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Secure Technology Alliance Commends ISO/IEC on Publication of International Standard for Mobile Driver's Licenses (mDL)

The Secure Technology Alliance is recognizing the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) on the publication of the ISO/IEC 18013-5 International standard: Personal Identification - Mobile Driver's License (mDL). This global mDL standard is the culmination of more than six years of meticulous development by Secure Technology Alliance members, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) and other regional authority issuers, technology providers and relying parties. Read more at [www.globenewswire.com](http://www.globenewswire.com).

FEATURED NEWS

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](#).



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## 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 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [As COVID-19 Vaccination Deadline Approaches for 32,000 Connecticut State Employees, Gov. Lamont Says National Guard Will Not Be Needed Though Thousands Still Out of Compliance](#)

### COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Excessive speed identified as factor driving increase in fatal vehicle accidents](#)

Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information on [COVID-19](#), [guidance](#), [press releases](#), [press kits](#), and more.

## REGION 1 NEWS

### Pennsylvania Launches New Driver License Program, Expanding Eligibility to Improve Independence for Visually Impaired

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced on October 5th that visually-impaired Pennsylvania residents can now use bioptic telescope lenses to obtain a learner's permit and ultimately earn a driver's license. [Read more at yourerie.com](#).

### Operation Crash Reduction Takes Place This Columbus Day Weekend In Maryland

It encourages drivers to be safe when traveling. Glen Burnie, Md (KM) With a holiday weekend coming up, Maryland and surrounding states are taking part in Operation Crash Reduction. That means drivers strongly encouraged to be safe when getting behind the wheel. "Making sure you're buckled up. Making sure you're avoiding distractions obviously. And making sure you're driving sober," says Chrissy Nizer, Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration. [Read more at wfmc.com](#).

### Cops In New York Will be Hiding In Plain Sight to Ticket Drivers

On Thursday, Gov. Kathy Hochul announced that the New York State Police will team up with local law enforcement on special traffic enforcement efforts for the upcoming Columbus Day weekend, cracking down on speeding and impaired motorists. [Read more at 961thebreeze.com](#).

## REGION 2 NEWS

### Division of Driver Licensing Launches a Mail In Renewal Program (Kentucky)

The Division of Driver Licensing launched a robust mail-in renewal program beginning Friday, Oct. 1. In addition to the current online renewal program (offered for those renewing standard or Real ID driver licenses with no testing

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required and no name/address changes), there is now a mail in renewal program for those who wish to:

- renew a standard or Real ID driver license
- renew a standard or Real ID Identification Card
- renew a standard or Real ID motorcycle/drover license combination
- request a duplicate/ replacement credential , OR
- request a change of address.

This option does not apply to CDL licenses, non-US citizens or applicants who require testing (written, road or vision). More information will added to [Drive.ky.gov](http://Drive.ky.gov) website soon. [Read more at timesleader.net](http://timesleader.net).

## Office of Motor Vehicles Offering Free Language Interpretation for Customers (Louisiana)

The Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles and LanguageLine Solutions have reportedly partnered to offer a free, on-demand, language interpretation service to non-English and limited English-speaking customers. According to a news release, LanguageLine phone interpreting services quickly connects OMV visitors with a highly trained interpreter within seconds. Interpretation services are available in over 240 languages at all OMV field offices. “This is a vital service that empowers our guests and allows our agency to continue providing the highest level of customer service in an innovative fashion,” OMV Commissioner Karen St. Germain said. “This new, exciting service is fast, reliable and secure.” [Read more at wdsu.com](http://wdsu.com).

## Oklahoma Officials Hoping to See More Use of Megacenters to Obtain Real IDs

The state’s two driver’s license megacenters are being underused as many Oklahomans continue to rely on local tag agencies to obtain Real IDs. State Sen. Chuck Hall, R-Perry, who championed the concept, said the two Department of Public Safety megacenters, which have been open about two months now - one in Oklahoma City and the other in Tulsa - have provided Oklahomans an additional way to obtain a Real ID ahead of the federal government’s May 2023 deadline. [Read more at www.duncanbanner.com](http://www.duncanbanner.com).

