Now Available: Off Road Vehicle Best Practices

Jurisdictions are often faced with requests to register or title vehicles that are not manufactured for use on public roadways. These off-road vehicles may lack many safety features that are required on motor vehicles complying with federal safety standards. With this in mind and pursuant to AAMVA's Off-Road Vehicles Policy statement, AAMVA's Regulation of Off-Road Vehicles Best Practices recommends that motor vehicle administrators should use available statutory authority, or encourage adoption of such authority, to prohibit the registration for, and on-road use of, off-road vehicles. These recommendations are provided to assist jurisdictions in responding to requests to register or title off-road vehicles. For more standards, best practices, guidelines, whitepapers, and interim reports, please visit our website.

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.

COVID-19 | Region 1 News Coverage

- Outdated Licenses Now a Fineable Offense Once Again, Local DMV's Ready for the Increased Traffic (New York)

COVID-19 | Region 3 News Coverage

- White Extends Driver's License, ID Card Expiration Dates Until Jan. 1 (Illinois)
- Pandemic Deadline for License, State ID Renewals Ends This Week (Kansas)
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- July 1 Marks End of Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles COVID-19 Extensions

**COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE**

- Oregon DMV Expanding Services as State Lifts COVID-19 Restrictions

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

**REGION 1 NEWS**

**NJ Asks FBI To Add ‘X’ Gender To Represent Nonbinary Residents in Crime Stats (New Jersey)**
New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal joined 20 other top law enforcement officers Monday in urging the FBI to create the gender category of 'X' for nonbinary individuals in the Uniform Crime Reporting system. Read more at nj.com.

**NJ Residents Believe the New Driver’s License Looks Fake (New Jersey)**
According to NJ.com, New Jersey residents believe that the new driver's license has a completely different feel and easily can be portrayed as a fake document...the reason for the change of the New Jersey license was because the new driver's license has new "security features and protections." Read more at wpsh.com.

**New Jersey Ranks in the Top 10 Best States for Teen Drivers**
Good news, parents! There's one less thing you have to worry about where your kids are concerned. Well, at least one strong fact that should, at least, slightly ease your mind...A new survey has revealed that New Jersey comes in at number 10 of the best states for teen drivers. Read more at catcountry1073.com.

**NY Driver's Licenses Will No Longer Be Suspended for Unpaid Fines (New York)**
The Driver’s License Suspension Reform Act went into effect on Tuesday, ending the practice of suspending a person’s license for unpaid traffic fines and fees. Read more at spectrumlocalnews.com.

**REGION 2 NEWS**

**FHP Sees 30% Increase in ‘Alarming Speed’ Violations on Highways (Florida)**
Reporting a 30% increase in violations for drivers speeding 50 mph or more over the limit last year, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Florida Highway Patrol are calling on all motorists to put the brakes on an alarming trend in drivers reaching extremely dangerous speeds on Florida's roads. Read more at news4jax.com.

**Panel of SC Lawmakers Examine State's Process for Keeping Voter List up to Date (South Carolina)**
For more than four hours Wednesday, the House Legislative Oversight Committee questioned state agencies and concerned South Carolinians over the accuracy of the state’s voter list. Read more at wspa.com.

**Houston Police Offer Trio of Safety Solutions To Help Truck Owners Protect Tailgates From Being Stolen (Texas)**
Replacing a stolen tailgate can cost a person thousands of dollars. It’s an unexpected cost that all Texas drivers should care about. The Texas Department of Insurance confirms auto thefts and burglaries are up across the state. Read more at khou.com.

**New Laws Impacting Virginia DMV Customers Going Into Effect Thursday**
The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds customers of several bills that will go into effect on Thursday, impacting certain policies about vehicle registrations, issuance fees, and license plates. Read more at wfxr.com.

**Indiana’s New Oversize Trucking Regulations Start July 1**
New regulations pertaining to overweight trucks are scheduled to take effect in Indiana on July 1. The adjustments to the oversize, overweight motor carrier regulations were included in House Enrolled Act 1190, which became law in April...The legislation also outlines some provisions relating to the permits and the Indiana Department of Transportation. Read more at ttnews.com.

**INDOT, Purdue to Develop Wireless Electric Vehicle Charging Solution for Highway Infrastructure (Indiana)**
The Indiana Department of Transportation and Purdue University today announced plans to develop the world’s first contactless wireless-charging concrete pavement highway segment. The project will use innovative magnetizable concrete – developed by German startup Magment GmbH – enabling wireless charging of electric vehicles as they drive. Read more at content.govdelivery.com.

**Speed Is Fueling Big Rise in Traffic Deaths in Minnesota This Year**
Traffic deaths at this point of 2021 are way up compared to last year, according to a release from state’s Office of Traffic Safety. The office has preliminarily tracked 198 deaths on Minnesota roads so far in 2021, which is well ahead of the 148 deaths that were recorded through the same point in 2020. Read more at bringthemewasnews.com.

**City of Toledo Launches Initiative To Reduce Traffic Deaths (Ohio)**
A new program in the city of Toledo has officials hopeful that in 10 years, traffic deaths will be completely eliminated. Vision Zero explores new ways for cities to prevent the worst outcome on the road. “Toledo traffic fatalities average 26 a year. In the year 2021, we are on pace to double that average,” Commissioner of Transportation Sean Burnett said. Read more at nbc24.com.
DMV Reverses 550,000 Driver’s License Suspensions Following Lawsuit (California)
The Department of Motor Vehicles officially reported that it cleared more than 550,000 driver’s license suspensions back in December, according to one of the groups representing several Californians behind a 2016 lawsuit. Read more at fox40.com.

