We’ll See You In Portland Next Week for the Region I Conference
As with every AAMVA conference, the ability to network is one of the most beneficial experiences, and this year’s Region I Conference provides many valuable interactive learning opportunities – both with jurisdiction and industry representatives. Jurisdictional attendees can 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 driver’s license, motor vehicle and law enforcement arenas. Check out the program on the Region I Conference Web site. If you haven't registered for the event, you can register online today or visit the event registration desk onsite July 9-12, at the Holiday Inn By the Bay in Portland, Maine.

2017 Region II Conference Presentations Are Now Available!
The 2017 Annual Region II Conference, hosted by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, was held in Chattanooga last week. There were several sessions held over four days, along with networking opportunities for both jurisdiction and associate members. Speakers from throughout the region covered topics that focused on safety, security, technology and systems, as well as communication and inter-agency collaboration. Our federal partners, sister associations, and associate members also contributed to the session discussions. Visit the Region II Conference Download Center to download presentations from the conference and view conference photos on AAMVA's Flickr Page.

Airport Signs Warn: Maine Driver's License Not Good Enough To Board Plane
Signs are going up at airports across the country, including at the Portland International Jetport, telling travelers that starting in January your Maine driver's license won't be good enough to board a plane. Read more at wgme.com.

Consulate of Mexico Visits Ontario, Seeks To Support Mexican Nationals
The Consulate of Mexico in Boise visited Four Rivers Cultural Center, Saturday, to support Mexican nationals in obtaining documentation, counseling as well as additional information. Read more at argusobserver.com.
**AUGUST**

19-20 | Board of Director's Meeting  
San Francisco, California

20 | Industry Advisory Board Meeting  
San Francisco, California

**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

**JULY SCHEDULE**

- **Turnpike Offers Partial Amnesty Ahead Of Scofflaw Crackdown (Pennsylvania)**
  The Pennsylvania Turnpike is providing an incentive for those who owe unpaid tolls or fees before it starts suspending motor vehicle registrations next month. Read more at pittsburgh.cbslocal.com.

- **Smooth Start For (RI) DMV’s New Computer System (Rhode Island)**
  Rhode Island’s new decade-in-the making Division of Motor Vehicles computer system is up and running. “So far, so good,” said DMV Administrator Walter “Bud” Craddock Wednesday morning at the entrance to the main branch in Cranston. Read more at providencejournal.com.

**REGION II NEWS**

- **Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) and Department of Driver Services (DDS) Award DRIVES Project**
  The Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) and the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) have awarded the Driver Record and Integrated Vehicle Enterprise System (DRIVES) contract to Fast Enterprises, LLC. View the press release for more.

- **Kentucky Gets More Time to Overhaul Driver's License Program**
  The federal government has given Kentucky more time to overhaul its driver's license program. The Department of Homeland Security has given Kentucky until Oct. 10 to comply with the federal Real ID act. State officials say they will ask for another extension in October that will give the state until January 2019. Read more at usnews.com.

- **Safety Is Personal For SC Highway Patrol’s First Black Commander (South Carolina)**
  Recalling how a drunk driver took a life dear to him, new S.C. Highway Patrol Commander Christopher Williamson said highway safety will be his top issue. Read more at thestate.com.

- **New Bill Aims to Reduce Number of Driver's License Suspensions (Virginia)**
  In May, Governor Terry McAuliffe signed house bill 2386, which establishes a statewide policy which requires courts to create payment plans for court fees. This bill officially goes into effect July 1. Read more at nbc29.com.

**REGION III NEWS**

- **Iowa Motorists to Start Getting New License Plates Next Year**
  Iowa motorists will start getting new license plates next year. The Des Moines Register reports that the new design will replace the current white, blue and gray plates that were introduced in 1997. Read more at usnews.com.

- **Phoenix Emerging As Michigan Rival For Self-Driving Tests**
  Limited regulations, mild winters and predictable street grids are turning the Phoenix area into the latest hotspot for testing self-driving cars. Read more at detroitnews.com.
Gov. Snyder Vetoes Anti-Abortion License Plate (Michigan)
Gov. Rick Snyder said Friday he has vetoed legislation requiring Michigan to create and sell an anti-abortion fund-raising license plate. Read more at freep.com.

