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We're Gearing Up for the Region IV Conference Kick-Off in Seattle!

Seattle, WA, will be hosting AAMVA's Annual Region IV Conference next week (May 21-24). What better place to 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 [Region IV conference Web site](#) to learn more. And don't worry--you can still [register online](#), or visit the registration desk on-site at the [Westin Seattle](#) next week.

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OUR EVENTS

MAY



21-24 | Region IV Annual Conference

AAMVA Leadership Academy Wraps Up

The 2017 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 week-long training course, the 18 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.

Fraud Detection & Remediation (FDR) Maintenance Committee Seeks Volunteers

AAMVA is seeking five volunteers to fill vacancies on the [Fraud Detection & Remediation \(FDR\) Maintenance Committee](#). The Maintenance Committee works under the direction of the AAMVA Law Enforcement Standing Committee and provides technical expertise and oversight for the FDR program/training content. Learn more about this working group opportunity by visiting the **Working Groups Opportunities tab** on the [Committees and Working Groups page](#) of AAMVA's Web site. Qualified AAMVA members interested in serving on this working group are encouraged to [complete the application form](#) and submit it to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org no later than **June 1, 2017**.

REGION I NEWS

Mass. Lawmakers Weigh Issues Surrounding Driverless Cars

Boston is in the pilot stage of testing autonomous vehicles. Lawmakers are now looking at how to regulate them and the industry. While some say new legislation is needed for safety and security, critics say too many regulations could have a chilling effect. [Listen to broadcast on wbur.org](#).

Seattle, WA

JUNE



19-22| Region II Annual Conference
Chattanooga, TN

SYSTEMS TRAINING

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

MAY

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

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

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

30 | [CDLIS Rules for Driver Convictions \(intermediate\)](#)

31 | [CD11 Report Out-of-State Conviction \(intermediate\)](#)

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1 | [CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction \(intermediate\)](#)

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OUR WEBINARS

MAY

23 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) - How to Correct Title and Brand Data On the Central Site](#)

30 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) - Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

OPEN RFPs

[Missouri RFI Electronic Notice of Lien Filing and Lien Release System](#)

(Proposals due May 22, 2017)

Mobile Motor Vehicle Agencies To Debut in N.J. This Summer

State Motor Vehicle Commission officials plan to deploy two mobile agencies this summer to help fight long lines and waits that plagued the MVC last summer. [Read the article on nj.com.](#)

New York Could Adopt 'Textalyzer' Device For Busting Distracted Drivers

Legislation that's working its way through Albany could allow New York authorities to check drivers' phones for signs of distraction following an accident, and to impose penalties for refusing that could burden drivers down the road. [Read the article in forbes.com.](#)

DMV Branch Closures To Begin Monday As New Computer System Comes Online (Rhode Island)

Division of Motor Vehicles branch closures in preparation for the launch of a long-awaited new computer system are scheduled to begin next week at the Wakefield location, which will be out of commission for more than a month. [Read the article in providencejournal.com.](#)

REGION II NEWS

Virginia to Open Autonomous Technology Center

On May 11, Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe promised that automation would be a cornerstone of the commonwealth's new economy. "Over the past three years, we've made tremendous progress to support this emerging industry, and we'll continue our efforts to cut red-tape and open the door for further growth," he said in a release announcing the launch of the Autonomous Systems Center of Excellence (ASCE). [Read the article in govtech.com.](#)

Virginians Will Have To Get a New ID or Driver's License By 2020 If They Want To Board a Flight

Virginians who want to use a driver's license or ID card to board a plane will need to get a new one by October 2020. The change is part of the 2005 federally mandated REAL ID program, which has stricter, more-secure requirements for identification. The law was passed in response to a 9/11 Commission recommendation. [Read the article in pilotonline.](#)

Metairie Man Accused of Selling More Than 400 Illegal Driver's Licenses in New Orleans (Louisiana)

Louisiana State Police have arrested a Metairie man they say is responsible for selling more than 400 illegal driver's licenses from two New Orleans locations of a title and notary company. [Read the article in nola.com.](#)

Abbott Expected To Sign Bill Allowing Ride-Sharing In All Texas Cities

Ride-sharing companies in Texas could soon see new statewide regulations if Gov. Greg Abbott signs a bill that would override city rules in favor of state guidelines. [Read the article in kcentv.com.](#)

REGION III NEWS

REAL ID Available to Minnesotans Beginning Next Year

Minnesotans will be able to get REAL ID compliant driver's licenses and ID cards next

[AAMVA RFP 16-061 Conference Mobile Application](#)

(Proposals due May 31, 2017)

[AAMVA RFP 16-062: Audio Visual Contractor](#)

(Proposals due June 9, 2017)

[Nebraska RFP# 5557Z1: Modernization of the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles, Title and Registration \(VTR\) System](#)

(Proposals due June 16, 2017)

[Indiana BMV: Knowledge Examination Applications](#)

(Proposals due June 28, 2017)

Post your open RFPs/RFIs on AAMVA's Web site at www.aamva.org/open-rfps/.