Training a New Workforce for California’s Move to Electric Vehicles
University of California researchers recently presented a road map for achieving zero net emissions from transportation in car-loving California. Getting there, the researchers said, will require a massive shift to electric vehicles — and retraining workers to make those vehicles and keep them running. Read more at marketplace.org.

California Says It Needs 1.2 Million Electric Vehicle Chargers by 2030
A new analysis published by the California Energy Commission has found the state will need nearly 1.2 million public and shared electric vehicle (EV) chargers by 2030 if California is to meet the need of 7.5 million passenger plug-in EVs expected by the end of the decade. Read more at thedriven.io.

CDOT’s New Campaign Shares ‘Reasons’ To Wear a Seat Belt Through Street Art Across Colorado, Including Downtown Greeley (Colorado)
Would you want to miss out on your next vacation? Or, if you’ve been immunized, what about missing out on life now that you’ve had your vaccine? These are just a few messages from the Colorado Department of Transportation reminding people why they need to buckle up, to prevent one ride from becoming a life-altering catastrophe. Read more at greeleytribune.com.

Idaho DMV Fees Increase Starting on Thursday
The prices at the DMV in Idaho increase starting on Thursday. Driver’s licenses, identification cards and instruction permits will increase by $5 while test prices will increase by $2. The fee increases are due to the passage of House Bill 161. Read more at khq.com.

For almost a century, one principle has governed Washington’s approach to transportation funding: The people who drive on roads should pay for them. But that tenet has been withering for nearly 30 years. And the huge infrastructure packages emerging from Congress and the Biden White House are poised to strangle it. Read more at politico.com.

U.S. Regulators To Require Reporting on Crashes Involving Driver Assistance Systems Like Tesla Autopilot
Federal authorities will require companies such as Tesla and Alphabet-owned Waymo to report incidents involving driver-assistance and automated systems...
within one day of a learning of a crash, a major change that signals a tougher stance by regulators. Read more at washingtonpost.com.

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**FMCSA Officially Pushes Driver Training Rule Start to February**
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is finalizing its decision to extend the compliance date for its entry-level driver training rule until Feb. 7...The entry-level driver training rule was published on Dec. 7, 2016, giving the industry, state and federal agencies more than three years to comply as the rule was set to go into effect on Feb. 7, 2020. In January 2020, FMCSA officially delayed implementation for two years. Read more at landline.media.

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**Podcast: Operation Safe Driver Week 2021 Coming Up**
Roadside enforcement will concentrate on speeding violations for the CVSA’s annual Operation Safe Driver Week 2021, which starts July 11. Listen at landline.media.

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**It’s Time to Tech-Celerate!**
In collaboration with ATA, TMC, OOIDA, and ATRI, the program’s goal is to reduce truck-involved fatalities, injuries, and crashes through the expanded use of advanced driver assistance systems...The new collaborative effort is the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) “Tech-Celerate Now” program. Read more at fleetowner.com.

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**GHSA Studying Racial Traffic Crash Fatality Disparities**
Traffic crash fatalities disproportionately affect Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), according to a new report by the Governors Highway Safety Association. The group’s study...analyzed data for the five-year period from 2015-2019 and is the first national analysis of the topic racial equity in traffic safety in more than a decade. Read more at aashtojournal.org.

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**Analysis: When Do Electric Vehicles Become Cleaner Than Gasoline Cars?**
You glide silently out of the Tesla (TSLA.O) showroom in your sleek new electric Model 3, satisfied you’re looking great and doing your bit for the planet. But keep going - you’ll have to drive another 13,500 miles (21,725 km) before you’re doing less harm to the environment than a gas-guzzling saloon. Read more at reuters.com.

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**White House Releases State-by-State Infrastructure Guides**
President Joe Biden’s team is intensifying its pressure on Republicans opposed to a bipartisan infrastructure agreement by spotlighting crumbling roads and bridges on a state-by-state basis that the funding could be used to rebuild. Local fact sheets, released July 1, also highlight states’ needs for improving water quality and expanding broadband internet. Read more at ttnews.com.

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**Amazon Goes All-in on Truck Safety With Autonomous Driving Company Plus**
Over the last 18 months of the pandemic, many of us have come to rely on Amazon more than ever...Package delivery is still, in many ways, the lifeblood of Amazon’s business...As such, it makes sense that Amazon is playing a role in the development and deployment of the next generation of delivery
vehicles, from long-haul trucks to last mile delivery vans. Read more at forbes.com.

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**Tesla Recalls 285,000 Cars in China Over Cruise-Control Problem**
On Saturday, Tesla initiated a recall of more than 285,000 cars in China over safety concerns about the Model 3 and Model Y cruise control system. China’s State Administration for Market Regulation said that in certain models the cruise control can be mistakenly switched on...which has the potential of causing the vehicle to accelerate unexpectedly. Read more at caranddriver.com.

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**Ransomware Losses Drive up Cyber-Insurance Costs**
Ransomware payouts are putting the squeeze on cyber-insurance companies and resulting in higher premiums for organizations that want protection against the threat. Larger companies are getting hit with bigger price hikes than midsize and small companies because they are the ones that are experiencing the biggest losses, a new study by small-business research firm AdvisorSmith shows. Read more at beta.darkreading.com.

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**Study: Computer Training Program for Seniors Can Reduce Hazardous Driving**
A recent proof-of-concept study finds that a low-cost training program can reduce hazardous driving in older adults. Researchers hope the finding will lead to the training becoming more widely available. Read more at sciencedaily.com.

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**Study: Marijuana’s Impact on Driving Is Strain-Specific**
It’s never a great idea to drive a motor vehicle while “impaired...And, according to a new study, drivers who use cannabis might not feel or perform as “impaired” as someone else who used the same amount, but a different strain. Read more at forbes.com.