## Houston is 'Ground Zero' for Fake Temporary License Tags, and a Loophole in Texas Law Is to Blame

Temporary tags are, it seems, a permanent fixture around Houston. Everyone sees them, many flapping in the wind on the backs of cars in front of them on the freeway. They are on BMWs parked in the back of Sharpstown apartment complexes and Audis idling outside the Westin Galleria. Often, even the untrained eye can spot an obvious fake. Those are easy for police to spot: the entire month is written out — Texas only uses three letters — or the font is not the block style the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles uses. [Read more at houstonchronicle.com](http://houstonchronicle.com).

## Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Seeking New Chief Information Officer

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles is looking for a new Chief Information Officer to oversee and direct the Information Technology Services Division out of Austin, Texas. The closing date for submitting applications is October 19, 2021. [Learn more and apply online here](#).

## West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program Launches Seat Belt Effort

The West Virginia Governor’s Highway Safety Program (GHSP) announced that West Virginia’s statewide seat belt usage rate is 88.12 percent for 2021,

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down from 90.2 percent for 2019. The national average is 90 percent. The previous record for West Virginia seat belt compliance was 90.53 percent in 2018. . . . Seat belt utilization in West Virginia had increased considerably over the previous seven years. The overall trend of increased seat belt use affirms that WV GHSP and its traffic safety partners across the state are providing effective occupant protection programs to the citizens of West Virginia. The GHSP's educational efforts, Click It or Ticket campaigns, and high visibility enforcement have helped to increase West Virginia's seat belt usage rates since the passage of the primary seat belt law in 2013. [Read more at wwnews.com.](#)

## REGION 3 NEWS

### Indiana BMV Announces Temporary Branch Closures Because of Staff Shortages

Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Peter L. Lacy announced the BMV will temporarily close eight branches for the month of October due to a continued staffing shortage. Temporarily closed will be branches in Brazil, Sullivan, Plymouth, West Lafayette, Indianapolis-North Meridian and Midtown, Tipton, Danville and New Albany. Employees of temporarily closed branches will be reassigned to support nearby locations for the month. October is the second month the BMV has temporarily closed branches due to an employee shortage. Over the past 30 days, the BMV has received an increased number of Hoosiers applying for positions. Branch teams are in the process of hiring and onboarding multiple applicants to fulfill customer service vacancies in locations throughout the state, according to an Indiana BMV news release. [Read more at reporter.net.](#)

### General Motors Making Moves Towards Electric Vehicles, But is Ohio's Infrastructure Ready For the Switch?

General Motors is looking to ramp up revenues with a push toward's electric vehicles, but how far does the infrastructure for such improvements lag? Fortunately, upgrading our infrastructure, doesn't necessarily mean residents will be paying more in taxes. The Ohio Department of Transportation and Ohio Turnpike Commission both say plans have been in the budgets for a while now to help fund the upgrades. [Read more at news5cleveland.com.](#)

### Wisconsin DMV Releases New Special License Plate Options

Wisconsin drivers can choose two new license plate options Monday, the state Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles announced. The first option recognizes Elkhart Lake's Road America, the four-mile, 14-circuit race course that holds over 500 events each season. The plate can be ordered for a \$15 issuance fee. The second plate, honoring the nonprofit Versiti, is meant to raise awareness for blood health. The organization works to improve patient outcomes through donations, innovation in science and medicine. [Read more at nbc15.com.](#)

## REGION 4 NEWS

### California to Institute Stronger Safety Inspections for Total Loss Vehicles After Repair

California Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed into law AB 471, legislation that, among other things, will institute more stringent safety inspections for total loss vehicles that have been repaired and offered for sale. The legislation, which was strongly supported by the California Autobody Association (CAA) and 10 other industry groups, will also make it easier for consumers to be

informed about repair shops' educational and training certifications; create a panel to hear informal appeals of citations issued against repair dealers; and set up a "traffic school" model for dealing with minor record keeping violations, preventing disclosure of the violations on the internet while requiring the shop to take remedial training. [Read more at repairerdrivenews.com](#).

