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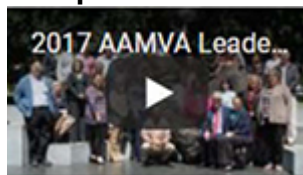
9 | [2017 November State to State Governance Committee Meeting](#)
Minneapolis, Minnesota
By invitation only

14-15 | [2017 November Joint mDL Working Group Meeting](#)

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.

AAMVA Leadership Academy Applications Now Being Accepted



The [Leadership Academy](#) provides professional development opportunities for future leaders in the AAMVA community. This program is designed for jurisdiction employees who have demonstrated leadership potential and the ability to succeed in positions of greater responsibility within their agencies. The program will take place **April 30 -**

May 3, 2018. Attendees must have the approval and support of the Chief Administrator of their agency to apply. All expenses will be paid by AAMVA. This week-long program will include modules on defining leadership, team work and collaboration, organizational performance management, and more. It is an intense training opportunity focused on the unique characteristics of leading and managing a motor vehicle or law enforcement agency. The [draft course outline](#) provides more information on what topics will be included. If you are interested, please fill out the [application form](#) and send it along with your resume to [Janice Dluzynski](mailto:Janice.Dluzynski@AAMVA.org). Class size will be limited to eighteen participants and we can accept only one application from each member agency. Applications are due by **November 15, 2017**. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact: [Janice Dluzynski](mailto:Janice.Dluzynski@AAMVA.org) or 703-908-5842. See what prior participants had to say about the AAMVA Leadership Academy in [this video](#).

REGION 1 NEWS

Connecticut DMV to Launch Online Road Test Appointment System

Connecticut's Department of Motor Vehicles is preparing to launch a new online system for making road test appointments. The new system is scheduled to be up and running on Tuesday. In the meantime, customers will not be able to make road test appointments Saturday and Monday as the DMV transitions to the new online-only appointment system. [Read the article at usnews.com](#).

Tampa, Florida
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15-16 | [2017 November Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group Meeting](#)
Arlington, Virginia
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SYSTEMS TRAINING

*Register for the following training sessions [HERE](#).

CDLIS and Related Topics

Oct. 31 | CD07 Add New Driver (intermediate)

Nov. 1 | ACD Advanced (advanced)

Nov. 2 | ACD Using Specific Codes (advanced)

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OUR WEBINARS

OCTOBER

31 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

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[Commercial Driver License Testing Pilot Program](#)
New Jersey MVC
October 30 @ 2:00 PM (ET)
UPDATED Documentation!

[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)

Non-gender Driver Licenses on Massachusetts Legislative Action Agenda

Driver's licenses and ID cards in Massachusetts could soon have a third option for gender identity besides male and female – an X for those people who don't identify with either of the genders. A legislative proposal would require the State Registry of Motor Vehicles to offer the so-called non-binary option to anyone requesting it despite potential security clearance problems for individuals who don't list their sex. [Read the article at ncnewsonline.com.](#)

New Brunswick To Impose New Measures for Drunk Drivers Starting November 1

New Brunswick will seize drunk drivers' cars for up to two months under a law that comes into force Nov. 1. [Read the article at globalnews.ca.](#)

Murphy: Trump Threatens Voter Rights. I'll Massively Expand Them In New Jersey.

Democratic nominee for governor Phil Murphy appeared with former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder on Monday to disclose massive changes to New Jersey voting laws he would implement if elected. Among them: automatically registering all licensed New Jersey drivers, allowing online voter registration, offering same-day registration at the polls and expanding voting rolls to include those who would be old enough to vote by the general election as well as ex-offenders. [Read the article at nj.com.](#)

In New York, Self-Driving Cars Get Ready to Battle the Bullies

Starting next year, New Yorkers could join Silicon Valley workers and residents of cities like Phoenix, Pittsburgh, and Boston as players in a grand, growing, autonomous car experiment. General Motors, through its self-driving startup Cruise Automation, plans to put a fleet of autonomous Chevrolet Bolts onto the streets of lower Manhattan in early 2018. [Read the article at wired.com.](#)

Governor Wolf Announces New Winter Travel Tool for Public, Administration Outlines Winter Preparation (Pennsylvania)

With the winter season approaching, Gov. Tom Wolf has announced that a new online tool is available to inform the public of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) operations this winter. He made the announcement in conjunction with a news conference that PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards held outlining the agency's plans for winter services, and sharing job opportunities and driver preparation tips. [Read the article at gantdaily.com.](#)

Pennsylvania State Police: Expired Registration Stickers Can Stay On Car, Just Be Prepared If Pulled Over

Pennsylvania drivers with those expired registration stickers have two choices - remove them from your vehicle or make sure you are prepared just in case you get pulled over out of state. [Read the article at 6abc.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Florida Welcomes Puerto Rican Drivers — If They Have \$48 for a License

