Submit Nominations for IDEC Examiner of the Year
AAMVA is beginning the IDEC (International Driver Examiner Certification) Examiner of the Year nomination process. Consider recognizing your jurisdiction's outstanding driver examiner by nominating him or her for the 2017 IDEC Examiner of the Year Award. The Examiner of the Year honor is awarded to examiners who consistently perform the duties and responsibilities of a certified examiner, for their excellence in adhering to the principles and recommended practices of driver examining, and for their high level of conduct in their profession. Each examiner's name, photograph and nomination letter will be posted to the AAMVA Web site and they will also receive a certificate of recognition. Please send a nomination letter and photo of your examiner to Denise Hanchulak by December 1, 2017.

MOVE Magazine Wins Ozzie Award
AAMVA's MOVE Magazine is the winner of the 2017 Folio Ozzie Award for cover design for our 20th anniversary cover! Folio is dedicated to providing magazine publishing professionals with the news, insights, and best practices to keep them in tune with today's media industry trends. A full listing of this year's winners is available here.

Connecticut Relaunches Program For Deaf, Hard of Hearing
Several agencies have relaunched a program to assist deaf and hard of hearing drivers in Connecticut, according to Trumbull police. The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles and Connecticut Council on Organizations Serving the Deaf restarted the Green Envelope Program this month. Read the article at ctpost.com.

Handicapped Parking Fraud Could Bring Steep Fines (Massachusetts)
Abuse of handicapped-accessible parking is rampant, say state officials and advocates for people with disabilities. In addition to misuse of parking spaces, handicapped plates and placards issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles are traded, sold or used by friends or relatives when a disabled person dies. Read the article at salemnews.com.

Driverless Cars Could Cut Down On Boston’s Awful Traffic, Report Says (Massachusetts)
A new study — based on testing underway in Boston — predicts driverless cars could cut much of the traffic clogging the city's streets, reduce air pollution, and free up space used for parking. The report, from Boston Consulting Group and the World Economic Forum, which joined with Boston officials in 2016 to develop self-driving car strategies, is geared to global policy makers as they grapple with the ascending technology. But it is based on local information, using models of present-day Boston traffic. Read the article at bostonglobe.com.
Fully Autonomous Car Testing Coming to NYC
General Motors and Cruise Automation are applying to begin testing fully autonomous vehicles in New York State in early 2018, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced. Read the article at automotive-fleet.com.

Media Campaign to Educate All Drivers on Teen Driver Challenges (Pennsylvania)
The Wolf Administration announced today a combined effort, led by PennDOT and supported by other state agencies and safety partners, to educate motorists on challenges facing teen drivers through a social media campaign during Teen Driver Safety Week. Read the press release.

SYSTEMS TRAINING

*Register for the following training sessions HERE.

Oct. 24 | CD07 Add New Driver (intermediate)

Oct. 25 | CD09 Change Data (intermediate)

Oct. 26 | CD15 Update AKA Data (intermediate)

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OUR WEBINARS

OCTOBER

Oct. 24 | NMVTIS State Web Interface – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site

Oct. 31 | NMVTIS State Web Interface – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature

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Electronic Document Management Solution
Indiana BMV
Deadline: Nov. 2

Vehicle Valuation and VIN Validation
Indiana BMV
Deadline: Nov. 9

RFP No. FY18-011: Badge On Demand Services
AAMVA
Deadline: Nov. 13

Solicitation No. 5400013772 - AAMVA Modernization Services
South Carolina DMV
Deadline: Nov. 15 @11:00 AM (ET)

REGION 2 NEWS

Hundreds Line Up for Driver License Restoration (Florida)
A Leon County judge is continuing his campaign to restore the driver licenses of people whose driving privileges have been suspended or revoked. Read the article at news.wfsu.org.

