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**OUR EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER**

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

**OCTOBER**

3-4 | [2017 Combined Standing Committees Meeting](#)

**2017 AAMVA Annual International Conference Closes**



The [2017 AAMVA Annual International Conference](#) officially came to a close on August 23rd, in San Francisco. Attendees enjoyed three days of sessions and networking opportunities covering a wide variety of topics tailored to the AAMVA community. Check out photos from the event on [AAMVA's Flickr Page](#), or watch the [wrap-up video](#).

**Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group Survey**

AAMVA's Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group is charged with developing best practices of the regulation of Internet sales and to provide recommendations and educational materials to member jurisdictions to identify, understand and combat fraud and deceptive Internet vehicle sales practices. One of the challenges the working group has faced is identifying the scope of issues surrounding the changing ways in which motor vehicles are sold and offered for sale on the Internet. The working group is conducting the first in a series of surveys to collect information from the jurisdictions. Please respond to the [Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group Survey](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Cathie Curtis](#), Director, Vehicle Programs.

**REGION I NEWS**

**State Transportation Department Spends \$36,000 To Rebrand, Unify Agencies (Maryland)**

The Maryland Department of Transportation has spent more than \$36,000 on a rebranding, part of an effort to centralize operations and unify the state's transportation agencies under Secretary Pete Rahn's office. [Read the article at baltimoresun.com.](#)

**DMV To Shut Offices For Days In October To Upgrade Software (New Hampshire)**

If you need to get a new drivers license or plates in October, plan ahead, because all the DMV offices will shut for several days – including online services – to install new software, and work may be slow for a while after the transition. [Read the article at concordmonitor.com.](#)



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

### SYSTEMS TRAINING

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

### SEPTEMBER

#### CDLIS and Related Topics

**06** | CDLIS Reports - Identifying Potential Issues with SDLA Inquiries Check, Medical Recordkeeping, Disqualifying Convictions Received and Disqualifying Convictions Rejected Reports (advanced)

**07** | CDLIS Reports - Identifying Potential Issues with Quarterly Open Problem Ticket, MPR Summary, Frequent Inquiry and additional CDLIS Reports (advanced)

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**29** | CDLIS Reporting Foreign Convictions and Withdrawals (intermediate) \*\*\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*\*\*

#### SPEXS (S2S)

**05** | SPEXS Overview (basic)

**06** | SPEXS Transactions AMIE (intermediate)

**07** | SPEXS Transactions (NIEM) (intermediate)

**08** | SPEXS Batch Transactions (intermediate)

**11** | SPEXS Bulk Load (intermediate)

## These MVC Employees Sprang Into Action When An Officer Was Attacked (New Jersey)

When an irate man in the parking lot was choking a police officer in need of assistance earlier this year, the "fight or flight" response of three Department of Motor Vehicles employees saved the officer's life. [Read the article at nj.com.](#)

## DMV Facial Recognition Software Has Caught Thousands Of Frauds (New York)

State investigators have made more than 4,000 arrests using facial recognition technology at the Department of Motor Vehicles since 2010, including one man who fleeced someone of \$50,000, officials said Monday. [Read the article at nypost.com.](#)

## New DUI Law To Take Effect In Pennsylvania

Beginning later this week, anyone in Pennsylvania caught driving drunk with a blood alcohol level above .10 will have to get a device installed that prevents a car from starting if alcohol is detected on the driver's breath. [Read the article at philadelphia.cbslocal.com.](#)

## PennDOT May Release Data On Real ID Costs (Pennsylvania)

After refusing for nearly six weeks to say whether a study on the taxpayer costs of implementing federal identification requirements that will affect domestic air travel will be made public, state transportation officials now say it could be released. [Read the article at readingeagle.com.](#)

## Ford Has Big Plans for Self-Driving Cars and They Start in Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania)

The CEO of Pittsburgh-based Argo AI, Ford's ticket to the race to develop self-driving cars, gave a peek inside the quiet artificial intelligence startup in a recent interview. [Read the article at govtech.com.](#)