Open RFP's will be included in AAMVA's Regional News and The Week In Review newsletters to provide maximum exposure for jurisdictional procurements.

year under a law signed by Gov. Dayton this week. [Read the press release.](#)

MoDOT names new Highway Safety and Traffic Engineer

Nicole Kolb Hood has served the Missouri Department of Transportation for the past 21 years and has recently been named state highway safety and traffic engineer. [Read the article in khqa.com.](#)

Ohio DOT Official Discusses Preparing for an Autonomous Future

For Kirk Slusher, the deputy director for the Ohio Department of Transportation's District 1, his department must not only be thinking about the vehicles on the road today, but the ones that will be travelling the roads in the future, including ones that drive themselves. [Read the article in govtech.com.](#)

Walker Sets Up Committee On Driverless Cars (Wisconsin)

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker has created a committee to pave the way for driverless cars to operate in Wisconsin. Walker issued an executive order Thursday creating an aptly named Steering Committee on Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Testing and Deployment. He says the group will help advance testing and operation of self-driving cars in the state. [Read the article in wbay.com.](#)

REGION IV NEWS

Alaska Lawmakers Approve REAL ID Measure

The Alaska Legislature has passed a bill aimed at bringing the state into compliance with national proof-of-identity standards. The House gave final approval Wednesday to legislation that allows the state to issue REAL ID-compliant licenses. Gov. Bill Walker intends to sign it. [Read the article in USNews.com.](#)

California Set To Upgrade Driver Licenses

With a deadline looming, California is planning to spend more than \$220 million to bring driver licenses and state identification cards up to federal standards. [Read the article in Sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com.](#)

Drugs a Bigger Factor Than Alcohol In California Impaired Driving

Visalia police say drugs are a much bigger contributor than alcohol in impaired driving in California. Sgt. James Andrews said a study of California drivers found that about 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study also found that about 14 percent of drivers test positive for drugs that impair driving, compared to 7.3 percent of drivers who test positive for just alcohol. [Read the article in fresnobee.com.](#)

California Bill Would Tie Traffic Fines To Violator's Income

If you've ever gotten a traffic violation, you know it all too well that California's traffic fines are among the highest in the nation. But a state Senator wants to lower fines for people who don't make much money while making it illegal for the state to suspend your driver's license if you can't afford to pay. [Read the article in sacramento.cbslocal.com.](#)

DMV Halts Sales of "Save the Salton Sea" License Plates (California)

KESQ News Channel 3 and CBS Local 2 learned Wednesday that the DMV and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has halted sales of the "Save the Salton Sea" license plates. We are told that they did not receive the required 7,500 pre-orders within the allotted two year period. People who did apply to get the specialty plates will be sent letters and refund checks. [Read the article in kesq.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

USCIS Efforts in Investigating Large-Scale Immigration Fraud Leads to Sentencing

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) assisted in an investigation that led to U.S. District Judge Charlene E. Honeywell sentencing Rosa Cingari to 12 years and 7 months in federal prison and Domenico Cingari to 8 years and 1 month in federal prison for conspiracy, making false statements in immigration applications and petitions, and mail fraud. [Read the USCIS press release.](#)

Lyft and Waymo Reach Deal to Collaborate on Self-Driving Cars

The deal between Waymo and Lyft has competitive implications for Uber, the world's biggest ride-hailing company, which has recently had to confront a spate of workplace and legal problems. [Read the article in nytimes.com.](#)

Four-Jurisdiction Digital Driver's License Pilot Key Piece of Gov's Digital Transformation

Colorado, Idaho, Maryland and Washington, D.C., are nearing the start of a roughly three-month test of digital drivers' licenses that is poised to speed up an epic shift in technology that's already underway. [Read the article on govtech.com.](#)

Car Owners Affected By Takata Recall Would Get Money Under New Settlement

Toyota, Subaru, Mazda and BMW have reached a proposed settlement that would compensate owners of 15.8 million vehicles for money they lost due to the massive recall of Takata air bags. [Read the article in latimes.com.](#)

Federal Employees Get the Green Light To Expense Ridesharing

In the culmination of a years-long bipartisan effort to give flexibility to government employees who travel for work, President Donald Trump on Tuesday signed the Modernizing Government Travel Act, which paves the way for federal workers to receive reimbursement for official travel on Uber, Lyft and even Capital Bikeshare. [Read the article in fedscoop.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.).

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community. You may be surprised at what you're missing! [Follow @AAMVAConnection.](#)

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Reps from @AAMVAConnection and Federal Motor Carrier met with DMV's Owen McShane on facial recognition tech today.



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