Oklahoma Gets a One-Year REAL ID Extension After Saying Compliance Will Take Two Years
Oklahoma has received another extension for compliance with the REAL ID Act, months after its public safety commissioner said it will take two years to come into compliance. Read the article at newsok.com.

South Carolina Residents Can Use Non-REAL ID Licenses On Flights Through Oct. 2018
The deadline is approaching for nine states that have yet to update state IDs in compliance with the REAL ID Act, which was passed in 2005, but South Carolina has been granted an extension to help residents to become REAL ID compliant. Read the article at wsoctv.com.

DMV Report Says Virginia’s Seat Belt Usage At All-Time High
Data released Wednesday by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles shows drivers in the state using their seat belts are at all-time high rates. The report said motorists clicking their belts behind the wheel and riding along is now at 85.3 percent- an increase from the average of 79 percent, according to DMV Commissioner Richard Holcomb. Read the article at wcyb.com.

REGION 3 NEWS

Jesse White Announces Teen Driving Deaths Down 51% Since GDL Overhaul In 2008 (Illinois)
Kicking off National Teen Driver Safety Week, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced teen driving deaths have decreased by more than half. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, there were 155 teen driving deaths (age 16-19) in 2007. Read the article at riverbender.com.

Manitoba Public Insurance Opens New Centre for Automotive Research and Training
Manitoba Public Insurance continues to keep pace with rapid changes in the design, construction, technology and reparability of motor vehicles with the opening of its new, state-of-the-art centre for automotive research and training at the J.W. Zacharias Physical Damage Research Centre in Winnipeg, Crown Services Minister Cliff Cullen announced today. Read the press release.

Elk Is In, Loon Is Out For Michigan’s Wildlife License Plate
The elk is booting the common loon off Michigan's wildlife license plate. Starting Dec. 1, the giant mammal will be featured on the new plates, which cost $35 and help support wildlife management in the state. The swap coincides with next year's 100th anniversary of the elk's reintroduction to Michigan. Read the article at freep.com.

**Missourians Challenged To Buckle Up & Put Their Phones Down**
Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, would like to stress the importance of using a seat belt and putting down a cell phone every time you drive. Thus, the Patrol is joining the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Coalition for Roadway Safety in challenging Missourians to be better, safer drivers through the Buckle Up/Phone Down campaign. Friday, October 20, 2017 is Buckle Up/Phone Down Day in Missouri. Always buckle up and consistently put your phone down when you’re driving. Read the press release.

**State Patrol Works To Teach Teens About Safe Driving Habits (Nebraska)**
All across the state of Nebraska, teen drivers are being reminded about the importance of safe driving. The Nebraska State Patrol and the state Transportation Department held 60 safety presentations across the state between July and September. Read the article at sfgate.com.

**Business Lobby Proposes Removing 'America's Dairyland' From Wisconsin License Plates**
The head of the state's influential business lobby says Wisconsin should consider scrapping the slogan that has adorned its vehicle license plates since World War II: “America's Dairyland.” Read the article at chicagotribune.com.

**Governor Brown Signs Milestone Gender-Recognition Bill for Nonbinary People (California)**
California will create a third gender option on driver’s licenses and birth certificates for people who do not identify as male or female under a bill Gov. Jerry Brown signed Sunday. Read the article at sfgate.com.

**DMV Offers Assistance, Waived Fees to Canyon Fire 2 Victims (California)**
The California Department of Motor Vehicles is waiving replacement fees for residents who lost key documents as a result of the on-going Canyon Fire 2. DMV officials, under an emergency proclamation authorized this week by Gov. Jerry Brown, are offering to replace at no cost driver’s licenses, identification cards, vehicle registrations, titles and disabled placards for those impacted by the fire. Read the article at ocregister.com.

**California Gets Go-Ahead To Continue Truck Platoon Testing**
Testing of autonomous vehicles to haul freight in California is not going away anytime soon. Gov. Jerry Brown has signed into law a bill to extend authorization for the California Department of Transportation to test truck platooning. Read the article at landlinemag.com.