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## **Governor Signs Wieckowski Autonomous Vehicle Bill (California)**

California vehicles that are exclusively autonomous will no longer need to be equipped with windshield wipers, speedometers, mirrors and other parts under a bill authored by Senator Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont) and signed Sept. 30 by Governor Gavin Newsom. SB 570, which was approved with bipartisan support by the Legislature, brings the vehicle code equipment list into the 21st century. "Autonomous vehicle technology is much more advanced today than the last time California significantly updated its laws governing vehicle equipment," said Wieckowski, a member of the Senate's Transportation Committee. "It is no longer necessary to have some of these parts on a vehicle that is exclusively autonomous and not driven by humans. [Read more at patch.com](#).

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## **Nod to Driverless Cars Shows Official View of the State of the Art (California)**

A limited nod to autonomous transportation services from the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) demonstrates an official view of the state of the driverless art. Cruise and Waymo have received permission from the DMV to charge the public for transportation in driverless vehicles. [Read more at electronicsweekly.com](#).

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## **California Enacts Law to Suspend Driver's License of Illegal Sideshow Participants**

A new law in California imposes a harsher punishment for those who participate in illegal sideshows. The law signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday allows courts to issue a driver's license suspension for up to six months for participating in the illicit car stunt show. "Illegal sideshows continue to devastate families, claim innocent lives in our communities, and create serious risks for our youth," said Assemblyman Vince Fong who authored the bill. "Proactive enforcement is critical to stopping dangerous sideshows before they start..." Sideshows are a stubborn and growing problem for law enforcement agencies throughout California. [Read more at ktvu.com](#).

### **OTHER NEWS**

## **FMCSA Issues Final Rule for States on Streamlining CDL Issuance**

A new final rule aims to improve highway safety by making sure commercial driver's license and learner's permit holders with drug and alcohol program violations do not operate a commercial motor vehicle until they complete the return-to-duty process. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is set to publish its final rule, Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing: State Driver's Licensing Agency Nonissuance/Downgrade of Commercial Driver's License," in the Federal Register on Thursday, Oct. 7. [Read more at landline.media](#).

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## **Smart Cars vs. Privacy: A Driverless Car Could Generate 100 GB of Data Per Second**

Assuming that a recent article in New Scientist is wrong and driverless cars won't be "going the way of the jetpack" anytime soon, it nonetheless seems

probable that fully autonomous driverless vehicles will not be an everyday reality in the developed world at least before 2030. This flies in the face of predictions that by 2020, a human behind the wheel would be a thing of the past, and can largely be attributed to developments in AI not keeping up with the blue-sky thinking of many tech evangelists during the past decade. [Read more at cybernews.com.](#)

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### How Verification And Validation Can Create A Comprehensive Digital Twin To Design Tomorrow's Self-Driving Cars Today

Autonomous vehicles (AV) are the future of driving – and the future might not be so far away. Optimizing the capabilities of self-driving vehicles and the environment around them could lead to a mad dash to the financial finish line for manufacturers. Who takes the checkered flag will ultimately be determined by the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of their processes. These elements are crucial to measuring success in this highly competitive space. [Read more at semiengineering.com.](#)

## 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.



**VirginiaDMV** @VirginiaDMV · 5h  
 #OperationCrashReduction begins today (10/8-10/11) & we want to remind you to #BuckleUp!

From 2015-2019, October had more traffic fatalities than any other month, accd to national data. Last year, 78 people were killed in crashes on VA roads & 60% weren't wearing a seat belt.

**MoDOT** @MoDOT · 4h  
 Check out our newest #BUPD PSA!  
 Many thanks to those of you who submitted videos and took the time to vote on your favorite. We appreciate your participation and commitment to safety!

Be on the lookout for this video during the upcoming #BUPDDay on Oct. 22.

**Drive Safe Kansas - KDOT** @DriveSafeKansas · Oct 5  
 Keep your community and neighbors safe.

When driving, always obey speed limits and look out for pedestrians.

2021 Kansas Traffic Deaths  
**299**  
 ↓ 8.6%  
 Compared to 1/1/20 - 10/05/20  
 Preliminary data as of Oct. 5, 2021



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