Region 3 Conference Registration Open

Registration is now open for the 2021 Region 3 Conference, November 16-18 in Indianapolis, Indiana. This unique opportunity provides AAMVA members with a collaborative environment to discuss relevant driver license, motor vehicle, and law enforcement issues. As with every AAMVA conference, the ability to network is one of the most beneficial experiences, and this year’s Region 3 Conference provides several networking opportunities, as well as interactive learning opportunities. Jurisdiction attendees will 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 license, motor vehicle, and law enforcement arenas. Visit the 2021 Region 3 Conference website for more information and to register online today!

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

- The Supply-Chain Crisis Is Rattling Americans as Shipping Delays Hit Historic Highs
- U.S. Car Sales Seen Dropping as Buyers Stymied by Chip Shortages
- The Great Car-Chip Shortage Will Have Lasting Consequences
- Why and How the UK Is Experiencing a Fuel Crisis
COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- How Uber Is Building a New Age of Intelligent Customer Experience
- School Bus Woes: What’s Being Done About Bus Driver Shortages? (Maryland)
- Uber and Lyft Traffic in New York City Surges
- DC Extends Amnesty Program for Drivers With Unpaid Tickets (Washington, DC)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- Need To Renew Your Driver’s License? Get Ready for an Extra-Long Wait (Florida)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- MPI Says Claim Costs Down 27 per Cent in First Three Months of 2021 (Manitoba)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- Overdue for a Trip to the DMV? More Services Available Online, in-Person (Oregon)
- Sask.’s Proof-of-Vaccination Policy Is Now in Effect. Here’s What You Need To Know (Saskatchewan)
- Saskatchewan Launches Proof of Vaccine Mobile Apps for Businesses and Customers

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Maine’s First Responders Go Through Training With a Focus on Road Safety
Every month or so, Maine Public Safety holds a Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training to give first responders more tools to manage car accident scenes better. Here in Maine, a quarter of fatal crashes are a result of secondary crashes which are oftentimes a result of distracted driving -- something first responders are trying to avoid. Read more at newscentermaine.com.

MDOT Meets With QA Officials as Part of Annual Statewide Tour (Maryland)
Maryland Transportation Secretary Gregory Slater met with Queen Anne’s County officials this week to discuss the Draft FY 2022 – FY 2027 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP), which details the Maryland Department of Transportation’s (MDOT) six-year capital budget. Read more at myeasternshoremd.com.

MDOT MVA Bill Benefiting Commercial Trucking Industry Among Laws Taking Effect on October 1 (Maryland)
The Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) is highlighting several new bills taking effect October 1 that address the commercial trucking industry, traffic safety and driver penalties. Read more at thebaynet.com.
NYC Hopes Congestion Pricing Can Reduce Traffic. How Has It Worked Elsewhere? (New York)
New York City has begun holding public hearings about its plan to impose congestion pricing on drivers entering busy parts of Manhattan. The city would be the first in the country to bring in such a plan...To understand congestion pricing, imagine a toll road, but it's a whole part of a city. London, Singapore and Stockholm already have these tolls. Read more at marketplace.org.

TxDOT Launches Its ‘Be Safe. Drive Smart’ Campaign This Friday (Texas)
TxDOT its Pedestrian Safety Campaign this Friday as October is National Pedestrian Safety Month. TxDOT asks drivers and pedestrians to remain alert and watch out for one another, especially as Texas residents are out on foot to exercise, run errands, walk the dog, or access public transportation. Read more at newschannel10.com.

New State App Designed To Make Small, Women and Minority-Owned Businesses More Visible, Accessible (Virginia)
A new app that aims to connect users and government agencies with nearby vendors also is making it easier to locate small, women and minority-owned businesses...The Virginia Department of Transportation created the Start Small app using vendor data from the Department of General Services’ electronic procurement system, known as eVA. Read more at henricocitizen.com.

