2021 Annual International Conference - Registration Open!

As previously announced, the 2021 AAMVA Annual International Conference (AIC) will be held in person from August 31-September 2 in Denver, Colorado, where you can enjoy great food, beautiful scenery, rich cultural attractions, and more! Your health and safety are our primary concern and we will be taking precautions to ensure that the conference is safe as well as rewarding. We will monitor applicable guidance and regulations to implement appropriate social distancing and health protocols.

The Annual International Conference (AIC) is AAMVA’s premier event for jurisdictions, industry, and federal partners to come together to share experiences and learn. This year is no exception. Join Chair of the Board Mike Dixon as we head out to the freedom of the open landscape and experience a unique networking and educational event. The AIC showcases the latest trends in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community and provides a forum for chief administrators to learn and grow from fellow colleagues. This year’s sessions will cover a wide variety of topics tailored to the AAMVA community. Don’t miss this opportunity to network and learn from our community’s most innovative leaders.

Check out the program, and click below to register.

FEATURED NEWS

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.
News sponsor by contacting Rob Stershic, 703.908.2825.

- Used Car Prices Rev up During Pandemic

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- Registry of Motor Vehicles Extends Several Pandemic Related Changes (Massachusetts)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- Toyota Sales Continue Rebound From Pandemic-Driven Downturn, but [San Antonio]-Built Trucks See Slowdown (Texas)
- DMV Expanding Appointment Availability, Here's What That Means (Virginia)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- Ohio BMV Resumes Driver's License Tests — Here's What You Need to Know
- Ohio BMV Deadline Approaches

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- DMV Announces New Round of Extensions (California)
- Skip the DMV Trip: New Vehicle Registrations Now Available Online (Idaho)
- New Law, DMV2U Features Help Oregonians Get Services Faster

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

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SYSTEMS TRAINING

JUNE - SPEXS

8 | SPEXS Bulk Load
10 | SPEXS S2S Procedures Manual

JUNE - UNI

15 | UNI Basics (basic)
16 | UNI Advanced A (advanced)
17 | UNI Advanced B (advanced)

AAMVA offers systems trainings on-demand for members through our new Learning Management System (LMS). Click here to see available courses.

REGION 1 NEWS

Study Says That New Jersey Drivers Are Actually Pretty Good

Sure, we have the “Jersey slide”, ruthless jockeying for position at jughandles, and people going the speed of light on the Parkway, but a new study says that New Jersey drivers compare favorably to the rest of the country. Insure, an insurance comparison website, looked at over 4 million car insurance applications in their database to identify the states with the best drivers. Read more at nj1015.com.

Two Changes To Pennsylvania’s CDL Laws

Pennsylvania has changed the rules for commercial driver’s licenses. Now, commercial learner’s permits are valid for a year, instead of six months. Giving drivers more time to get ready for their skills tests. Another part of the law is meant to crack down on human trafficking. Read more at abc27.com.

REGION 2 NEWS

Driver’s License Megacenters Coming to OKC, Tulsa To Help With REAL ID Backlog (Oklahoma)

Oklahoma will stand up two driver's license megacenters this summer to address the backlog of residents trying to renew their licenses and obtain REAL IDs. State lawmakers appropriated $6.6 million for the temporary centers that will be located in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Read more at oklahoman.com.

Timely Transfer of Titles Requires Diligence (Texas)
DMV takes the position that timely transfer by a dealer after a retail sale is strictly and absolutely required, and no excuses are tolerated. For many years now, the number one complaint against dealers, and the number one DMV violation for which fines have been assessed, has been the failure to timely transfer title after a retail sale. Read more at content.govdelivery.com.

**Texas Lawmakers Pass Bill That Could Silence Robocalls**

The 214 and 817 area codes rank among the highest in the nation in the number of robocalls received, according to the Robocall Index by Youmail...Texas lawmakers say a new privacy bill should dramatically cut down on those calls. Senate Bill 15, awaiting the Governor’s signature, will limit who can buy vehicle registration and driver’s license data from the state. Read more at dfw.cbslocal.com.

**CHANGE IN SOUTH DAKOTA LAW HOPEFUL TO IMPROVE TEEN DRIVING**

Teenage drivers in South Dakota, already among the youngest in America, will have to do more behind the wheel before they get their restricted driver’s permits. Beginning next month (July 1), 14-year olds in the state with an instruction permit will need twice as much time behind the wheel before they can proceed to the next level of licensing process. Read more at ksoo.com.

**B.C. DRIVERS SAY THEY'RE 'FOCUSED' BUT ADMIT TO MULTITASKING: STUDY (BRITISH COLUMBIA)**

Most B.C. drivers consider themselves to be focused behind the wheel, but nearly a quarter also say they’ve been in a crash or near-miss because of distracted driving, according to a new study. Read more at citynews1130.com.

**DMV SEEKS TO IMPROVE SERVICE THROUGH CUSTOMER FEEDBACK (CALIFORNIA)**

The California Department of Motor Vehicles has issued a request for quotation looking for a performance management consultant to assist in standing up a solution to analyze customer feedback. Read more at techwire.net.

**IMPROVING CALIFORNIA’S AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION**

California’s voter registration rate is higher than ever...The California New Motor Voter (CNMV) law—which streamlined voter registration through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)—has been responsible for much of this unprecedented increase. Proposed new legislation (AB 796) aims to build on this early success by improving some aspects of the program. Read more at ppic.org.