Multiple-Fatality Motorcycle Crashes Make 2017 A Deadlier Year Than Most (Nebraska)
Motorcycle fatalities have spiked in 2017 compared with recent years up to this date. The average number of motorcycle fatalities at this time since 2012 has been 10. This year, the number sits at 17. But the total number of crashes involving motorcycles has barely risen since last year, said Fred Zwonechek, the Nebraska highway safety administrator. Read more at omaha.com.

Ohio Legislature Considers Law Changes for Teen Drivers
Legislators in Ohio are considering a bill that would increase the amount of time new drivers would have to hold permits. The bill was introduced to the house by Representatives Gary Scherer and Michael Sheehy. Read more at usnews.com.

Californians Can No Longer Lose Their Driver's License Due To Unpaid Traffic Fines
Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill last week to end the suspension of driver's licenses as a result of unpaid traffic fines and fees. Read more at capradio.org.

14 Colorado Specialty License Plates Get Eleventh-Hour Reprieve From Scrap Pile
Fourteen specialty license plates in Colorado — including ones celebrating the Colorado Avalanche, Craig Hospital and Flight for Life — were plucked from the scrap pile after state vehicle division officials on Friday gave the plates a last-minute reprieve from forced retirement. Read more at denverpost.com.

Attention: Montana's Title and Registration Office Has Moved!
Montana’s Title and Registration Bureau is now centrally located with its MVD headquarters. The new mailing address for the bureau is: Title and Registration Bureau PO Box 201431 Helena MT 59620-1431. For further assistance, you may contact mvdtitleinfo@mt.gov.

DMV Adding Another Option For Drivers’ Gender Identity (Oregon)
Several Lane County residents are planning a trip to an Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services office on Monday, the first day they can request an Oregon driver's license with the gender marker X, meaning “gender nonspecified.” Read more at registerguard.com.

Saskatchewan Seatbelt Law Celebrates 40 Years
A couple of straps of polyester, and nylon and a metal buckle. The seatbelt has saved thousands of lives since it has become the law in Saskatchewan to wear one 40 year today. Read more at discoverestevan.com.

Registration Fees and Driver's License Fees Increased (Wyoming)
Starting Saturday, motorists in Wyoming will pay more for driver's licenses and vehicle registration. The Wyoming Legislature this past winter increased the fees. Updated registration rates vary by vehicle type, and driver's license fees are doubling across the board. Read more at kgwn.tv.

**States Yanking Electric-Car Incentives And Slapping On New Fees To Pay For Infrastructure**

For drivers of electric cars, going green is starting to take more green. A growing number of states are imposing new fees on electric vehicles as officials scrounge for ways to pay for infrastructure projects they say are long overdue. Read more at cnbc.com.

**Volvo: Gas-Only Cars Are History After 2019**

The Swedish automaker is slamming on the brakes on vehicles powered solely by internal combustion engines, announcing that every car it makes from 2019 onward will have an electric motor. Read more at money.cnn.com.

**Assistance Can Keep Senior Citizens Behind the Wheel Longer**

Older drivers can be reluctant to hang up their car keys, but programs and strategies can either help senior citizens drive more safely or recognize when it's time to retire from the road. Read more at nbcwashington.com.

**USDOT Rescinds From States $857 Million In Unobligated Federal-Aid Highway Funds**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has rescinded $857 million in unobligated Federal-aid highway funds from states as of June 30. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced the move in a notice June 21. Read more at equipmentworld.com.

**On Twitter**

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

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ISP has a new director! Congrats Col. Kedrick Wills with former directors Col. J Russell (C) and Col. R Powell (R).

Drowsy driving causes as many as 1.2 million collisions, resulting in potentially 5,000 to 8,000 fatalities per year.


Commissioner Krupp speaking to 70 Governor's interns along with @INBMV Commissioner Peter Lacy and Indiana DCS Chief of Staff Doris Tolliver
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