**Want a Truck-Driving License? Feds Say DMV Clerks Were Selling Them For Bribes (California)**
Two state Department of Motor Vehicle workers have been charged in federal court in Sacramento with taking bribes to alter DMV computer records to provide truck-driving licenses to people who had not passed or, in some cases, not even taken the written or behind-the-wheel driving exams. Read the article at sacbee.com.
State Driver’s Licenses Soon To Be REAL-ID Compliant (Idaho)
The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will continue to allow the use of current Idaho driver’s licenses and identification cards at federal security checkpoints, such as courthouses, military bases and airport TSA screenings, reported the Idaho Transportation Department on Friday. Read the article at cdapress.com.

ITD Employees Keep It Clean With Customized License Plates (Idaho)
“2STONED” was too much, and the same is true for both “BITEME1” and “BITEME2.” You’re not allowed to have “IH8PPL” or “IH8UALL.” And the Idaho Transportation Department knows exactly what “AF” means. ITD rejected about 150 applications for personalized license plates in 2016. Read the article at idahopress.com.

Tribe, State Continue To Address Real ID Issues (New Mexico)
The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division will now accept a Certificate of Indian Blood and an affidavit of birth issued by the Navajo Nation Office of Vital Records in lieu of a birth certificate when obtaining a driver's license, identification card or driving authorization card. Read the article at daily-times.com.

Government Releases Legal Limits for Drugged Driving But Can’t Say How Much Pot Is Too Much (Canada)
The federal government has released a draft of its planned drug concentration levels but admits the new rules provide no guidance on how much marijuana it would take to push a driver over the legal limit. Read the article at cbc.ca.

Alphabet Is Training Law Enforcement On How To Handle Self-Driving Car Crashes
What happens when self-driving cars gets into an accident? Alphabet’s self driving car division Waymo has been testing its fleet of robot cars in four states across the country — Washington, California, Arizona, and Texas — and it has started to work with local law enforcement agencies and first responders to figure out what to do after a collision and create new protocols. Read the article at recode.net.

Intel, Mobileye Develop System to Determine Fault In Self-Driving-Car Crashes
When a self-driving car crashes into a human-driven one, whose fault is it? Answering that question will be a challenge for an emerging industry that desperately needs to win the public's trust, and clarify liability for automakers and insurers. Read the article at sfgate.com.

Fiat Chrysler Recalls 470,000 Vehicles For Restraint Defect
Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV said on Friday it is recalling 470,000 vehicles worldwide to replace a component that may inhibit deployment of the vehicles' active head restraints in the event of a crash. Read the article at reuters.com.

Here’s Why Travelers From 22 States Could Face Conflict With Domestic Flights In 2018
The deadline is approaching for nearly two dozen states that have yet to update state IDs in compliance with the REAL ID Act, which was passed in 2005. As a result, residents in those states may have to present a valid U.S. passport or other identification -- instead of previously used driver's licenses or IDs -- to travel within the U.S. and beyond. Read the article at ajc.com.

Toronto Institute’s DriverLab Studies People Instead of Cars
Driving simulators have long been a part of the automotive industry, but the
Toronto Rehabilitation Institute’s DriverLab goes beyond that, incorporating them into their CEAL program: Challenging Environment Assessment Lab. Read the article at driving.ca.

Ray Martinez Receives Key Senate Backing for Top FMCSA Post
The Trump administration’s pick for the top post at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration received a strong endorsement from a key policymaker on Capitol Hill. Read the article at ttnews.com.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

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@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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2/2: A good or acceptable rating in the passenger-side small overlap test will be required for Top Safety Pick+ for 2018.

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1/2: The Institute notifies automakers about changes to Top Safety Pick requirements early in the year.

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Teach your teens the importance of buckling up. #BuckleUp today, see you tomorrow. #WeArriveAlive
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