## 739 RI Car Owners Get False Notice Of Registration Suspension (Rhode Island)

More than 700 Rhode Island automobile owners received erroneous registration suspension letters this month because of complications with the transition to a new Division of Motor Vehicles computer system, the state confirmed Wednesday. [Read the article at providencejournal.com.](#)

### REGION II NEWS

## New Legislation In Arkansas Allows You To Report People Parking In Disability Parking Spots

As a result of new legislation, people in Arkansas can now report the misuse of parking for people with disabilities. The Office of Motor Vehicle of the Arkansas Department of Finance Administration created a hotline and online service to take the complaints. [Read the article at fox13memphis.com.](#)

## Medical Examiner Busted For Issuing Bogus Certs, 600 Drivers Need New Medical Cards (Georgia)

More than 600 truck operators have been told they need to renew their DOT medical certifications after the arrest of a Georgia-based medical examiner. Tonya Yawn-Lewis of Helena, Ga., was recently arrested by DOT investigators for allegedly issuing bogus medical certifications. [Read the article at ccjdigital.com.](#)

## 3 Charged After State Closes Chapel Hill License Plate Agency (North Carolina)

A total of three people have been charged in an investigation into wrongdoing at a Chapel Hill license plate agency that state officials closed down last month, according to the Orange County District Attorney's office. The Department of Motor Vehicles offered no concrete explanations when it shut the agency down – simply saying that it shut it down due to "possible violations of state laws." [Read the article at wncn.com.](#)

13 | SPEXS State Procedures Manual (intermediate)

14 | SPEXS Web UI & Reports (intermediate)

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## OUR WEBINARS

### AUGUST

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19 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

21 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) - Part 1](#)

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## Teacher Recruitment Program Would Be Funded Through Specialty License Plate (Oklahoma)

The state Department of Education is looking to increase teacher recruitment and it will sell specialty license plates to fund the effort. But first the state needs to design the license plate, and it's turning to students for help. [Read the article at newsok.com.](#)

## Haslam Questions Continued Sale Of Tennessee License Plate With Confederate Battle Flag

Beyond calling for the removal of the bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest from the state Capitol, Gov. Bill Haslam is questioning whether the state should allow residents to purchase license plates with the Confederate battle flag. [Read the article at tennessean.com.](#)

## REGION III NEWS

### Jesse White's New Law Helps Veterans Gain Employment in the Trucking Industry (Illinois)

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is making it easier for military veterans to get jobs in the trucking industry. Senate Bill 822, initiated by White and signed into law by the governor, allows for an exemption from the Commercial Driver License (CDL) knowledge written test requirement for qualified current or former military personnel who participated in military heavy-vehicle driving programs. [Read the press release for more.](#)

### Gov. Rauner To Sign 'Motor Voter' Bill Monday (Illinois)

While some states argue over plans to make voter registration more difficult, Illinois' political leaders are agreeing to do just the opposite. And we applaud them. In May, the General Assembly unanimously passed a bill to link voter registration to the act of obtaining a driver's license or state ID. [Read the article at rrstar.com.](#)

### Hoosiers Will Soon Need Real ID To Fly (Indiana)

If you use a driver's license to go through security at the airport, you may need to get a new license soon. Starting in October 2020, Hoosiers will not be able to use standard driver's licenses to fly commercial air. Instead, they'll need what's called a Real ID. [Read the article at wishtv.com.](#)

### Iowa DOT Reveals New License Plate Design

The winner of a contest to choose Iowa's new license plate is a revamped design of the same plate displayed on millions of vehicles the past two decades.