KDOT Safety Blog Tells Personal Stories of Lives Saved, Lost During Put the Brakes on Fatalities Campaign (Kansas)
The Kansas Department of Transportation’s safety blog will feature personal stories of lives lost and saved during the Put the Brakes on Fatalities campaign. The Kansas Department of Transportation says 14 Kansans and Missourians have shared their stories as part of the Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day safety blog series. Read more at wibw.com.

Missouri’s First Gas Tax Increase Since the 1990s Goes Into Effect Friday
Drivers in Missouri are going to pay more for gas starting Friday but there’s a way around the tax increase if you keep your receipts...Starting Friday, drivers will see a 2.5-cent increase annually for five years, unless you keep your receipts and apply for a 100% rebate. Read more at fox2now.com.

AAA Research Finds That Some Drivers Are Unaware of Move Over Law (Ohio)
In the state of Ohio, if drivers see a vehicle on the side of the road with flashing lights, they must move over to an adjacent lane if possible and slow down. That includes any law enforcement or crews out on the roads like the Ohio Department of Transportation. Many drivers are aware of this Move Over...
Law enforcement research from AAA suggests that many others are not. Read more at hometownstations.com.

**REGION 4 NEWS**

**People Eager for Autonomous Vehicles, ASU Study Finds (Arizona)**
The public is enthusiastic about the expanded use of autonomous vehicles (AVs), according to a recent Arizona State University study. The report is the result of a six-month pilot program conducted by Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation Authority of Greater Phoenix in partnership with autonomous-driving technology company Waymo between September 2019 and March 2020. Read more at transportationtodaynews.com.

**California Expands Road Mileage Tax Pilot Program**
California Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, signed legislation Friday expanding a pilot program that charges drivers a fee based on the number of miles they drive instead of a gasoline tax. Oregon and Utah launched similar pilot programs in 2015 and 2020, respectively, that yielded mixed results. Read more at pewtrusts.org.

**I Got a Warning Call From the DMV — Or Was It a Scam? (California)**
I read about the scam calls telling drivers that their auto warranty was about to expire. Well, I got a call supposedly from the DMV saying my license renewal was late and that bad things would happen if I did not send in a credit card number and other personal information. Scam or not? Read more at mercurynews.com.

**California Passes Autonomous Vehicle Emissions Regulations**
California has passed a state law requiring all light duty autonomous vehicles operating there from 2030 to have zero tailpipe emissions. The SB500 law is the latest move by California to limit the sale of internal combustion engine vehicles. Read more at apex-insight.com.

**Law Enforcement Champions Announced by CDOT and MADD (Colorado)**
Last night, the Colorado Department of Transportation and Mothers Against Drunk Driving announced the winners of the 2021 Law Enforcement Champion Awards for Colorado. These awards focus on efforts to reduce impaired driving, increase the use of seat belts and reduce speeding in the state. Read more at codot.gov.

**Self-Service Vehicle Registration Kiosks Get an Upgrade (Hawaii)**
The Hawaii DMV now self-service kiosks for renewing a motor vehicle registration on Oahu have been upgraded. The redesigned kiosks, which operate like ATM's are more efficient, you can renew and print registration cards and emblems on demand. Read more at kitv.com.

**DMV To Start Reinstating 33,000 Driver’s Licenses Suspended for Fees or Fines (Nevada)**
The DMV is set to start reinstating tens of thousands of suspended drivers’
licenses starting up this Friday. This is due to a recently enacted law here in Nevada named SB219, which is basically ending the practice of suspending someone's driver's license when they cannot afford to pay a fine or fee for smaller traffic or clerical infractions. [Read more at ktvn.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=20874074&contentType=MailMessage).

**NHP Works With Truck Drivers to Spot Human Trafficking (Nevada)**

No one spends more time on the road than truck drivers. That’s why the Nevada Highway Patrol is now leading a campaign to raise awareness of human trafficking by educating commercial truck drivers on identifying signs of trafficking...However, human trafficking awareness for truck drivers isn’t a requirement in truck driving school. [Read more at fox5vegas.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=20874074&contentType=MailMessage).

