Register Now for 2018 AIC
Register online today for the 2018 Annual International Conference (AIC), August 21 – 23 in Philadelphia, PA, the "City of Brotherly Love." Join Chair of the Board Kurt Myers 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 see old faces, meet new friends, and learn from our community's most innovative leaders. Visit the conference website for more information and to register!

AAMVA Attends Retirement Celebration for Tennessee Highway Patrol Colonel Tracy Trott
On Wednesday, May 30, Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement, attended the retirement celebration for Tennessee Highway Patrol Colonel Tracy Trott, who retired after 40 years of distinguished service. Colonel Trott was the 2016 recipient of the AAMVA Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety (Law Enforcement category), and Brian presented Colonel Trott with a letter from AAMVA CEO Anne Ferro as well as a token of friendship from the AAMVA family. We all wish Colonel Trott well in his retirement.

Motor Vehicle Commission Computers are Back Up and Running After Statewide System Shutdown (New Jersey)
The Motor Vehicle Commission's computer systems were back up and running Monday afternoon, after the state's data center shutdown caused system problems statewide. All systems were back up just before 2 p.m., said a spokesperson for the MVC. A fire suppression system at the state's data center took the entire center offline Saturday, said Daniel Bryan, a spokesman for Gov. Phil Murphy. Read the article at northjersey.com.

Former Pennsylvania DOT Official Charged with Taking Bribes
A former official with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has been charged with soliciting and accepting bribes. Authorities say 53-year-old Nicholas Martino of Norristown accepted payments from a PennDOT contractor in return for continued work with the state transportation agency. The state attorney general's office says Martino maintained the contractor's existing state agreements even though the contractor didn't perform the work. Read the article at 6abc.com.
Regional News - June 8, 2018

**SYSTEMS TRAINING**

*Register for the following training sessions HERE.*

**JUNE**

**CDLIS**

12  CD11 Report Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)
13  CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)
14  CDLIS Foreign Convictions and Withdrawals (intermediate)
19  CDLIS Rules for Driver Withdrawals (intermediate)
20  CD16 Report Out-of-State Withdrawal (intermediate)
21  CD17 Negate Out-of-State Withdrawal (intermediate)

**SPEXS**

11  SPEXS Bulk Load (intermediate)
13  SPEXS State Procedures Manual (intermediate)
15  SPEXS Web UI & Reports (intermediate)

**REGISTER ONLINE!**

**OUR WEBINARS**

**JUNE**

June 14, 2018, 2-3 pm (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

**REGION 2 NEWS**

**Tractor Trailer Truck Tolling to Begin (Rhode Island)**
The state of Rhode Island will begin collecting tolls from tractor trailer trucks starting June 11. The first two of 14 expected toll locations are up and ready to go online after some delays to make sure the system was working properly. Read article at WJAR-TV.

**West Virginia License, Registration Renewals Now Available at Wheeling Sheetz Kiosk**
A visit to the Division of Motor Vehicles often entails waiting in long lines and rearranging work schedules to make it before closing time. Those inconveniences are now things of the past - and now, you can also grab a sandwich or a cup of coffee while you're at it. West Virginia DMV Commissioner Pat Reed announced Tuesday that two of the DMV's most popular transactions now can be conducted at a kiosk at Sheetz on National Road in Wheeling. Read the article at The Intelligencer.

**After Deadly 2017, Agencies Work to Make Roads Safer in 2018 (Virginia)**
Six people died in crashes in Virginia this Memorial Day weekend. But, that was the lowest number of fatalities since at least 2013, according to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. As of May 28, the total number of traffic fatalities in the state is down about 3 percent from the same time last year. That decrease comes on the heels of a bad year for traffic deaths. In Hampton Roads, 153 people were killed in wrecks in 2017, up from 123 in 2016 according to crash data obtained from the DMV. Categories of crashes in which fatalities went up include those involving a motorcycle or an older driver. Across the state, 843 people died in wrecks, up from an all-time low of 700 in 2014. It was the largest number of fatalities in any year since 2007. Read article at Daily Press.

**Why Are Only 16-Year-Olds Required to Take Driver Education in Georgia?**
Many teenagers will use the summer to take driver education, but not all of them are required to take a formal driver ed course. Why? For many parents and students, it's a no-brainer. More than 80,000 teenagers in Georgia completed a driver's education course in 2017. But times have changed from the days when driver education was part of the school curriculum and nearly every student took it even though it was not required. Read article at 11Alive.

**Specialty Car Tag Unveiled for Alabama During Lineman Appreciation Day**
Energy Institute of Alabama officials today announced the creation of a vehicle tag honoring this group of unsung heroes. The Thank a Lineman tag was officially unveiled to the public at the Lineman Appreciation Day celebration at the Alabama Power Company Gunter Park Crew Headquarters. Read the article at yellowhammernews.com.

**REGION 3 NEWS**

**7,000 Sets of Forgotten Message, Specialty Plates at Lancaster County Treasurer's Office (Nebraska)**
Ms Cat, Day Zei, Harmon, Hot Brd and Gravity. If you ordered any of these personalized message license plates, they're waiting for you to pick them up at the Lancaster County DMV office. Seven thousand sets of license plates — that's close to 14,000 individual plates — fill about a dozen file cabinet drawers at the Lancaster County Treasurer's office, forgotten by their purchasers. These are plates ordered, paid for and shipped to the county DMV office for people to pick up. But no one has come in to get them. Read the article at journalstar.com.

**Iowa Introduces New Look to Driver's Licenses**
The next time you renew your Iowa driver's license or identification card, the card you receive will look a little different. The Iowa Department of Transportation says any
cards issued on or after June 2 will have new graphics and security features to help protect your identity. The key objective is a secure card that protects Iowans from identity theft or fraud. States regularly refresh the look of driver’s licenses and identification cards to incorporate new and advanced security features and to protect against fraud. Read more at WeAreIowa.com.

