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## OUR EVENTS

## DECEMBER

**5-6 | [New Administrator Orientation\\*](#)**  
Arlington, VA

**6-7 | [NDR Working Group Meeting\\*](#)**  
San Diego, CA

**12-13 | [2018 Region 4 Board Planning Meeting\\*](#)**  
Scottsdale, AZ

## AAMVA Awards 2018 - Call for Entries!

The AAMVA Awards Program recognizes members of the motor vehicle and law enforcement community by honoring individuals, teams, and organizations who have committed their time and resources to the following categories: Safety, Service, Security, and Public Affairs & Consumer Education. **The submission deadline for all entries** (including Martha Irwin Award nominations) **is December 22, 2017**. Visit the [AAMVA Awards Program online](#) for more details about the awards program, and to download the submission and nomination packet. For more information, please contact Jessica Hill at [awards@aamva.org](mailto:awards@aamva.org).

## REGION 1 NEWS

## State Cracking Down On Fake Vehicle Inspection Stickers (Maine)

Ready to apply your counterfeit vehicle inspection sticker? First: "Park in a secure area. (People love to be nosy and tattle tale.)" That's how the instructions began for one Maine counterfeiter's black-market stickers – a surprisingly detailed, eight-step process for putting your new, fake-but-incredibly-real-looking sticker on your windshield. And it worked, for a while. Then, someone tattled. [Read the article at pressherald.com](#).

## Maine to Celebrate Bicentennial With Commemorative License Plates

A new Maine Bicentennial license plate will be unveiled next week in Augusta by Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap. Dunlap said in a statement that the license plate will be offered as a keepsake as the state prepares to celebrate 200 years of statehood in 2020. [Read the article at pressherald.com](#).

## Maryland DOT MVA Upgrades Maryland Mobile Practice Driving Test

Consistent with Governor Larry Hogan's commitment to deliver premier customer service to Maryland residents, the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) has unveiled a new design and enhanced functionality for its award-winning and popular MD Practice Driving Test mobile app. The free app, which launched in 2011 to prepare future drivers for the knowledge test, has been downloaded more than a million times and continues to grow. [Read the article at businesswire.com](#).

## Tires, Texting and Teens: Quebec Expected To Toughen Up On Road Safety Rules

The Couillard government is about to table changes to the Highway Safety Code – and one of them may push up the deadline to install winter tires. The move comes after conducting hearings in November where multiple groups called on the provincial government to crack down on distracted driving, including the use of cell phones by drivers. [Read the article at montreal.ctvnews.ca](#).

\* By invitation only.

## SYSTEMS TRAINING

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

### DECEMBER

5 | 2-4 PM ET | [PDPS State to State and NDR Generated Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

6 | 2-4 PM ET | [PDPS Broken Pointer Management \(intermediate\)](#)

7 | 2-4 PM ET | [PDPS Cleanfile Processing \(intermediate\)](#)

11 | 1:30-3:30 PM ET | [SPEXS Overview \(basic\)](#)

12 | 1:30-3:30 PM ET | [SPEXS Batch Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

12 | 2-4 PM ET | [CDLIS Reports Timeliness \(intermediate\)](#)

13 | 1:30-3:30 PM ET | [SPEXS Transactions AMIE \(intermediate\)](#)

13 | 2-4 PM ET | [CDLIS Reports Data Quality \(intermediate\)](#)

14 | 1:30-3:30 PM ET | [SPEXS Transactions NIEM \(intermediate\)](#)

14 | 2-4 PM ET | [CD90.4.1 Out-of-State Transaction as SOR Reports \(advanced\)](#)

18 | 1:30-3:30 PM ET | [SPEXS Bulk Load \(intermediate\)](#)

19 | 1:30-3:30 PM ET | [SPEXS Web UI & Reports \(intermediate\)](#)

20 | 1:30-3:30 PM ET | [SPEXS State Procedures Manual \(intermediate\)](#)

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## OUR WEBINARS

### DECEMBER

5 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

12 | [Vehicle Importing & Exporting Challenges: Law Enforcement and Motor Vehicle Agency Resources](#)

12 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

## No Real ID Nightmare For Pennsylvania Travelers In New Year

Pennsylvanians won't be required to show alternate identification to board planes. Your driver's license or state identification card will still get you on an airplane and into federal facilities in 2018. Pennsylvania-issued identification cards don't yet meet federal security standards, but the state got a Department of Homeland Security extension on compliance, its second, in October. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation expects to issue its first compliant licenses in March 2019. [Read the article at times.com](#).