As tens of thousands of newly arriving Puerto Ricans slowly rebuild their lives in Florida, one of their first steps is to apply for a driver's license in the Sunshine State. But an Orlando-area lawmaker says the state should be doing even more to help Hurricane Maria's victims. Rep. Bob Cortes, R-Altamonte Springs, wants Gov. Rick Scott to stop charging evacuees the \$48 fee for a Florida license. [Read the article at miamiherald.com.](#)

Florida Teaming Up With East Coast States to Promote Traffic Safety on I-95

The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) is collaborating with the state police, highway patrols and local law enforcement jurisdictions of every state on the Eastern Seaboard in an effort to keep one of the nation's major interstate corridors safe and fatality-free. The *I-95 Drive to Save Lives* safety and enforcement initiative takes place October 20 through 21 with law enforcement agencies in each state conducting enforcement details on I-95. This initiative's operational goal is to provide highly visible traffic enforcement across the approximate 1,920 miles of the Interstate 95 corridor to reduce traffic deaths and injuries across the U.S. [Read the press release.](#)

Good News, Travelers. Your KY License Will Get You on Domestic Flights For Another Year

You will be able to continue using your Kentucky drivers' licenses to board domestic airline flights for another year. The federal government has granted the state more time to comply, until Oct. 10, 2018, with federal security regulations designed to combat terrorism. The new 12-month extension for Kentucky to comply with the federal REAL ID Act was granted Oct. 18 by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security at the request of state Vehicle Regulation Commissioner John-Mark Hack, Transportation Cabinet spokesman Keith Buckhout said Wednesday. [Read the full article at kentucky.com.](#)

Oklahoma Supreme Court Strikes Down Fees On Hybrid, Electric Vehicles, Says Legislature Passed Them Unconstitutionally

The fees that lawmakers slapped on sales of electric and hybrid vehicles last session were thrown out by the Oklahoma Supreme Court on Tuesday. House Bill 1449 put a yearly fee of \$100 on electric cars and a \$30 fee on hybrid vehicles. It was to take effect Nov. 1. In a 6-3 decision, the court ruled the measure unconstitutional. [Read the article at tulsaworld.com.](#)

Emissions Test, Odometer Fraud Found at Vehicle Inspection Stations in Harris County, Deputies Say (Texas)

At least two people have been arrested after an investigation revealed the suspects were conducting fraudulent vehicle inspections at two separate stations in Houston, the Harris County Pct. 4 Constable's Office said. Investigators received information that BI-LO Used Cars located at 2823 South Shaver Street was allegedly rolling back odometers on used cars and conducting fraudulent vehicle inspections using a procedure called clean scanning. [Read the article at cw39.com](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Iowa, Five Other States Will Try Digital Driver's License Projects in 2018

Digital and mobile driver's license tests will move forward in six states in 2018 as government agencies and vendors continue to establish its viability and usefulness — if not its precise future role. Chief among them is Iowa, which intends to debut mobile drivers' licenses (mDLs) and the technology to "read" them electronically next year. [Read the article at govtech.com.](#)

Google To Test Self-Driving Cars in Michigan's Winter Conditions

Google's self-driving car company will test autonomous vehicles in Michigan this winter in order to see how they fare in snowy and icy conditions. [Read the article at thehill.com.](#)

What the Real ID Extension Means for Minnesotans

Recent announcements about Minnesota's timeline for implementing the federal Real ID Act have left some Minnesotans feeling relieved about their upcoming travel plans — and others simply confused. Minnesota has lagged behind other states in following the 2005 federal law, which requires states to meet a minimum security standard for driver's licenses or ID cards. The Legislature approved a

Real ID bill this year, and the state is now preparing to offer the new Real ID, likely starting in October 2018. [Read the article at startribune.com.](#)

Troop D Announces Results Of Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) Enforcement Operations (Missouri)

Captain Juan Villanueva, commanding officer of Troop D, Springfield, announces the results of MCSAP (Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program) commercial vehicle enforcement operations during the week of October 16, 2017. The purpose of these efforts was to reduce the number of commercial motor vehicle-related crashes, fatalities, and injuries through aggressive enforcement, education, and safety inspections. Three separate, one-day enforcement projects were conducted last week in Greene, Jasper, Lawrence, and Webster counties. During these operations, commercial vehicle enforcement troopers and commercial vehicle officers inspected 429 commercial vehicles, discovered 972 violations, and issued 128 summonses, while placing 89 vehicles and 24 drivers out-of-service. [Read the press release.](#)

Bill Would Require New Truck Drivers to Get Human Trafficking Training (Wisconsin)

The bipartisan bill would make training on how to spot and stop human trafficking part of the curriculum for drivers getting their professional license. [Read the article at nbc15.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Vehicle Registration Tickets Spiked After Alberta Stopped Mail Reminders

Remember when the province stopped sending reminders about your vehicle registration? Well apparently, a lot of people counted on those reminders.

