

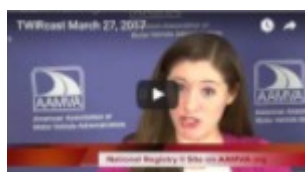


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Happy Holidays From AAMVA!

From all of us at the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, have a joyful and healthy holiday season. We also wish everyone the best in the coming new year! Please celebrate the season responsibly.

AAMVA Mourns the Passing of Neil Schuster



Neil SchusterAAMVA is very sad to report the passing of former AAMVA President & CEO Neil Schuster after a six month illness related to a genetic heart condition. Up until very recently, he was active and happy in retirement, travelling extensively with his wife to many places including Alaska, Hawaii, and Norway. He was 65.

Neil served as President & CEO of AAMVA from 2007-2014. He is credited with leading the association through the challenges presented by the recession and minimizing the impact to the association from the state budget crises that swept the country at the time. He was instrumental in elevating AAMVA's standing in the transportation community, chairing a national study on a potential Vehicle Miles Traveled fee system, serving on AASHTO committees related to highway safety, and strengthening partnerships with countless stakeholders. Prior to joining AAMVA, Schuster led two other transportation associations, ITS America and the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association.

Neil spoke often about being a proud registered organ donor and his plans to leave his body to science. Following his wishes, there will be no memorial service nor any requested contributions, however, he did ask everyone to do a random act of kindness to a stranger and continue to pay it forward. He will be missed and remembered fondly.

AAMVA Workshop 2018 - Registration Now Open



Register today for the 2018 AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute! This unique event provides AAMVA members with an intimate and collaborate environment to network and learn from fellow motor vehicle and law enforcement colleagues across North America. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from and meet

Cape Coral, Florida

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JANUARY

PDPS

02 2-4 PM ET | [PDPS State to State and NDR Generated Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

03 2-4 PM ET | [PDPS Broken Pointer Management \(intermediate\)](#)

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09 2-4 PM ET | [PDPS Inquiry Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

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CDLIS and Related Topics

17 2-4 PM ET | [CD31 MPR DHR \(intermediate\)](#)

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24 2-4 PM ET | [CDLIS B Inquiry Transactions \(basic\)](#)

25 2-4 PM ET | [CDLIS C Update Transactions \(basic\)](#)

30 2-4 PM ET | [CD01 Search Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

31 2-4 PM ET | [CD02 Verification Inquiry \(intermediate\)](#)

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OUR WEBINARS

DECEMBER

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

directly with fellow jurisdictions, as well as industry organizations that provide the products and services you need. The two-day schedule is packed with sessions covering hot topics in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community. Register online today!

REGION 1 NEWS

Self-driving Buses In Maine? Bill Before the Legislature Could Make It Happen

A bill before the Legislature would help set the stage for putting self-driving buses on the streets of Portland and other Maine communities within the next five years.

The proposal, sparked by the Portland city manager's interest in autonomous transit, is the first piece of Maine legislation to deal specifically with self-driving vehicles. [Read the article at pressherald.com.](#)

Clerk At Lodi DMV Took Bribes, State Charges (New Jersey)

A clerk at the Lodi DMV office was charged Wednesday with letting more than 220 people pass their driver's license test or permit test in exchange for bribes.

Rodman Lora, 39, of Ridgewood, N.Y., allegedly accepted thousands of dollars in payments in return for illegally allowing more than 220 individuals to obtain permits and licenses, the NJ Attorney General said. [Read the article at patch.com.](#)

Pennsylvania DOT Unveils Helpful Winter Driving Tools

PennDOT has some new tools to help motorists during the winter. On its 511 website, you can now see travel alerts, specific routes that have been plowed and a look at weather stations. [Read the article at pittsburgh.cbslocal.com.](#)

Pennsylvania DOT Releases Customer Survey Results

PennDOT has posted the results of an online survey conducted to improve performance and customer service. A total of 715 customers completed the survey for PennDOT's District 1, which includes Erie, Crawford, Warren, Venango, Mercer and Forest counties. [Read the article at erietvnews.com.](#)

Autonomous Work Zone Trucks Could Be Coming To A Highway Near You (Pennsylvania)

The truck is large, shiny and blue with big tires. It has safety equipment. It has a message sign. It has a big bumper in the back. But it's what the truck doesn't have that turned heads Tuesday afternoon. [Read the article at abc27.com.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Florida City Considers License Plate Readers to ID Stolen Cars

Boynton Beach police could soon be able to tell if a vehicle is stolen in a matter of seconds, under a newly proposed program. City commissioners will vote Tuesday whether to kick off a program that adds 23 automated license plate readers throughout the city in an effort to crack down on crime, including recovering stolen vehicles. [Read the article at govtech.com.](#)

Mississippi To Reinstate Thousands Of Driver's Licenses

The Mississippi Department of Public Safety will reinstate the driver's licenses of all Mississippi drivers whose licenses were suspended due to nonpayment of fines, fees or assessments and will no longer suspend licenses simply because a person fails to make such court-ordered payments. DPS will continue to suspend driver's licenses for all other reasons available under Mississippi law. [Read the article at clarionledger.com.](#)

Drivers License Office Gets REAL ID (North Carolina)

Get a N.C. REAL ID now to save yourself a headache later. ... On Tuesday morning, N.C. Department of Transportation division engineer Mark Stafford received his REAL ID at the Shelby driver license office at 1914 E. Dixon Blvd. He

