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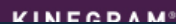
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Coming Up Next Month: Region I Conference

The [Annual Region I Conference](#) will take place July 9-12 in Portland, Maine. Check out the [Web site](#) for complete details and to [register online](#).

AAMVA at Autonomous Vehicle Policy Academy

Staff Sargent Terence McDonnell, New York State Police and Cathie Curtis, AAMVA Director of Vehicle Programs spoke at the [Autonomous Vehicle Policy Academy](#) held by the Council of State Governments in Detroit, Michigan last week. Several state legislators from around the country, many of whom chair or serve on transportation committees in their jurisdictions, attended along with industry and other stakeholders. Staff Sargent McDonnell and Cathie Curtis talked about the work the AAMVA Automated Vehicles Working Group is doing. They also discussed the federal Model State Policy and automated vehicle matters from a regulatory and law enforcement perspective.

Looking For Members To Lend Their Expertise!

AAMVA is looking for additional jurisdiction members to lend us expertise. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices and

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OUR EVENTS

JULY

The charts on the AAMVA Web site (in the ["Committee Opportunities" tab](#)) shows the specific positions that we are seeking jurisdiction members to fill on our three standing committees. If a region is indicated, the applicant chosen will be from that region. If the region is shown as N/A, the applicant chosen could be from any region. We attempt to maintain jurisdictional and regional balance on all committees and working groups.

If you would like to serve on one of our committees, please complete the [Committee Application Form](#). All applications must be received by July 1, 2017. Even if you submitted an application previously, [please submit a new application](#) or send an email to [committees@aamva.org](mailto:committees@aamva.org) that you would still like to be considered for a position.

If you have questions, please contact Me'Shell Drigo or Dianne Graham via email to [committees@aamva.org](mailto:committees@aamva.org) or phone 703.522.4200.



9-12 | [Region I Conference](#)  
Portland, ME

#### AUGUST

19-20 | [Board of Director's Meeting](#)  
San Francisco, California

20 | [Industry Advisory Board Meeting](#)  
San Francisco, California



21-23 | [Annual International Conference](#)  
San Francisco, CA

#### SEPTEMBER

26-28 | [2017 Region IV Chief Administrators Meeting](#)  
Tempe, Arizona  
By invitation only

#### OCTOBER

3-4 | [2017 Combined Standing Committees Meeting](#)  
Reston, Virginia  
By invitation only



24-26 | [Region III Information Exchange](#)  
Oak Brook, IL

#### SYSTEMS TRAINING

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

#### REGION I NEWS

##### Maine Gets Extension on REAL ID Compliance

Late last week, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) granted an extension until October 10, 2017, of the State of Maine's REAL ID Act compliance period, which will allow federal agencies to once again accept driver's licenses and identification cards from Maine as acceptable identification for access to military bases, nuclear power plants and other federal facilities. [Read more at freepressonline.com.](#)

##### Lawmakers in New York, D.C. Propose Third Sex on Driver's Licenses

Lawmakers in New York and Washington, D.C., this week introduced two bills proposing a third sex field on local driver's licenses and ID cards. [Read more at nbcnews.com.](#)

##### PennDOT To Phase In Newly-Designed Driver Licenses, Identification Cards

As part of ongoing security enhancements, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has updated the design and enhanced the security features of its driver license and identification card products. [Read more on penndot.gov.](#)

##### Rhode Island Lays Welcome Mat for Self-Driving Cars

Rhode Island is asking self-driving car companies to consider the smallest state as a testing ground. The state Department of Transportation has put out a request seeking ideas from developers of autonomous and internet-connected vehicles. [Read more at usnews.com.](#)

#### REGION II NEWS

##### New Ignition Interlock Device Limited Permit Available July 1st (Georgia)

Persons who have been charged with driving under the influence (DUI) in Georgia and whose Georgia driver's license is subject to an administrative license suspension (ALS) may have the option beginning July 1st to obtain a new type of limited driving permit from the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS). [Read the press release.](#)

##### Federal Government Likely To Grant Extension On REAL ID (Kentucky)

Kentucky still is waiting to hear if the federal Department of Homeland Security will allow the state an extension on implementing a federally compliant REAL ID driver's license. However, we think the compromise reached in a bill approved by the 2017 Kentucky General Assembly should be agreeable to officials in Washington; it gives those who are opposed to the REAL ID driver's licenses the opportunity to obtain a traditional Kentucky driver's license while being fully aware of the consequences of that decision. [Read more at dailyindependent.com.](#)