**SGI Receives National Award From MADD Canada (Saskatchewan)**

SGI was recently recognized with a national award for its efforts to stop impaired drivers. MADD Canada has chosen SGI to receive its 2021 Citizen of Distinction Award. The award is presented annually to those that have made a major contribution to the anti-drinking and driving movement in Canada. [Read more at swiftcurrentonline.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=20874074&contentType=MailMessage).

**Electric Vehicle Tax Now in Effect (Saskatchewan)**

Effective Thursday, those who have a registered electric vehicle in their possession have a $150 tax to pay. The measure was introduced in the last budget and it is something that caught the group representing electric vehicles in Saskatchewan by surprise. [Read more at cjwwradio.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=20874074&contentType=MailMessage).

**OTHER NEWS**

**Pass the Test and Tesla Owners Might Get Full Self-Driving Beta Access**

The wait is almost over for some Tesla Inc. customers to get access to driver-assistance technology the company has marketed in controversial ways — as long as they're on their best behavior. CEO Elon Musk has said that on Sept. 24, the electric carmaker will roll out an updated version of its Full Self-Driving beta software, which until now has only been available to roughly 2,000 people. [Read more at ttnews.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=20874074&contentType=MailMessage).

**FMCSA Advised to Give Drivers 90 Days to Replace Recalled CPAP Devices**

A medical advisory board to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has recommended that medical examiners be permitted to offer truck drivers alternative treatment options to sleep apnea machines that are subject to a massive recall. The advisory board recommended that examiners be given up to 90 days to find options that can provide the same level of treatment as the Philips Respironics continuous positive airway pressure machines that are being pulled from the market. [Read more at ttnews.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=20874074&contentType=MailMessage).

**Study: How Megacars, More Driving Could Cancel Out EV Gains**

Even the most realistic models of the emissions-cutting potential of electric vehicles are still underestimating how much more Americans are likely to drive in the years to come, and their growing preference for gas-powered megacars in the remainder of the vehicle fleet, a new study suggests — and unless policymakers reckon with their communities’ addiction to driving big...
cars as long as possible, their electrification wins easily could be cancelled out. Read more at usa.streetsblog.org.

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.

Happy October! For Fiscal Year 2021, DC DMV’s Correspondence Team responded to more than 33,000 311 call center requests, compared to 21,000 requests the previous fiscal year. Keep up the great work!

On National Coffee Day, help prevent drowsy driving and take a (coffee) break. flhsmv.gov/drowsydriving
MDOT MVA assisted dozens of bus drivers this past Saturday by offering additional CDL testing appointments to help meet the needs of school systems across the state. #MDOTCares #BusDriverDay
The first visitor to today's soft opening of the @mdsp Museum is retired Lt. Edward R. Lures Jr. He's standing next to a PSA poster he posed for in the 1970s. LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MUSEUM: mdsp.maryland.gov/Pages/Maryland...
Our @Ohio_BMV partners work diligently to save lives through organ donation and are also touched by it. We thank all BMV staff and share one story of a BMV staff member impacted by the lifesaving mission. #LetsTalkTuesday #DonateLife ow.ly/DRCJ50GhTYK

In partnership with the @SCTruckingAssoc, the #SCDMV used trailers from Southeastern Freight Lines and TMC for an examiner training course for third party testers. Here are a few photos from the event.
#FridayFeature: A DUI crash nearly killed this bodybuilder — and led him to a new calling as an SCHP trooper. Read First Sgt. Rieser’s story here: facebook.com/scdps.pio/post... #SCDPS #SCHP #sctweets #scnews #LESM

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Our Driver Services division & our partners with @DonateLifeTN & @MSTF_Foundation are participating in the #BeTheGiftChallenge. The goal is to increase organ & tissue donations across TN! You can register to be a donor at any TN Driver Services Center!

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Be the Gift Challenge
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Our South Burlington office was recently recognized for their continued efforts in educating and asking about organ donation when issuing drivers licenses. They were awarded a certificate of appreciation from Matt Boger of @NEDonorServices

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Happy #WorldSmileDay! #DYK you can smile in your driver’s license or ID card photo? So go ahead. Show us those pearly whites and say #cheese!