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 network with your peers. AAMVA is seeking jurisdiction members to fill vacancies on our Law Enforcement Committee and the Vehicle Committee. For details about each of AAMVA's committees and current vacancies, visit the Committees and Working Groups page of AAMVA's Web site. If you would like to serve on one of these committees, please complete the Committee Application Form. If you have questions, please contact Me'Shell Drigo or Dianne Graham via email to committees@aamva.org or phone 703.522.4200.

Jurisdictions Ease IRP Restrictions To Aid Relief Efforts For Hurricane Victims

Due to hurricane Irma, Florida Driver and Vehicle Services will have limited resources in Florida call centers available Friday September 8, 2017. All Florida DMV call centers and offices will be closed on Monday September 11, 2017. Florida DMV systems are scheduled to be available. Further directives regarding Florida Driver and Vehicle service closures will be provided as soon as they are available.

Find some related notices and resources in various jurisdictions in the following links:

- Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Special Notices
- Georgia Department of Driver Services Emergency Weather Closings
- Alabama: Temporary Suspension of IRP and IFTA Requirements for Vehicles Engaged in Disaster Relief Efforts
- Texas DMV Hurricane Harvey Emergency Information
- Louisiana Flood-related Resources
- IRP, Inc.
- Department of Homeland Security
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Resources

Please contact the AAMVA Helpdesk at helpdesk@aamva.org or call 1-888-AAMVA80 Option 1 with any IT-related questions.

Delaware Task Force Digs Into the Details of Legalizing Pot

From stoned driving to the taxation of marijuana, Delaware would face multiple vexing challenges if lawmakers ever legalize recreational cannabis use, and a state task force is getting ready to dig into those issues. Read the article at usnews.com.

Big Changes Coming In State's Vehicle Inspection System (Massachusetts)
When the state’s motor vehicle inspection program switches over to new machines in October, it’ll still cost $35 to get a sticker on your car. But be prepared for inspections to take longer and for more cars and trucks to fail that might have passed previously. Read the article at thesunchronicle.com.

**MassDOT RMV Announces Redesigned New England Patriots License Plate**

The MassDOT Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) announced that a new, redesigned New England Patriots license plate will be available on Thursday, September 7, 2017. Read the press release for more details.

**Gillen Requests Governor's Help In Releasing Real ID Report (Pennsylvania)**

The Republican lawmaker who requested PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards release a 2008 state transportation study on federal ID requirements impacting domestic air travel is now asking the governor's office for help after being denied the report. Read the article at reaadingeagle.com.

**Governor Wolf Requests Another Extension On Real ID Implementation (Pennsylvania)**

Gov. Tom Wolf requested a federal extension on implementing security standards for drivers' licenses and ID cards, without which Pennsylvanians will need approved identification to enter military bases and federal buildings next month. Read the article at readingeagle.com.

**Florida Car Dealers Say Insurers Halting Policies Ahead of Irma**

Insurers including Progressive Corp. and Allstate Corp. have stopped issuing policies on new cars in certain Florida counties, hindering vehicle sales days before Hurricane Irma is forecast to hit the state. Read the article at bloomberg.com.

**Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Warns of Unofficial DMV Websites/Apps Charging Fees**

Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commissioner Spencer R. Moore urges customers to be careful of third party websites and Apps when trying to access the Georgia Driver’s Manual or obtain other driver licensing services and information. Third party Internet sites such as www.DMV.org and www.Drivers-Licenses.org are not connected with or sanctioned by the DDS. The list of imposter websites directed at Georgia drivers is long, but there are tips to ensure you are on the correct site for Georgia drivers. Read the press release for more details.

**Kentucky License Plate Changes May Be Down The Road**

Kentucky hasn’t changed its vehicle license plates in 12 years and John Mark Hack wants to change that — and the plates themselves. Read the article at glasgowdailytimes.com.

**McAuliffe Directs DMV To Extend Validity Of Expiring Licenses (Virginia)**

If you tried to renew your license on Saturday, Sept. 2, but couldn’t, the governor of Virginia is giving you a few days of reprieve. McAuliffe is extending the validity period of Virginia driver’s licenses, learner’s permits, commercial driver’s licenses and special ID cards that expired between Sept. 2 and Sept. 4 until Sept. 11. Read the article at wavy.com.

