday the Division of Motor Vehicles will begin displaying an online list of how many people are in line at its five biggest

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**MAY**

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**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 24, 2:00-3:00 pm ET**  
[Understanding and Using: CSOR Turnaround Interval Report & Frequent Inquiry Report](#)

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

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

offices, including in Concord, and the typical wait time one should expect. [Read the article at concordmonitor.com.](#)

**MVC Warns Drivers Not to Fall for Phone Scam Involving Driver's Licenses (New Jersey)**

Drivers are being warned not to fall for a telephone scam where callers claim to be from the state Motor Vehicle Commission and demand money to restore a suspended driver's license. MVC officials said the agency never contacts drivers by phone to demand payment and that all correspondence about driver's license suspension is done by mail. MVC employees do not call demanding payments, officials said. [Read the article at nj.com.](#)

**New York Senate Approves New Penalties for Drivers Who Hit Road Workers**

Lawmakers in the New York State Senate have approved new criminal penalties for motorists whose careless driving causes the injury or death of a construction worker on a road or highway project. The Senate passed legislation Monday that would create new crimes of vehicular manslaughter and vehicular assault in an active work zone. ... The bill now moves to the Assembly for consideration. [Read the article at cnycentral.com.](#)

**REGION 2 NEWS****Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles Awarded for Interactive Driver Service**

Louisiana's Amazon Alexa practice driving test service provided by Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) was recently recognized by StateScoop and given the State IT Innovation of the Year award which highlights the best and brightest in the state IT community. The Alexa skill allows citizens to take practice driving tests. The service can be used by individuals applying for a driver's license or anyone looking to challenge their memory of Louisiana's driving rules. [Read the article at businesswire.com.](#)

**State Releases 2019 Mississippi License Plate Design**

The new Mississippi license plate design for 2019 has been released. Governor Phil Bryant shared the design Thursday, pointing out specifically that the design will feature the Mississippi State Seal, which includes the national motto "In God We Trust". [Read the article at msnewsnow.com.](#)

**Older Drivers Are Linked to Fatal Crashes. Is 10 Years Too Long Between DMV Eye Exams? (North Carolina)**

North Carolina makes it legal for older motorists, who have been linked to a rising number of traffic deaths, to go up to 10 years without submitting to vision exams that prove they can see well enough to drive. Since 2015, state law has let drivers renew their licenses online every other time it's due. Online renewals help reduce crowds in busy licensing offices and save time for drivers. Vision exams are a required part of in-person license renewals for drivers of all ages. But online renewals ask license holders to simply state, without proof, that their vision hasn't changed. [Read the article at charlotteobserver.com.](#)

**Loophole In State Law Makes Temporary Car Tags Untraceable for Police (South Carolina)**

It may be like second nature to take down a license plate number or snap a quick picture of it when you see a driver acting suspiciously or doing something out of the ordinary, but what do you do when the plate is a temporary tag, bearing only a handwritten date of expiration in Sharpie marker? That's the dilemma Columbia handy-man-turned-crime-witness Ralph Bell found himself in. Ever since Bell saw a burglary happen last fall, he's been pushing for a bill to pass that would close the loophole in the law that makes these tags untraceable and useless to police. [Read the article at wistv.com.](#)

**These Are the Most Popular Vanity License Plate Designs In Texas**

If you've seen a lot of black license plates on Texas roads, there's a reason. The

"Classic Black" license plate — a throwback to the 1960s, when this was the standard plate issued — was the top selling license plate in Texas last year for the second year in a row. [Read the article at star-telegram.com.](#)

### **Transition Program Helps Turn Veterans Into Truck Drivers (Texas)**

The Skills for Transition Program at Del Mar College (DMC) is custom-made for recently or soon-to-be discharged service members who want to start a new career in the trucking industry. Courtesy of a grant from the Texas Workforce Commission, DMC is offering the program as a no-cost route to a career that seems to be a particularly good fit for veterans. Recently or soon-to-be discharged service members who want to earn a Class A Commercial Driver's License (the type required to drive a tractor trailer rig), will spend just four weeks of daytime classes or 10 weeks of evening classes acquiring the necessary skills to become highly marketable in a field where the demand for drivers is great. [Read the article at kristv.com.](#)

### **DMV Re-Designs Temporary Tags To Better Fight Fictitious Plates (Texas)**

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles is fighting back against fictitious license plates on Texas roadways. In April, the agency started rolling out new temporary tags that'll stop the phony ones from falling through the cracks. [Read the article at cbsaustin.com.](#)

## **REGION 3 NEWS**

### **House Passes Platooning Bill to Shorten Space Between Trucks (Michigan)**

Self-driving trucks would be allowed shorter distances between vehicles under legislation that the Michigan House passed Tuesday. Lawmakers voted 64-44 for a bill that would provide an exemption to Michigan's requirement that trucks maintain sufficient space behind another truck, as long as the vehicle is part of an electronically linked group of self-driving trucks known as a platoon. [Read the article at usnews.com.](#)

