**Fraud Detection and Remediation (FDR) e-Learning 2017 Update Now Available!**

The updated courseware package (January 2017 version) is now available to member jurisdictions! The 2017 Annual Update features a number of important enhancements and new information. Please visit the FDR Training page on AAMVA’s Web site to review program details and access the download page. (You will need to use your AAMVA User ID and Password to access the material.) *Please note: Individual students should not attempt to retrieve the courseware from the AAMVA website. Instead, downloads are designed so that single training contacts can access the courseware on behalf of their agencies and then deploy the training throughout their organizations.* AAMVA’s Fraud Detection & Remediation (FDR) program is the industry’s premier fraud training used by DMV’s, Law Enforcement, Federal agencies, and corporations worldwide, and is *now available for our associate members and non-members to purchase!* With training modules that develop skills in the authentication of more than 12 document categories, People & Actions, and more. FDR is the most comprehensive anti-fraud toolbox available. The training is critical to anyone handling secure documents or sensitive transactions, and is accessed on-line. Jurisdictions that receive external requests for fraud training can now easily refer inquiries straight to the AAMVA website. For more information, visit AAMVA’s Web site at [www.aamva.org/fdr-training/](http://www.aamva.org/fdr-training/).

**NEW DMV PROGRAM MEANS CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS WILL GET LICENSES VIA MAIL**

Connecticut’s Department of Motor Vehicles announced a change that is coming for drivers obtaining licenses and IDs. The department says it will transition to a program that issues license from a single central location in accordance with the federal Real ID Act, meant to better secure peoples identities. The DMV anticipates full implementation by the end of 2017. Read the full article on fox61.com.

**‘Seymour Pink’ Working to Launch Connecticut License Plate to Show Support for Breast Cancer Cause**

Organizers of Seymour Pink, the grassroots initiative launched in 2009 to raise money and awareness for breast cancer, is on mission to have a specialty license plate produced to show support for the cause. Read the full story at NHRegister.com.

**MALLOY: CHANGES AT DMV REDUCE WAIT TIMES (CONNECTICUT)**

A series of procedural changes tested at two state Department of Motor Vehicles offices reduced wait times by 55 percent and are now being implemented statewide, the governor said Wednesday. Read the full story at CTPost.com.
Maryland Submits Driverless Car Testing Application to USDOT
The Maryland Department of Transportation submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation to designate a portion of the Interstate 95 corridor in Maryland as a future driver-less car testing and deployment area. Read the full story at Baltimore.CBSLocal.com.

Maryland Approves Alternative Screening Process for Ride-Hailing Drivers, Amid Threats Uber Would Leave
The Maryland Public Service Commission approved an alternative screening process that would allow Uber and Lyft to continue operating in the state without conducting fingerprint-based background checks of their drivers. Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com.

Governor Cuomo Announces Record Number of Fake ID Seizures and Underage Drinking Arrests (New York)
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that undercover drinking sweeps conducted by DMV investigators in 2016 resulted in the seizure of 862 fraudulent licenses and the arrest of 818 individuals for underage drinking, both single year records. Through the year-round Operation Prevent initiative, Read the Governor’s press release.

Nation's First Known Intersex Birth Certificate Issued in New York City
On Tuesday, 55-year-old Sara Kelly Keenan received something in the mail she's been waiting for her entire life: an accurate birth certificate. Read the full story at NBCNews.com.

Feds: Alabama to Expand Driver's License Offices After Discrimination Probe
U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx today announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has reached an agreement with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) to ensure that driver licensing services in the state will be available to all residents, regardless of race, color or national origin, in compliance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Read the full story on aurn.com.

In Florida, No Permit Needed for Driverless Cars, Florida Senator Says

Louisianians Have Until 2020 to Obtain REAL ID Compliant Driver's License
The REAL ID Act went into effect as a security measure after the September 11 attacks. The two main places people need to show the compliant ID is at the airport and in federal buildings that require identification. Read the full story at 14News.com.

Bills Would Force South Carolina to Comply with Federal ID Law
South Carolina may be taking steps to conform with federal Real ID standards just a month before the state's refusal threatens to disrupt citizens' access to military bases. Read the full story at TheState.com.

January 2017 Systems Training schedule is now available on the AAMVA Web site at www.AAMVA.org/systems-training/.