##### Oklahoma REAL ID Compliance Deadline Extended to Oct. 10

Oklahoma Republican Gov. Mary Fallin said federal officials have extended the state's deadline for complying with the REAL ID Act to Oct. 10. [Read more at press-leader.com.](#)

##### Virginia Working To Implement REAL ID Requirements

Next year, you might be swapping out a piece of plastic in your wallet. Virginia is getting ready to issue new, federally-compliant IDs. [Read more on wavy.com.](#)

## JUNE SCHEDULE

27 | UNI Basics (basic)

28 | UNI Advanced A (advanced)

29 | UNI Advanced B (advanced)

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(Proposals due June 28, 2017)

## REGION III NEWS

### Preserving Michigan's Lighthouses

Michigan's lighthouse license plate has a new design and Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Executive Director Earl Poleski are promoting it as a way to help preserve the iconic structures on the state's shorelines. [Read the press release.](#)

### Minnesota Waits On Real ID waiver

Gov. Mark Dayton is headed to Washington next month to make a personal appeal for a waiver allowing Minnesota residents to board commercial planes even if they lack a security enhanced identification card. [Read more at blogs.mprnews.org.](#)

### Ohio To Play Key Role In Driverless Cars, Transportation Research

The Transportation Research Center just outside East Liberty wants to expand rapidly and attract new customers as state leaders and analysts say the region has quickly become known as an emerging center for high-tech automotive research. [Read more at springfieldnewssun.com.](#)

## REGION IV NEWS

### DMV (Alaska) Warns Of Possible Speed Bumps For Drivers If Government Goes Into A Shutdown

The Department of Motor Vehicles is warning drivers they may want to kick it into overdrive to avoid delays with documents if the State Government goes into a shutdown. [Read more at ktuu.com.](#)

### California Considers Reducing Traffic Fines For Low-Income Drivers

The California Legislature is considering a proposal to link the cost of a traffic ticket to a person's ability to pay. Supporters say if it becomes law, it will keep minor traffic violations from pushing low-income California drivers deep into debt. [Read more ini marketplace.org.](#)

### Autonomous Vehicles In Nevada Roll Forward With New Legislation

Nevada displayed its dedication to refining autonomous vehicles, with the passage of and signing of Assembly Bill 69, industry officials said. AB69 strengthens the state's efforts in policy, as well as the research and development of fully autonomous vehicles. [Read more in lasvegassun.com.](#)

### Oregon Lawmakers Considering Unusual Pact With Uber And Lyft

Trying to placate environmental groups over possible changes to the state's "clean fuels" carbon-reduction program, Oregon lawmakers are considering an unusual pact with ride-hailing giants Uber and Lyft in a proposed \$8.2 billion transportation funding package. [Read more at opb.org.](#)

### Washington DUIE Law Targets Distracted Drivers

Drivers will no longer be able to hold a phone to text or make a call in Washington. Starting July 23, drivers will be prohibited from using any electronic device - including cell phones, laptops and tablets - if they are driving or stopped at a red light or stop sign. [Read more at katu.com.](#)

## OTHER NEWS

### Police Stop Black and Latino Drivers More Often Than

### Whites, Stanford Study Finds

Police officers across the United States are more likely to cite, search and arrest black and Latino drivers during routine traffic stops than white drivers, according to an analysis of traffic stop data conducted by Stanford University researchers. [Read more in mercurynews.com.](#)

### House Panel To Explore 14 Driverless Car Bills Next Week

House lawmakers will explore over a dozen driverless car bills next week, formally kicking off an effort in the lower chamber to craft major autonomous vehicle legislation. [Read more at thehill.com.](#)

### States Should Consider the Risk of Marijuana-Impaired Driving as New Research Links Legalization to Crash Increase

New research from the Highway Data Loss Institute (HLDI) reinforces the need for states to consider the risk of marijuana-impaired driving as they move toward liberalizing marijuana laws. HLDI insurance claims data links legalizing recreational marijuana to an increase in motor vehicle crashes. [Read the press release.](#)

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### On Twitter

@AAMVACconnection has been watching the twitter feed and decided to highlight some of the tweets. 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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Attn. KS drivers: New seatbelt law takes effect July 1. Fines go up from \$10 to \$30 for not buckling up. #ClickItOrTicket @kshighwaypatrol

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Ohio to play key role in driverless cars, #transportation research <http://buff.ly/2tWrutJ>

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@MorphoTrust's Rob Mikell presented @AAMVACconnection #RegionII - Redefining #Safety & #IdentityManagement w/ a mobile driver's license #mDL



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