AAMVA AIC 2017 - New Guest Speaker Announced
The 2017 AAMVA Annual International Conference is just around the corner! Join us in San Francisco, August 21-23, for AAMVA's premier event for jurisdictions, industry, and federal partners to come together to share experiences and learn. Register today for the 2017 AAMVA Annual International Conference featuring:

AIC Session Spotlight:
An Industry Perspective on the Future of Dealers and Drivers
Sandy Schwartz, President, Cox Automotive
Wednesday, August 23 | Bayview AB, Bay Level
9:00 am - 10:00 am
Cox Automotive is a software and solutions provider to the auto industry and home to leading brands such as Manheim, Autotrader, Kelley Blue Book and Dealertrack. President Sandy Schwartz will share his views on the future of the industry and the impact on the motor vehicle community.

MassDOT Registry of Motor Vehicles Announces New Vehicle Registration Form
The MassDOT Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) announced that a newly redesigned Certificate of Registration form is now available for customers who renew their registration online, at RMV Service Centers or by using the automated telephone system. Read the blog post at blog.mass.gov.

Peeling New York License Plates Still An Issue
Peeling New York license plates are still on the roads at least three years after the problem started. The number of peeling plates continues to grow. Read the article at whec.com.

DMVs Seeing Steady Flow Of Customers Despite State’s Online Service (New York)
While many can renew their license or registration online, local Department of Motor Vehicle Offices are still seeing a steady flow of customers. Read the article at post-journal.com.

Taxed to Drive? Pennsylvania, Delaware, I-95 Corridor Coalition Explore Mileage-Based Fees
Pilot program, 1st of its kind on the East Coast, will explore mileage-based fees as a long-term replacement for diminishing gasoline taxes used to fund infrastructure. Read the article at nbcphiladelphia.com.

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Officials To Issue Fines To Enforce Car Seat Law (Pennsylvania)

Last August, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf signed a law saying all children under two years old must be strapped into a car seat, which must be facing the back of the vehicle. Read the article at philadelphia.cbslocal.com.

Victim’s Family Looks to Change Law (Pennsylvania)

The family of a college baseball player killed in a DUI crash last year is looking to change state law. They say their son’s killer was still allowed to drive, even though it was her second DUI. Read the article at wnep.com.

Unlike Other States, Florida Goes Easy On Texting While Driving. Here's Why.

Almost anywhere in America, a cop can pull you over if you’re texting while driving. But not in Florida. Here, you can be stopped for a broken taillight or an expired license plate, but you’re free to text and drive unless a police officer has another reason to stop you. Read the article 3 at sun-sentinel.com.

Georgia Driver Services Commissioner Says Renew License Online

Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commissioner Spencer R. Moore offers excellent advice for anyone whose Georgia driver’s license or identification (ID) card is expiring in their near future. Read the press release for more details.

‘Driverless’ Car Has Hidden Driver Dressed As A Car Seat (Virginia)

A gray van was recently seen cruising the streets of suburban, Washington, D.C. — without a driver. But this wasn’t one of those self-driving cars that Google and car companies have been testing. This was … something else. Read the article at fox43.com.

Gov. Reynolds, Lt. Gov. Gregg Unveil New License Plate Designs For Public (Iowa)

Gov. Kim Reynolds, Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg and Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) Director Mark Lowe unveiled three potential designs for Iowa’s new license plate Thursday morning at the Iowa State Fair. Read the press release.

Get A Toll Charge For Road You Didn’t Drive On? States Experiencing Billing Problems (Kansas)

Some Kansas drivers have been surprised to find they have been billed by another state’s turnpike authority that identified the wrong car driving through their toll booth, officials said. Read the article at cjonline.com.

Minnesota Vehicle Licensing Glitches Prompt Lawmakers' Feedback Form

Concerned about problems with Minnesota’s new vehicle licensing and registration system, a panel of Minnesota lawmakers has set up a feedback website for complaints. Read the article in duluthnewstribune.com.
Best Looking Police Cruiser Contest (Missouri)
The Missouri State Highway Patrol is taking part in the American Association of State Troopers “2018 America's Best Looking Cruiser Contest” and invites the public to vote for the MSHP's cruiser. View the press release for details.