Numbers provided to Metro by the province appear to show a significant spike in the number of tickets handed out for either failing to have registration certificate, or having an expired licence plate beginning in May 2016. [Read the article at metronews.ca.](#)

Gas Tax Hike and Transportation Fee Coming Soon In California

Starting in October you'll be paying extra to fuel up your car or truck. Then two months later you'll shell out more for a transportation improvement fee. State lawmakers want to provide a smoother ride for their constituents. The tax money is going to improving roads in California. ... Fixing those problems costs money and state lawmakers want drivers to pay for it. First at the gas pump then at DMV. [Read the article at kmph.com.](#)

California and U.S. Regulators Approve Fix for 38,000 Volkswagen Diesels

Federal and state officials said Monday that they have approved a fix for 38,000 Volkswagen, Audi and Porsche sport utility vehicles with diesel engines that were cheating on emissions tests. The approval brings German automaker Volkswagen closer to resolving a costly and embarrassing scandal that began two years ago, when the company admitted that more than 550,000 vehicles in the U.S. — and 11 million worldwide — were designed to cheat on emissions tests. [Read the article at latimes.com.](#)

95-Year-Old Driver's Effort to Renew License Falls Short at the MVD (New Mexico)

Dorothy Trainor recently penned a letter at 3 a.m. saying "it seems I can't prove I am alive enough to renew my license after 50 years of driving." Dorothy, who just turned 95, took her Social Security statements, expired passports and utility bills, bank statements and tax bill to a Motor Vehicle Division office. And because those passports are expired, she needs a birth certificate to get a Real ID license. She says that birth certificate is "buried in some boxes in the shed". [Read the article at abqjournal.com.](#)

DMV: Oregon Vehicle Registration Fee Increasing From \$86 to \$112 After January 1

Higher Oregon vehicle registration, title and trip permit fees take effect Jan. 1, providing funding for a major investment in the state's transportation system, the Oregon DMV advised Wednesday. Oregon residents with vehicle tags expiring on or after Jan. 1 will see new registration fees in their renewal reminders starting in November. The fee for two-year passenger vehicle registration renewal – DMV's most common vehicle transaction – will go from \$86 for two years to \$112. [Read the article at ktvz.com.](#)

State Council Recommends No Changes to Utah's New DUI Law

A state council studying Utah's new law setting the country's strictest DUI threshold is backing away from recommending any changes, despite Gov. Gary Herbert's wish to soften some penalties following a backlash from the state's hospitality and ski industry. [Read the article at usnews.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Autonomous Car Companies Report Getting Rear-Ended In Most Crashes, Blame Driver Error

Drivers have a tendency to rear end self-driving cars on the road, according to early data from tests underway in California. California is the only state that requires companies testing autonomous prototypes to report collisions. A total of 19 crashes involving self-driving cars have been reported to the state DMV in 2017, a fraction of the 285 vehicles getting tested there. [Read the article at consumeraffairs.com.](#)

This Map Shows How Few Self-Driving Cars Are Actually On the Road Today

A new digital tool tracking how autonomous vehicles are being deployed and tested across the world went online today, and it's an interesting — and honest — snapshot of where we are right now with this new technology. The Global Atlas of Autonomous Vehicles in Cities, a joint effort between Bloomberg Philanthropies and the Aspen Institute, shows which city governments are testing AVs, and more importantly, it shows how few cities are preparing for the onslaught of self-driving cars that is expected in the next decade. According to the map, 53 cities are testing or thinking about testing AVs. Of that number, 35 cities including San Francisco, Austin, Nashville, Washington, Paris, Helsinki, and London are already piloting projects. [Read the article at theverge.com.](#)

Transparency Key to Self-driving Regulation, NHTSA Leader Says

Safety remains the top goal, but regulation of autonomous vehicles requires more collaboration, information sharing and flexibility than previous top-down approaches if rapid technological advances and the resulting safety benefits are to be realized, the nation's top auto safety regulator says. [Read the article at autonews.com.](#)

Health Ministers Talk Plans for Roadside Marijuana Tests and Edible Cannabis Products (Canada)

During a meeting of Canada's health ministers in Edmonton, some of the hot topics they discussed were roadside marijuana tests and when edible cannabis products will be regulated. Several pilot projects looking into roadside tests for drivers impaired by marijuana have already been launched according to Federal Health Minister Ginette Petitpas Taylor. [Read the article at durhamradionews.com.](#)

AAA Study Shows Almost One-third of 2017 Vehicles Have No Spare Tire

It's something you don't think much about until you run into a problem on the road. More automakers are selling you cars that don't have spare tires. [Read the article at abc27.com.](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

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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