Now Available: NMVTIS Annual Report and Financial Audit
The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) Final Rule requires AAMVA, as the system operator, to prepare an annual report and procure an independent financial audit. The NMVTIS 2020 Annual Report is the twelfth publication and was recently published by the U.S. Department of Justice. It covers October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 and details the performance of NMVTIS during the twelve-month reporting period. Check it out to learn about how NMVTIS is working for motor vehicle agencies, law enforcement and DMV vehicle title investigators, and consumers.

FMCSA Head Commits to Boosting Oversight of Trucking (AAMVA Mention)
The nation’s top trucking regulator told lawmakers she is committed to taking concrete steps to reduce deaths and injuries from large-truck crashes. At her nomination hearing on Wednesday to be the seventh administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Meera Joshi, currently leading the agency as deputy administrator, was questioned by U.S. Sen, Ed Markey, D-Mass., about what he considers a lack of oversight by FMCSA in addressing such crashes. Read more at freightwaves.com.

UL Develops Compliance Program for Mobile Driver’s License Tools (AAMVA Mention)
UL has developed a certification program for electronic identification (eID) products for compliance to ISO/IEC 18013-5:2021, the protocol standard for interoperable personal identification with mobile driver's licenses (mDLs). The new certification scheme was unveiled at Identity Week by Arjan Geluk, who is the lead principal advisor for UL’s Cybersecurity and Identity Management and Security group. Read more at biometricupdate.com.

Secure Technology Alliance Invites Businesses To Accept MDLs in Response to Apple Wallet Integration (AAMVA Mention)
The Secure Technology Alliance, a cross-industry organization which supports the successful implementation of mobile driver’s licenses (mDL) and other secure technologies in the U.S., recognizes Apple’s entry into the mDL market as a significant endorsement of adoption efforts made by the Alliance,
Alliance members, AAMVA, States and the broader identity and cybersecurity communities. Read more at globenewswire.com.

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 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE**

- Has COVID-19 Impacted the Car Industry?

**COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE**

- 'People Are Starting To Be A Little Careless:' Fatal Pedestrian Accidents Climbing Again Across Pennsylvania

**COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE**

- Tulsa Megacenter Sees 10,000 people in First Month. Could Extend Original Closing Date (Oklahoma)

**COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE**

- 5 Things to Know About Illinois Driver’s Licenses, Real ID Cards and the Digital Future

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

- Risks of Dangerous Bacteria Increase During COVID. What California Agencies Are Doing About It
- Skip the Trip! Save Time and Go Online to Utilize Idaho DMV's New Mobile Renewal
- Nevada DMV Making Improvements, Increasing Efficiency, More Online Options

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

**REGION 1 NEWS**

Advocates: New Pedestrian Traffic Laws Will Promote 'Culture Change' (Connecticut)
A new statewide pedestrian law going into effect Oct. 1 will rely more on cultural change than an increase in enforcement, transportation officials and safety advocates said. The move clarifies a current law that says drivers must yield to pedestrians who step off from the curb into the crosswalk or risk paying a $500 fine. The Oct. 1 legislation will change that wording to require drivers to slow down if the pedestrian indicates intent to cross by raising a hand to oncoming traffic or by moving any body part into the crosswalk, according to the Department of Transportation. Read more at ctninsider.com.

MA Bill Would Let Residents Change Birth Certificate Gender Marker to 'X' (Massachusetts)
AAMVA offers systems trainings on-demand for members through our new Learning Management System (LMS). Click here to see available courses.

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Massachusetts state Senate unanimously approved a bill on Thursday that, if enacted, would allow residents to change the gender marker on their birth certificate to a nonbinary "X." The legislation said that the "X" would indicate on someone’s birth certificate that they are either another gender outside of the binary "male" or "female" or an undesignated gender. Read more on thehill.com.

Move Over Law Strengthened To Protect First Responders (Pennsylvania)

Since 2019, 136 first responders have been struck and killed while at an emergency scene or assisting the driver of a disabled vehicle. This sobering statistic, which includes five deaths on Pennsylvania highways during that same three-year period, helped inspire the state to strengthen its Move Over Law in April to increase penalties for motorists who fail to comply with the regulation. Read more at lebtown.com.

PennDOT: 26 Intersections Saw Decreases in Deaths, Injuries and Crashes With Roundabout (Pennsylvania)

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is reporting fatalities, injuries, and crashes decreased overall at 26 roundabouts at 23 locations since they were installed, according to department data in a recent review. Read more at erienewsnow.com.

REGION 2 NEWS

State Regulators Settle with Carvana for $6K Over Title Delays from 2020 (Florida)

For weeks, Carvana has been in the hot seat over undelivered titles, keeping some Tampa Bay area buyers from registering their vehicles. For some, the long wait meant they had to stop driving cars they were stuck paying for. Now, Better Call Behnken has learned state regulators have reached a settlement agreement with Carvana over similar complaints, dating back to February 2020. Two days after our first report, the state filed an administrative complaint, citing Carvana's Jacksonville location and Carvana's CEO, Earnest C. Garcia III, for failing to transfer titles within 30 days, as is required by Florida law. Read more at wfla.com.

NTSB to Investigate Tesla Crash in Florida That Left Two Dead

Federal officials said Sept. 17 they will investigate a fiery Tesla crash that left two people dead in South Florida. Three investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board are traveling this week to Coral Gables, where a Tesla Model 3 left the roadway and hit a tree Sept. 13, the agency announced on Twitter. Read more at ttnews.com.