**Illinois Seeking One More REAL ID Extension**

State officials said last week they are in the process of seeking another extension
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Illinois Waives Commercial Driving Test for Some Veterans
Veterans no longer must take a written test to obtain a Commercial Driver’s License as long if they operated a large truck in the military in 2016. Read the article at usnews.com.

Governor Scott Walker Shows Support For New Fee For Wisconsin Electric, Hybrid Vehicles
Signaling his support for a new fee on electric and hybrid vehicles, Gov. Scott Walker on Friday said charging more for those cars was a matter of fairness. Read the article at jsonline.com.

Preliminary Total Of 52 Wisconsin Traffic Deaths Last Month Make It Tied For The Safest August Since World War II
According to preliminary data from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), the 52 traffic-related deaths recorded last month make it tied with 2009 as the safest August along Wisconsin roadways since World War II. A total of 57 traffic deaths occurred in Wisconsin in August of last year and the five-year average for the month is 62. Read the press release for more details.

Account Activity Alerts Added To DMV’s eNotify Online Service (Wisconsin)
The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has a security feature on its eNotify (wisconsindmv.gov/enotify) service which will send an email and/or text notification whenever certain activities occur on a subscriber’s DMV account. Read the press release for more details.

REGION IV NEWS

Distracted Driving Results In More Deaths In B.C. Than Impaired Driving (British Columbia)
Distracted driving continues to claim more lives on B.C. roads than impaired driving. Despite tougher penalties, more police enforcement and continued public education, on average, 78 people still don't make it home to their families every year because of distracted and inattentive drivers. Read the press ICBC press release.

'Weigh-in-Motion' Tech Lets Idaho Truckers Zoom Past Weigh Stations
Large tractor-trailer rigs in Idaho are zooming past weigh stations, saving time and money. The state has four “weigh-in-motion” (WIM) systems on various routes popular among truckers. Read the article at govtech.com.

State Pays $10 Million A Year In Credit Card Fees (Nevada)
It costs the state of Nevada more than $10 million a year to let people pay licenses, fees and other charges using their credit cards. Read the article at nevadaapeal.com.

Are Immigrant Officials Using Utah DMV Records To Target Undocumented Immigrants?
Utah State Senator, Luz Escamilla said she and other lawmakers want to know whether Immigration and Customs Enforcement or ICE, is using Utah DMV records to target undocumented immigrants for deportation. Read the article at kutv.com.

OTHER NEWS
State And Local Officials Respond To Federal Self-Driving Car Legislation
State and regional transportation officials largely praised the vote by the U.S. House of Representatives to ease the development of self-driving cars, and the technology associated with them, Sept. 6. Read the article at govttech.com.

Trump Administration, States Headed For Showdown Over Fuel Rules
The Trump administration and major U.S. states appear to be headed for a showdown over landmark rules aimed at doubling the fuel efficiency of vehicles sold in the United States. Read the article at reuters.com.

The States Where a Driver's License Won't Work for Air Travel Next Year
As the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) slowly implements the REAL ID Act of 2005, ID standards will change at airports around the country. This month, the government will expand its outreach program to spread information to travelers about the change. Read the article at travelandleisure.com.

Study Suggests Drivers 'Zone Out' More Often Than You May Think
Call it mind wandering, daydreaming or zoning-out, driver inattention happens to most of us, according to results from a recent study. Researchers at George Mason University found that people's minds wandered up to 70 percent of the time during a simulated work commute. Read the article at nbcbayarea.com.

Car Dealers Prepare For Wave Of Swamped Vehicles
The Chevy Malibu produced a putrid cloud of must and steam as Troy Rondeno peered beneath the steering wheel. The saturated carpet reeked of mildew and hot plastic, and white spots of mold climbed the sedan's black leather seats as it languished in a North Houston salvage yard. Read the article at chron.com.

House Passes Bill to Speed Deployment of Self-Driving Cars
The House voted Wednesday to speed the introduction of self-driving cars by giving the federal government authority to exempt automakers from safety standards not applicable to the technology, and to permit deployment of up to 100,000 of the vehicles annually over the next several years. Read the article at nbcphiladelphia.com.

On Twitter
@AAMVAConnection 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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***Thank you for the @AAMVAConnection mentions!***
SAD NEWS: Dep. Const. Mark Diebold died of a heart attack today. You might remember his tea party with the girl he delivered in a parking lot.

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