**North Dakota DOT Examining Fee Increases for Driver's Licenses, Registrations**

The North Dakota Department of Transportation is eyeing a proposal to raise the state’s driver’s license and vehicle registration fees, a department official said Thursday, June 7. Mark Nelson, the DOT’s deputy director for driver and vehicle services, said they haven’t determined a specific dollar figure but are planning to draft a bill for the next legislative session. He said the extra revenues could help fund road projects. In the next two-year budget cycle, the fees collected through the DOT’s driver's license operations are expected to generate about $4.7 million annually, $2.45 million short of the costs to run the license program, according to a DOT memo. Read the article at Inforum.

**Digital License Plates: Opportunities Abound (California)**

The digital license plate on display outside Sacramento City Hall on Monday does a lot of things other technology can already do. It allows drivers — or, in the case of the city, fleet managers — to renew their registration online, a feature the state Department of Motor Vehicles already offers. It allows the city to see where its vehicles have been and how many miles they’ve traveled. Read the article at govtech.com.

**California Seeks White House Meeting on Auto Mileage Revamp**

California air-pollution regulators want to meet with Trump administration officials over plans to ease federal auto efficiency standards, saying in a letter to the White House that efforts to undermine the state’s authority would run afoul of the law. The White House’s Office of Management and Budget is reviewing Environmental Protection Agency and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration proposals to weaken auto efficiency standards. Read the article at bloomberg.com.

**Guam Targets June 25 for Real ID Compliance After Spending $2M Federal Grant**

At a public hearing Tuesday, Department of Revenue and Taxation officials said that a target date for Guam's Real ID Act compliance was June 25. It was optional for Guam to become Real ID compliant, but with a $2 million federal grant for compliance already spent on computers, equipment and cubicles, Guam has no choice but to comply, the officials said. Read the article at guampdn.com.

**ACHD May Ask Voters to Raise Vehicle-Registration Fees to Boost Roadwork (Idaho)**

The Ada County Highway District's governing board will discuss Wednesday whether to ask voters to raise vehicle registration fees. ... Registration fees, which the Idaho Transportation Department collects on behalf of the highway district, are expected to generate $9.6 million for the district this fiscal year. They account for about 8 percent of the district's general fund income. Read the article at idahostatesman.com.

**Complying with Real ID Act: New Marking to be Added to All Standard-Issue Driver Licenses and ID Cards (Washington)**

Starting July 1, the Department of Licensing (DOL) will begin marking all standard driver licenses and ID cards with the language, "federal limits apply." The change aims to bring Washington into compliance with the federal Real ID Act, which requires all states to mark identification documents that do not comply with the federal law. Read the article at auburn-reporter.com.
The 10 States With the Most Suspended/Revoked Licenses
Given the seriousness of these punishments, most states only apply license suspension or revocation in response to major infractions or a pattern of repetitive lesser violations. ... To see which states have the most drivers with a history of suspended or revoked licenses, car insurance quote website Insurify took a look at the information collected from its users. Below are the 10 states with the highest percentage of drivers who’ve had a suspended or revoked license. Read the article at wiscnews.com.

States Want Voters to Start Young
Since his 2012 election to the Washington state legislature, Rep. Steve Bergquist had been trying to persuade his colleagues to support a bill allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to pre-register to vote -- and requiring schools to help get them on the rolls, a move the Democratic lawmaker was sure would improve voter turnout among young people when they turned 18. Read the article at usnews.com.

Driverless Shuttle Bus to Start Public Testing in Edmonton and Calgary
A little driverless shuttle called Ela already in use in 20 countries will get its debut in Western Canada this fall, officials announced Wednesday. Canada is behind other countries when it comes to testing autonomous vehicles. But residents in Edmonton and Calgary will get the chance to try the new technology at least for four weeks. Read the article at Edmonton Journal.

Most People Expect Driverless Cars to Become Common, and They Worry About It
Most Americans think autonomous cars will be quite common within 15 years, though 74 percent of people say they don’t expect to have one and two-thirds say they wouldn’t want to walk or ride a bicycle anywhere near one. Confusing? That’s in part because the results come from three different recent surveys on Americans’ attitudes toward autonomous cars. Taken together, however, they underscore widespread misgivings about the autonomous vehicles that people expect will be among them shortly, the challenge that automakers face in marketing them, and a need for safety reassurances from federal regulators. Read more at The Washington Post.

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.

Check out recent @AAMVAConnection Twitter action.

***Thank you for the @AAMVAConnection mentions!***

Road to Zero @Road to Zero US | View the Tweet
June 6 is annual Secure Your Load Day: 200+k crashes in the past four years were caused by road debris says @AAASafety study resulting in 39k injuries/500 deaths. A 20-pound object at 55 MPH has a force of 1000 pounds at impact. @NHTSAgov @AAMVAConnection http://www.secureyourload.com.
WA State Patrol @wastatepatrol | View the Tweet
Congratulations to our 40 new troopers. It’s an honor to serve with you.
#WSPGrad109

EndDD.org @end_dd | View the Tweet
Summer is a dangerous driving time. 1,050+ people nationwide are killed in crashes involving a teen driver during the #100DeadliestDays, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Help change the statistics, talk to your teens about safe driving & be a good example behind the wheel. #EndDD

Ride Safe Indiana @ridesafeindiana | View the Tweet
The Ride Safe Indiana team is at the @miracle_ride today supporting Riley Hospital. Stop by our booth this afternoon to learn more about our motorcycle safety classes and to find one near you. #miracle_ride
4401 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 700, Arlington, VA 22203