## REGION 2 NEWS

### Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program (GMSP) Announces Grant

Grant funding totaling \$93,458 has been awarded to the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program (GMSP) by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The approved funding will be used to increase motorcycle safety awareness and outreach by encouraging all motorists and motorcyclists to Share the Road. [Read the press release](#).

### Think DMV Lines Are Long Now? Imagine If 4 Million People Wait To Get Their REAL ID (North Carolina)

As publicity stunts go, this one was pretty low-key: State Board of Transportation member Allen Moran went to his local DMV office in Nags Head two days before Thanksgiving to get his REAL ID, a form of driver's license that meets stricter federal identification standards that go into effect in October 2020. [Read the article at newsobserver.com](#).

### North Carolina DMV License & Theft Inspector Receives Governor's Award

Inspector Dean Roscoe of the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles' License and Theft Bureau was one of 20 recipients of the Governor's Award for Excellence during ceremonies held at the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh on Tuesday, Nov. 7. The award is the highest commendation a state employee can receive. [Read the press release](#).

### Federal Court OKs Oklahoma Licenses Marked For Sex Offenders

A federal appeals court has upheld a 2007 Oklahoma law that allows the state to identify aggravated sex offenders on their driver's licenses. The ruling stems from a lawsuit filed by Ray Carne, who was convicted of sexually abusing a child, The Oklahoman reported. [Read the article at fox23.com](#).

### Beware the Driver's License Renewal Scam (Tennessee)

If you're a driver and need to renew your license, beware of the online "driver's license renewal scam." Every month, thousands of Tennesseans are sent a reminder that it's time to renew their driver's license. However, you have to be cautious and recognize what website you are actually on before providing any information. [Read the article at wate.com](#).

### Anti-Bullying Group Wants to Put Message On License Plates (Virginia)

Shant'a Miller-Synaker has this image in her mind. She is driving along Interstate 64 somewhere in Virginia, and motorists are riding past spreading a message that Virginia should be one big "no bully zone." Seeing that vision become reality would be the culmination of her current project through her Peninsula-based organization Parents Against Bullying — the authorization of specialty license plates promoting her cause. [Read the article at dailypress.com](#).

## REGION 3 NEWS

### Real ID: Why You Might Soon Need a Passport Even For

[13 | NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) - Part 2](#)

[14 | NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) - Part 1](#)

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[27 | NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) - Part 2](#)

## REGISTER ONLINE!

OPEN RFPs

[Indiana RFP: BMV/C STARS System Modernization RFS 18-023](#)  
*Deadline: Feb. 14, 2018*

## Domestic Flights (Illinois)

Kane County Clerk Jack Cunningham is sounding the alarm about a looming barrier to air travel in a couple of months. Illinois residents may need a passport to board even domestic flights as the federal government weighs an extension for Illinois to comply with the Real ID Act of 2005. [Read the article at dailyherald.com.](#)

## Firm Urges New License Plates To Replace 'Ugly, Illegible Mess' (Illinois)

A small west suburban marketing agency declared this week that Illinois has the nation's single worst license plate. Employees at Wheaton-based Ivor Andrew say the cluttered new Illinois plate design is even worse than Ohio's word jumble license plate or Nebraska's seed-sowing man — which features an illustration that has dirty-minded Cornhuskers wondering exactly what kind of seed he's sowing. [Read the article at chicagosuntimes.com.](#)

## Minnesota's Troubled Vehicle Licensing System Makes Changes

A state official key in developing Minnesota's troubled new \$90 million computer system for vehicle licensing is no longer working on the project, and the agency is making several changes in management. [Read the article at startribune.com.](#)

## Missouri Granted REAL ID Extension

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has granted Missouri an extension through Oct. 10, 2018, to satisfy requirements of the REAL ID Act and its regulations. During this extension, federal agencies may accept Missouri-issued driver licenses and identification cards for official purposes, including air travel. [Read the press release.](#)

## Design Unveiled For Controversial 'Choose Life' Nebraska License Plate

Nebraska's new "Choose Life" license plate design, which generated controversy in the last state legislative session, was unveiled Monday in Omaha. ... Starting Jan. 1, the specialty plate will be made available for an extra \$5 as an alternative to the state's standard license plate. [Read the article at omaha.com.](#)

## Man Switching Odometers Gets Two Years in South Dakota Penitentiary

A man who lived in Sioux Falls and sold vehicles at River Auto Sales, LLC has been sentenced to two years in the South Dakota Penitentiary. [Read the article at ksoo.com.](#)