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[California Department of Motor Vehicles RFP -- Report of Sale and Temporary License Plate System](#)

Deadline: February 5, 2018

[Indiana RFP: BMV/C STARS System Modernization RFS 18-023](#)

Deadline: February 14, 2018

[New Jersey RFQ for a Commercial Driver License Testing Pilot Program](#)

New Deadline: February 28, 2018

said it provides a higher level of security for your identity. [Read the article at shelbystar.com.](#)

DMV Extends Saturday Hours Ahead of REAL ID Implementation (South Carolina)

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) is extending its Saturday hours in preparation for the state's new driver's licenses and identification cards, including REAL IDs, next year. Beginning Saturday, January 6, 2018, the six offices that currently operate two Saturdays a month from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. will open for two Saturdays a month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for limited services. [Read the article at counton2.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Planning for Self-Driving Vehicles (Iowa)

Self-driving cars and trucks are showing up on streets and roads around the country. And the Iowa Department of Transportation is taking autonomous vehicles into account as part of its I-80 Planning Study. [Read the article at wwik.org.](#)

Michigan Knocks Judge Over Major Driver's License Decision

The state of Michigan says a judge issued a confusing, vague order that blocks officials from suspending driver's licenses of people who can't afford traffic fines. [Read the article at usnews.com.](#)

Confusion Over "Real ID" Continues (North Dakota)

Starting in October, if you have a regular Minnesota ID, like me, that won't be enough to get you on a plane. The whole ordeal is causing confusion everywhere, from airports, to social media. And if you're in North Dakota, you may not be out of the woods either. [Read the article at www.wdaz.com.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Changes To Seniors' Driver Licensing Praised By Advocate (British Columbia)

A seniors advocate is praising changes to the way B.C. licenses older drivers — but says the system is still unfair in many ways. [Read the article at cbc.ca.](#)

Potential Rise In Stoned Driving Presents Challenge For Police (California)

Recreational pot becomes legal in California on Jan. 1, and that presents some challenges to law enforcement in determining when a driver is impaired. With alcohol there's a set limit of .08. But with marijuana there's no set limit. Even if one is set, determining what's a safe level for "everyone" won't be easy. [Read the article at losaneles.cbslocal.com.](#)

New California Law Bans Smoking, Ingesting Marijuana While Driving Or Riding In Car

The sale of recreational pot will be legal at shops across California starting in January 2018. But consumers won't be able to light up or snack on any marijuana products while driving or riding as a passenger in a car. A new law that goes into effect Jan. 1 bans smoking or ingesting any cannabis products while behind the wheel. [Read the article at caporadio.org.](#)

Simulator Aims To Help Police Test Whether A Person Is Too High To Drive (California)

The new year will mark the official start of recreational marijuana sales in California, and there are fears it could lead to more impaired driving. Among U.S. drivers killed in crashes who tested positive for drugs, more than a third in 2015 had used marijuana. At the University of California San Diego, researchers are trying to help police detect whether a person is too high to get behind the wheel. [Read the article at cbsnews.com.](#)

California's New Climate Plan Uses Incentives To Cut Vehicle Emissions

California has the toughest air quality regulations of any state in the country. But they're not tough enough to satisfy a new state law that requires California to double the rate at which it cuts greenhouse gases. So this month, the California Air Resources Board approved a plan it says is aimed at "decarbonizing" the state's economy. The plan seeks, by 2030, to cut greenhouse gas emissions in the state by 40 percent from 1990 levels. [Read the article at npr.org.](#)

OTHER NEWS

U.S. Passport Changes Are Coming in 2018

Americans have applied for passports en masse this year—more than 21 million new little blue books were projected, says the State Department—and the number is expected to match that in 2018. Why the rush? ... You may need a passport to fly domestically. What? Yeah. Effective January 22, 2018, air travelers with a driver's license that doesn't meet REAL ID Act requirements have to use an alternative form of ID in order to board a domestic flight. The good news: A U.S. passport card and passport book are both acceptable forms of ID. The bad news: If you don't have either and you're from a state that hasn't been given an extension, you'd better get a passport, like, now. [Read the article at cdtraveler.com.](#)

Honda Reports 20th Death From Exploding Takata Air Bag

A faulty Takata air bag inflator has killed another person, this time in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Honda said Tuesday night. The unidentified person is the 20th death worldwide attributed to the faulty inflators, which can explode with too much force and hurl shrapnel into car and truck cabins. [Read the article at freep.com.](#)

Audi Recalls More Than 52,000 Cars; Fuel Lines Can Leak

Audi is recalling more than 52,000 luxury cars in the U.S. and Canada to fix fuel lines that can leak and increase the risk of a fire. The recall covers certain A6 and A7 cars from the 2012 through 2014 model years. [Read the article at vindy.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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The #DMV, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Health's Division of Vital Records, recently sold the 500,000th Virginia birth certificate. All 75 DMV customer service centers provide Virginia birth, marriage, divorce, and death certificates.

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This Va. bill would require drivers to stop for pedestrians <http://bit.ly/2ktE9Cg>

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Sorry to learn of the passing of Neil Schuster, former Exec Dir of @IBTTA, CEO of @ITS_America & CEO of @AAMVAConnection

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ICYMI: "CAUGHT ON CAMERA: Drivers Breaking the Law, Not Moving Over for Police, Tow Trucks" @KARK4News has the story. Did you know? If you can't safely change lanes, the law requires motorists to significantly reduce speed. #artraffic #arnews



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