California Officials Seek Dismissal Of Suit Claiming Violation Of National Voter Registration Act
After being sued by various voting groups, California government officials have filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit on the grounds that the plaintiffs allegedly fail to state a claim and have already sued about the same claims previously. Read the article at legalnewsline.com.

California Court to Halt License Suspensions of Poor Drivers
A Northern California superior court has agreed to stop suspending the licenses of people who can't afford to pay their traffic tickets, offering them a chance to set up a payment plan or pay by other means, a coalition of civil rights groups announced Tuesday. Read the article at usnews.com.

Governor Signs Jackson Bill to Help Veterans and Protect Public Safety (California)
Governor Jerry Brown has just signed a bill by Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara) that clarifies that military veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health disorders associated with their service in the military are eligible for pretrial diversion programs for misdemeanor DUIs, thus ensuring that these veterans get the help they need sooner and more effectively. Read the article at edhat.com.

Self-Driving Cars Will Compel Changes on California Roads and Highways
We are moving rapidly down the road toward the age of self-driving cars. But as the cars change, the roads will have to change with them, and it will likely mean some adjustments, such as different signage and narrower lanes. Read the article at ww2kqed.org.

Montana MVD Integrates Technology For Improved Customer Service
The Montana Department of Justice announced today that its Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) has launched a new chat-based automated system for its website visitors with the goal of improving and simplifying customer service. Read the press release for details.

Tesla Meets With California, Nevada on Autonomous Truck Testing
Tesla Inc. has met with California and Nevada agencies about testing an autonomous semi truck ahead of Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk’s unveiling of the next addition to the electric-car maker’s lineup. Read the article at bloomberg.com.

UK Government Sets Out Tougher Guidelines To Protect Smart Cars From Hackers
The British government issued new guidelines on Sunday requiring manufacturers of internet-connected vehicles to put in place tougher cyber protections to ensure they are better shielded against hackers. Read more at reuters.com.

GM Recalling About 700,000 Chevy And GMC Trucks
General Motors has recalled hundreds of thousands of Chevy and GMC pickups
because of a potential steering issue. Read the article at money.cnn.com.

David Pekoske Sworn In As 7th TSA Administrator
Today, David Pekoske was officially sworn in as the seventh administrator of the Transportation Security Administration. Department of Homeland Security Acting Secretary Elaine Duke welcomed Administrator Pekoske, who took the oath in a ceremony held at Department of Homeland Security Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Read the press release for more.

Multiple Driver Characteristics Have Potential to Identify Safe, Younger Drivers
The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) today released the phase one findings of research investigating the potential for developing a Younger Driver Assessment Tool - one that would identify younger drivers who exhibit many of the same characteristics as safe, older commercial drivers. Read the press release for more.

Experts Say Lives At Risk After U.S. Nixes Sleep Apnea Test Plan For Truckers, Train Engineers
U.S. officials are abandoning plans to require sleep apnea screening for truck drivers and train engineers, a decision that safety experts say puts millions of lives at risk. Read the article at chicagotribune.com.

Five Actions Congress May Take On Self-Driving Cars
Lawmakers are exploring ways to speed up the deployment of self-driving cars as the auto industry and safety advocates clamor for action at the federal level. Read the article at thehill.com.

States Compete Fiercely to Serve as Autonomous Driving Testing Sites
The push for autonomous technology is pitting cities and states against each other in a race to be the first to jump onto the self-driving highway. Read the article at trucks.com.

Car Makers Teaming Up With Tech Firms on Autonomous Vehicles
The auto industry is racing to rebuild itself. It's quickly realizing that the autonomous self-driving car is already here and is now teaming up with IC chip, communications, sensor, and software companies to come up to speed. Read the article in powerelectronics.com.

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@AAMVACConnection 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.).

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Regulators Pull Plan To Test Truckers, Train Operators For Sleep Apnea

Two U.S. agencies are ending their push to screen truck drivers and train operators a year after saying the sleep disorder “can cause unintended
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