### **Law Allows Bike Racks to Block License Plates (Michigan)**

Drivers won't be ticketed for removable objects blocking their license plates after new legislation was signed Wednesday. Rep. Holly Hughes, R-Montague, sponsored the legislation that allows removable bike racks, trailer hitches, tow balls or similar devices used to carry objects on the back of a vehicle. Previous legislation didn't include those objects in its definition of foreign objects that obscure the view of vehicle license plates. [Read the article at woodtv.com.](#)

### **Minnesotans Can Use Standard Drivers Licenses, ID Cards for Federal Purposes Until 2020**

Minnesotans should be able to use their standard driver's license or identification cards for domestic air travel or access to federal facilities until 2020 since the state is on-track to issue REAL ID-compliant cards later this year. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) informed the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services division (DPS-DVS) during a quarterly REAL ID compliance check-in that the state was making the necessary progress to comply with the federal regulations. [Read the article at hometownsource.com.](#)

### **Kasich Embraces Autonomous Vehicle Testing in the State With List of Safety Requirements (Ohio)**

When Ohio Governor John Kasich signed an executive order last week authorizing autonomous vehicle testing on any public road in the state, his exuberance in embracing the new technology led him to proclaim, "I wanted to become the wild, wild west on this." While the wild west was often known for a lack of order, there is plenty of it in his executive order which authorizes researchers to test on Ohio roadways as long as their vehicles meet certain safety requirements and are capable of complying with Ohio traffic regulations. [Read the article at news5cleveland.com.](#)

### **Replacement License Plate Stickers Available Online (Wisconsin)**

Every year, Wisconsin DMV receives more than 29,000 calls and another 18,000

email requests to replace a lost license plate sticker. Now, with a new online process, DMV customers may request a free replacement vehicle-registration sticker online at [wisconsindmv.gov/sticker](http://wisconsindmv.gov/sticker) and it will be mailed the next business day. [Read the press release.](#)

## REGION 4 NEWS

### Arizona DOT Says New Voluntary Travel IDs Will Save You Headaches

Doug Nick is a spokesman for ADOT, the Arizona Department of Transportation. "If you don't have the voluntary travel ID by October 1, of 2020, when you go through TSA, they're not going to accept the standard license," he said. Nick says the agency is doing its best to alert people now that they need to trade in their old driver's license for a new and federally approved one. And if you don't do it by October 2020, then Nick says you won't be allowed through TSA checkpoints. [Read the article at azfamily.com.](#)

### Nevada DMV Warns Against Copycat Websites

The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles is warning residents to be on the lookout for copycat websites and third-party services that charge excessive fees. In many cases, customers are being charged for services that can be completed on the NDMV's official website [www.dmvnv.com](http://www.dmvnv.com) —for free. [Read the article at ktvn.com.](#)

### Vehicle Registration Sticker Shortage Resolved, MVD Says (New Mexico)

A shortage of special paper has caused major delays for motorists trying to renew their vehicle registration. The Motor Vehicle Division said that registration stickers should have come by the end of April. Yet many customers received notices saying that the stickers will come at a later date. It's worrisome news for many, but MVD says to put those fears aside. They now have those registration stickers in their possession. [Read the article at kob.com.](#)

### Report: Washington's Most Dangerous Teen Drivers In Rural Counties

It might seem like a teen driver -- known for being distracted and for speeding would be most likely to crash on the clogged and confusing streets of Seattle. As it turns out, crash data says otherwise. In fact, a teen driver is far more likely to be involved in a deadly or debilitating crash in the middle of nowhere than anywhere in King County, according to an analysis of state crash data from Davis Law Group. [Read the article at seattlepi.com.](#)

## OTHER NEWS

### U.S. Safety Agency Demands Meetings With Automakers On Takata Recall

The U.S. auto safety agency wants to meet with 12 major automakers that failed to fulfill a December 2017 target deadline for completing repairs on the highest-priority vehicles with dangerous Takata air bag inflators. ... NHTSA said the 12 automakers have collectively repaired 65 percent of 20 million vehicles in the highest priority groups, leaving about 7 million unrepaired. [Read the article at reuters.com.](#)

### Robo Rules: The State of Autonomous Vehicle Regulations

As with the advent of cars decades ago, self-driving vehicles are rolling onto roadways as developers test the technology in the real world. In the process, they're forcing a rewrite of existing road rules meant to apply to humans behind the wheel, not machines and computer code. ... While the feds have lagged in setting AV regulations, several states have accelerated testing and deployment of the technology on public roads, though any federal law will ultimately supersede state statutes. ... Google's home state of California, a hub of AV technology, was one of the earliest to enact regulations. [Read the article at automobilemag.com.](#)

## Digital License Plates Are Here to Overhaul Old-Fashioned Metal Plates

Welcome to the 21st century, where even license plates are digitized. Cars have come a long way in the past century. From the early 1900s, when the Ford Model T was the latest car cruising Americas (unpaved) highways and byways, to now, when cars are crammed full of modern technology, there's always been one common thread. That piece of metal that hangs out at the back, and sometimes the front, of your car: your license plate. [Read the article at tflcar.com.](#)

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### On Twitter

@AAMVACconnection 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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