**HOW CALIFORNIA IS KEEPING ELECTRIC VEHICLES OUT OF REACH FOR APARTMENT-DWELLERS**

Even in the nation’s most EV-friendly state, inertia and business interests are delaying the energy transition and leaving the working class behind. Blessed with scenic Pacific coast drives and cursed with smoldering smog and drought-fueled wildfires, California was primed to lead the transition away from the internal combustion engine. Read more at huffpost.com.
Tragic Memorial Day Weekend on Idaho's Roads
The 100 deadliest days got off to a bad start during the Memorial Day weekend. Idaho State Police troopers responded to seven crashes that left 12 people dead. Read more at ktvb.com.

Ask Joe: With More Than a Dozen Openings, Why Isn’t Reno DMV Posting Its Jobs? (Nevada)
From the Ask Joe file we are following up on a story from last week about staffing shortages at the new Reno DMV. One of our viewers, Bud, wrote in asking if the DMV has all these jobs available why are there no listings on their website or the state’s website? Read more at mynews4.com.

SGI’s June Traffic Safety Spotlight Is Seatbelts and Car Restraints (Saskatchewan)
SGI’s traffic safety focus for June is on seatbelt and car restraint use. The insurance company’s Tyler McMurphy reminds people using them is mandatory in Saskatchewan. Read more at 620ckrm.com.

Judge Orders Halt to Driver’s License Suspensions for Unpaid Tickets (Washington)
An estimated 100,000 Washington residents will have their driver’s licenses reinstated and people will no longer be penalized for driving while poor as a result of a judge’s order signed Tuesday requiring the Department of Licensing (DOL) to stop suspending licenses for unpaid traffic tickets for non-criminal moving violations. Read more at seattlemedium.com.

REAL ID Scams: Beware of Texts and Emails About New Driver's License
State officials from New York to California are warning consumers that criminals are seeking their personal data under the guise of helping them obtain a REAL ID, a government-issued driver's license or identification card that eventually will be required to board domestic flights or enter certain federal facilities. Read more at aarp.org.

National Sheriff's Association Partners With Toby Keith for Traffic Safety Message
Madison County Sheriff Todd Hood announced the release of a traffic safety public service announcement with multi-platinum, award winning country music performer Toby Keith. The PSA was created with support and funding through a cooperative agreement with the National Sheriff’s Association (NSA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Read more at oneidadispatch.com.

Rise of Electric Vehicles Presents Questions About Transportation Funding
While electric vehicles and alternative fuels contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, their continued adoption forces states to rethink transportation funding sources that currently come from taxes on diesel and gasoline. Read more at ttnews.com.
In Race for Battery Vehicle Leadership, Ford's Got One Edge Over Tesla: Fleet Buyers
Ford's push to win over electric car buyers started with the sporty Mach-E crossover, positioned to take on Tesla's Model Y, but the 118-year-old automaker's vision to lead the EV market has a "no-brainer" component Elon Musk lacks: a vast base of business and government fleet customers it's targeting with new battery-powered trucks and vans. Read more at forbes.com.

How To Keep Your Personalized License Plate After Selling Your Car
Selling your car to get a newer model as a replacement can be confusing and leave you with many questions; for example, what happens to your license plate? Each states' legislation differs and you must be aware of the local laws, applicable to your place of residence in the US. Read more at carbuzz.com.

Column: I Was Going To Buy an All-Electric Car but Chickened Out. Here's Why.
I am not what you would call a car guy. My father always bought used cars, and the lug nut does not fall far from the wheel...Several weeks ago I was ready to get rid of my Prius, which I bought used eight years ago...I figured I was ready to go electric, so I could save a few bucks by weaning myself from the gas pump...But I chickened out, and let me tell you why. Read more at latimes.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 weeks’ activity.

ITD @IdahoITD | View the Tweet
We asked an officer with @ISPNorthIdaho in CDA which bad habits he notices more in the summer. Can you guess what he said?

MaineDOT @MaineDOT1 | View the Tweet
Happy #NationalDonutDay! Be sure to check your spare tire today (and then reward yourself with an actual donut.)
MD_MVA @MD_MVA | View the Tweet

In celebration of #NationalAVDay, we’re breaking down common myths about connected and automated vehicles (CAV) in Maryland. Click here for fast facts on CAV technology --> https://bit.ly/3yDhvxC. #CAVMythbusters

North Dakota Highway Patrol @NDHighwayPatrol | View the Tweet

June is #NationalSafetyMonth. The NSC will be posting tips throughout the month. #NDHP suggests: *Updating the first aid kit in your car *Teach someone to change a tire safely and properly *Take a defensive driving course. Enjoy the warm weather & always think #SafetyFirst!
Ohio State Patrol @OSHP | View the Tweet

Must watch video: The quick thinking of a Cincinnati Post Trooper to activate his lights, slow down traffic and utilize his patrol car to slow an impaired wrong way driver, prevented a head on collision with motorist traveling during the busy holiday.

Oregon State Police @ORStatePolice | View the Tweet

What is 1 of the most dangerous driving behaviors that are not talked about enough?

#drowsydriving

If you are tired, think twice before getting behind the wheel. Stay awake behind the wheel-https://bit.ly/3fLmbrO

#YourOregonStatePolice #highwaysafety
Utah Highway Patrol @UTHighwayPatrol | View the Tweet

Speed Demo

Just how far do you travel when trying to stop at speeds above the speed limit?

We tested it out!

This video shows a vehicle traveling 70, 80, and 90 mph. The vehicle applies the brake at the same point at each speed and the results are eye opening.

Washington State DOT @wsdot | View the Tweet

This Sunday is National Secure Your Load Day. Please do your part to make sure our highways are safe and litter-free by always making sure your vehicle is secure and everything is tied down.
We all have the power to prevent crashes and injuries by ensuring Washington roads are safe and litter free. Secure your load to keep debris from ending up on the roadway. #SecureLoadsWA #LitterFreeWA WSDOT WAStatePatrol

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