Tennessee Testbed To Study Connected Vehicles, Traffic Flow

A six-mile traffic technology testbed in Tennessee will utilize some 300 high-definition cameras to analyze and understand traffic flow. The project will include researchers from major universities as well as automakers. Read more at govtech.com.

FedEx, Aurora to Launch Autonomous-Truck Routes in Texas
FedEx Corp. and self-driving vehicle startup Aurora Innovation Inc. are launching a pilot program for autonomous-truck shipments between Dallas and Houston, with the companies announcing Wednesday what they called a first-of-its-kind partnership involving the two companies and a truck maker. Read more at marketwatch.com.

**REGION 3 NEWS**

**Michigan To Have Nation's First Electrified Road to Wirelessly Charge EVs, Whitmer Says**
Imagine being able to charge an electric vehicle without stopping to plug in. It's the kind of technology that could help ease worries like range anxiety and could really boost the transition to electric vehicles. Read more at freep.com.

**Ohio DOT Launches Second Anti-Distracted Driving Corridor**
The Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) are teaming up again to establish a new distracted driving safety corridor along 12-mile stretch of State Route 161/State Route 37 between New Albany and Granville in central Ohio's Licking County. Read more at aashtojournal.org.

**Ohio Law Update Makes it Easier for People to Change Their Names**
A change in Ohio law has made it easier for people to change their names, fix past errors, and get federally compliant REAL ID driver's licenses. That change in law was initiated through efforts of the Greene County Probate Court. Read more at wyso.org.

**REGION 4 NEWS**

**IT Leaders, State Projects Recognized as ‘Best of California’**
The Best of California Awards during the California Virtual Digital Government Summit acknowledged high-achieving state IT officials and significant recent IT projects...Here, the project recognized was REAL ID Automated Document Verification, at the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Read more at techwire.net.

**It's Rail Safety Week in Saskatchewan**
The Government of Saskatchewan has declared this week, Rail Safety Week. It's on until Sunday, September 26. This year the Ministry of Highways and the Canadian Safety Train Express are reminding everyone to stay safe around trains and “Stop Track Tragedies”. Read more at gx94radio.com.

**OTHER NEWS**

**First Rivian R1T Crash Was Driver Error, Not Mechanical Issue**
To say September's been a big month for Rivian is an understatement—after over a decade of painstaking prep, the first production Rivian R1T electric pickup drove off the line at its Illinois factory to much fanfare. Unfortunately,
yesterday in California another R1T still clad in testing camo drove up an embankment and into a parked Ford Explorer (to much less fanfare) in what appears to be the first crash of a Rivian on public roads. Read more at thedrive.com.

**Safety Officials are Hitting the Brakes on Tesla's Push for Automated Cars**

Tesla is getting ready to roll out a software upgrade that will allow a select few drivers to use more autonomous driving features in cities. Up to now, the beta versions of driver assistance software made available to thousands of drivers in the US have been designed for the relatively more simple environment of highways. Computer-assisted urban driving would bring Tesla a step closer to CEO Elon Musk's vision of fully self-driving vehicles. But safety officials think the company is getting ahead of itself, and putting drivers at risk. Read more at gq.com.

**Driver Positive Drug Tests up Nearly 13% in August**

The number of positive driver drug tests through August increased by nearly 13%, when compared with a year ago, according to a new Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse summary report. Read more at ttnews.com.

**Self-Guided Delivery Robots Are Getting Wider Deployments**

Detroit will be one of three cities to launch autonomous delivery programs using Kiwibots. The small, electric devices will travel on city sidewalks and partner with businesses to explore automated deliveries. Read more at govtech.com.

**Exclusive: U.S. Opens Probe Into 30 Million Vehicles Over Air Bag Inflators**

U.S. auto safety investigators have opened a new probe into 30 million vehicles built by nearly two dozen automakers with potentially defective Takata air bag inflators, a government document seen by Reuters on Sunday showed. Read more at reuters.com.

**Toyota Is Facing Boycotts Over Its Fight To Slow Electric Vehicle Progress**

Some environmentalists are starting to call for a boycott of Toyota as the automaker keeps using its money and influence to slow down electric vehicle progress...What's most infuriating people is the automaker's attempts to actively slow down all-electric vehicle progress through lobbying efforts. Read more at electrek.co.

**TWITTER NEWS**

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community on social media. You may be surprised at what you're missing! Here are a few highlights of last weeks' activity.
Colorado State Patrol
@CSP_News

We’re talkin’ roundabouts! Traffic circles! Rotaries! (They’re really not that complicated, we promise).
#RoundaboutsWeek

VDOT
@VaDOT

VDOT has had a lot of great messages over the years. What has been your favorite message?
@PennDOTNews data indicates fatalities, injuries & crashes decreased overall at 26 #roundabouts located at 23 statewide locations in the time since they were built. #transportation #road #safety #infrastructure @ARTBA @AGCoF @aashtospeaks @GovernorTomWolf penndot.gov/pages/all-news...

Parents/Students: The BMV is no longer scheduling driver examination tests by phone. For your convenience, driver exams can be scheduled online through BMV Online Services: bmvonline.dps.ohio.gov
The BMV’s new, updated website is a quick and easy way to secure a driver exam date
Utah Driver License 📝 @utahdlid - 21h
If you’re in the St. George area come see us at Harmons in Santa Clara to get your mobile driver license (mDL) - we’re here from 4-7 pm. All you need is your mobile device and your valid Utah license.

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Great day at Frederick @MD_MVA for #CPSWeek2021 car seat check with @safeKids Frederick! @FredCityGovt presented Jessica from @safeKids Frederick a Mayoral Proclamation for all of her great work in the #CPS community. #MDOTSafety