Check out AAMVA's Open RFPs page for potential opportunities.

Please respond to these surveys from Ontario, Maryland, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Virginia, Quebec and Saskatchewan.

Vision Standards ( Ends
Lawmakers to Renew Push for Tougher Moped Laws (South Carolina)

As S.C. moped-related collisions and deaths continue to rise, a group of state lawmakers plans to take another swing at moped laws they call slack and loophole-ridden. State Sen. Greg Hembree, R-Horry, and state Rep. Bill Crosby, R-Charleston, have revived a wide-sweeping, two-dozen-page moped safety proposal that nearly became state law last summer. Read the full story at Goupstate.com.

Real ID Deadline Looms Again for Lawmakers (Minnesota)

Minnesota still hasn’t conformed with the federal Real ID security standard for drivers’ licenses. Enforcement at airports is supposed to begin in about a year. But the Legislature has not yet agreed on how to do it. Lawmakers will try again during the 2017 session, and now a leading Real ID critic heads a key legislative committee. Read the full story at MPRNews.org.

California Bill Makes it Illegal to Smoke Pot While Driving

A California senator introduced a bill Thursday that would make smoking marijuana while driving illegal, after residents voted to legalize pot for recreational use. Enforcement at airports is supposed to begin in about a year. But the Legislature has not yet agreed on how to do it. Lawmakers will try again during the 2017 session, and now a leading Real ID critic heads a key legislative committee. Read the full story at KCRA.com.

California DMV Licensed 800,000 Undocumented Immigrants Under 2-Year-Old Law

On the day California officials implemented a controversial law that allows undocumented residents to obtain driver’s licenses, Department of Motor Vehicles offices throughout the state were packed with immigrants looking to take advantage of the opportunity. Read the full story at ReadingEagle.com.

Temporary Contractor Position Open for Business Process Analyst with Nevada DMV

Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles has a temporary contractor position open for a Business Process Analyst to oversee the Motor Carrier Division's IFTA program and other related functions during its System Modernization Project. The position requires the incumbent to work from the DMV's Carson City office and is expected to be continued through approximately September 2018. Download the position description here. Contact Melissa Marsh at AppleOne (mmarsh@appleone.com, (775) 825-4055 x155613) with any questions.

New Impaired Driving, Cell Phone Laws Take Effect January 1 (Saskatchewan)

Saskatchewan residents will ring in the New Year alongside tougher laws surrounding impaired driving. Strengthened legislation around vehicle seizures, licence suspensions and mandatory ignition interlock will take effect at 12:01 a.m. New Year's Day. Read the full story at ReportCA.net.

Teen Marijuana Use Up After Being Legalized in Washington

Marijuana use increased and the perceived harms associated with marijuana decreased for adolescents in Washington state, where marijuana is legal for...
recreational use, according to a new study by UC Davis. Read the full story at KCRA.com.

**OTHER NEWS**

**Older Drivers Unlikely to Face Age Restrictions**
By 2030, more than 60 million older adults could be driving on the nation's roadways. But don't expect many more states to put added restrictions on their ability to get behind the wheel. Read the full story at Herald-Dispatch.com

**U.S. Has Few Rules of the Road for Self-Driving Cars**
When it comes to the fledgling world of self-driving cars, most of the country exists in a legal gray area that is unlikely to change in 2017. Nine states and the District of Columbia have laws on the books that address the cars, some of which lay out clear ground rules for permits and where the cars may be operated. That leaves the majority of states with no legal framework on how to address the ambitious technology that is quickly turning into reality. Read the full story at SFChronicle.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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Calling this number for a FREE ride could save lives, including yours. #wtopstuff @WTOP @WRAP_org

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When a beer cooler rolls up to your doorstep, the future has arrived

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Drunk dialing can be really embarrassing. Drunk driving can be deadly. Line up a soberride now for #NYE2016

Anthony Foxx @SecretaryFoxx | View the Tweet
Spoke with @AURNOnline's @AprilDRyan about @USDOT's new agreement with the State of Alabama. Listen here:

WV State Police @WVStatePolice | View the Tweet

The message remains the same. "Your Courtesy Means Safety To Others." The West Virginia State Police wishes you a Happy and Safe New Year!

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