## REGION 4 NEWS

## Alberta Government Getting Ready for Self-Driving Cars

Transportation Minister Brian Mason says self-driving vehicles are bearing down fast and the Alberta government is trying to be ready. Mason told the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association annual convention last week that he's asked his department to "reorient" its work to prepare for the rise of automated vehicles and other "disruptive technologies." [Read the article at calgaryherald.com.](#)

## Use Of Database Of Driver's License Photos Raises Questions (Arizona)

Arizona routinely uses facial-recognition software to scan photos of driver's license applicants to detect identity fraud. The technology is also for other law enforcement purposes, but that is not explicitly disclosed to applicants - a practice that raises eyebrows among some privacy advocates and experts. [Read the article at fox10phoenix.com.](#)

## British Columbia Tests App To Block Use of Mobile Devices While Driving

B.C. motorists could see reduced insurance rates if they agree to use a new app the government and ICBC are testing that disables their phone while driving. [Read the article at vancouver.sun.com.](#)

## **DMV Launches Campaign To Combat Unlicensed Vehicle Dismantling (California)**

In an effort to address unlicensed vehicle dismantling, the Department of Motor Vehicles is announcing a statewide campaign to inform the public of the health and safety risks posed by this activity. [Read the article at actionnewsnow.com.](#)

## **New California Driver's Licenses Required by 2020**

A new driver's license for Californians is coming out and you may not be able to get on a plane or on a military base without it by late-2020. [Read the article at nbcсандiego.com.](#)

## **'Black Monday' At DMV Is One of Its Busiest Days of The Year (Nevada)**

To most people, it's Cyber Monday — one of the best days of the year to find online shopping deals. But for the folks working at the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles, today is known as Black Monday — one their busiest times of the year. [Read the article at reviewjournal.com.](#)

## **Nevada Highway Patrol Gets New Chief**

John O'Rourke, who has worked in the state Department of Public Safety since 1995, has been named chief of the Nevada Highway Patrol. [Read the article at lasvegassun.com.](#)

## **Saskatchewan Introduces Zero Tolerance Drug Impaired Driving Rules**

As Canada edges closer to legal marijuana use, the province is wasting no time making clear what is in store for drivers who light up and then choose to get behind the wheel. David Baxter now, on the consequences of drug impaired driving. [Read the article at globalnews.ca.](#)

## **Ride-Sharing Legislation Introduced in Saskatchewan**

The Saskatchewan government has introduced legislation to allow ride-sharing companies like Uber and Lyft to operate in the province. [Read the article at globalnews.ca.](#)

### **OTHER NEWS**

## **Study Finds Senior Drivers Fail to Add Simple Vehicle Modifications That Can Reduce Chance of Crash**

Nearly 90 percent of senior drivers -- who are more than twice as likely to be killed when involved in a crash -- do not make small, inexpensive changes to their vehicles that could improve safety and extend their time on the road, according to an Auto Club study released Tuesday. [Read the article at nbcbayarea.com.](#)

## **State of the States For Mobile Driver's License Pilots**

Are you ready for a mobile driver's license? In previous episodes of this four-part series, we've looked at how mobile ID technology can benefit both citizens and governments, and we explored the concerns and opportunities around privacy and security. [Read the article at secureidnews.com.](#)

## **Driverless Cars: The Race Is On for Policy to Catch Up**

In this year's Budget, the UK Chancellor Phillip Hammond introduced sweeping regulatory reforms that could mean that driverless cars will be able to be tested on Britain's roads by 2021, without any human operator inside or outside the car and without legal constraints. [Read the article at rand.org.](#)

## **New Poll Shows Americans Consider Texting More Dangerous Than Marijuana While Driving**

A new survey released Tuesday conducted by Harris Poll on behalf of the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America found that while the vast majority of Americans believe driving under the influence of marijuana is dangerous, an

overwhelming percentage consider texting while behind the wheel even more of a problem. [Read the article at usnews.com.](#)

## Older Voters Stymied by Tighter ID Requirements

Older people vote. In last year's presidential election, Census Bureau data show, about 64 percent of all adults had registered to vote and 56 percent reported voting. But among those aged 65 to 74 years old, more than three-quarters had registered and 70 percent voted — a proportion that dropped only slightly in older cohorts. Even among people aged 85 and older, more than 60 percent cast ballots. Still, we don't make it easy for them. [Read the article at nytimes.com.](#)

## Trump Administration Aims To Loosen Obama-Era Truck Safety Rules

The Trump administration is hitting the brakes on a range of Obama-era trucking safety regulations, and some truckers are hoping for a last-minute reprieve from another safety mandate scheduled to take effect next month. [Read the article at houstonpublicmedia.org.](#)

### 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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Results of the 2017 "No 2 Distracted Driving" Video Contest: <http://no2dd.com/>

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