However, the voting went down to the wire — the second-place finisher narrowly lost following a late push Sunday night in support of a design based on Iowa's state flag. [Read the article at desmoinesregister.com.](#)

### Iowa DOT Builds CDL Exam App to Improve Pass Rate

About 60% of commercial driver license applicants in Iowa fail the knowledge exam on their first try, according to Mindi Nguyen, assistant to the director of the state Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Division. [Read the article at tnews.com.](#)

### Digital Proofs Of Vehicle Registration Made Legally Acceptable In Michigan

Digital proofs of registration can now be used at traffic stops, after new legislation was signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder in June. [Read the article at lanthorn.com.](#)

### Michigan To Begin Issuing REAL-ID-Compliant Driver's Licenses Next Week

Changes are coming to Michigan driver's licenses and state identification cards that could affect your travel plans. Beginning next Monday August 28, residents will have the option to begin applying for a new driver's license or ID card that will allow them to board flights and enter federal facilities. [Read the article at wilx.com.](#)

## Who Decides Which Groups Get Specialized License Plates? (Minnesota)

You don't have to travel far in Wisconsin to see Green Bay Packers license plates, or as WCCO viewer Nancy from Henning calls them "ugly Packer" plates. She wants to know why the Minnesota Vikings doesn't have them. "Every new license plate has to start as a bill in the House," said Rep. Jim Nash (R-Waconia). [Read the article at minnesota.cbslocal.com.](#)

### REGION IV NEWS

## Applications For California Immigrant Driver's Licenses Declining As Numbers Near 1M

There will soon be a million California drivers who obtained their driver licenses under a state law that allowed unauthorized immigrants to apply for permission to drive legally. As of July, about 915,000 immigrants had obtained the special licenses that became available in January 2015. [Read the article at scpr.org.](#)

## Not Male Or Female: Proposed Law Would Create Gender-Neutral Option On California IDs

Most people use their California driver's license or state-issued ID card to prove their identity at banks, the grocery store, the doctor, or to board a plane at the airport — without giving it a second thought. [Read the article at eastbaytimes.com.](#)

## Montanans Won't Get "Real ID" Until 2019

Another extension has been asked for as the state looks to get compatible with the Real ID Act. Our current extension runs out this October. In an effort to help those who want an enhanced ID, State Legislature passed a law to give people the option on which type of license to choose. [Read the article at kfbb.com.](#)

## Nevada DMV Continuing Expedited Services For Ticket Payment

A temporary program that allows drivers to pay ticket fines is getting a reprieve. Through the end of July 2018, the Las Vegas Justice Court and the state Department of Motor Vehicles will continue offering expedited services for motorists who need to pay their tickets in order to get their licenses reinstated, DMV spokesman Kevin Malone said. [Read the article at reviewjournal.com.](#)

## Oregon DMV Overhaul Drives Real-ID Compliance

As Oregon works toward complying with the Real ID Act, the state is also modernizing its computer systems at the Department of Motor Vehicles. [Read the article in gcn.com.](#)

### OTHER NEWS

## Overdoses On The Road: Drugged Driving Rises As A Menace

An SUV crashed after all four occupants overdosed on heroin in North Carolina. The same day, a man in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, grabbed the steering wheel after his grandson lost consciousness while driving. Police in the city of 30,000 responded to 11 other overdose reports that day, including a woman who crashed her car just before a highway entrance. [Read the article at thetrucker.com.](#)

## Apple Insists It's Not Responsible For Distracted Driving Accidents Involving iPhones

Apple appeared in Los Angeles Superior Court on Thursday to argue that it shouldn't be held liable for iPhone-related distracted driving accidents, in response to a lawsuit filed against the company earlier this year. [Read the article at macrumors.com.](#)



## Cash-Strapped States Eye Self-Driving Car Taxes

Some cash-strapped states are considering taxing self-driving cars as they look for ways to replace revenue lost from gas tax collections that have dwindled as cars have become more fuel efficient. [Read the article at detroitnews.com.](#)

## More States Explore Truck-Platooning Technology and Regulations

It could be years before drivers on U.S. highways catch a glimpse of a tractor-trailer rig cruising down the highway with another truck trailing a perilous 20 or 30 feet behind. [Read the article at govtech.com.](#)

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### On Twitter

@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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As Pedestrian Deaths Rise in Virginia, Advocates Push for Vision Zero



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