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REGION I NEWS

Cutting DMV Wait Times May Cause Revenue Losses (Connecticut)

The idea that appears to be gaining the most traction in the state capitol as a way to reduce wait times at troubled DMV branches across Connecticut would allow drivers to register a car even if they have an outstanding car tax bill. [Read the full story at NBCConnecticut.com.](#)

Officials Eye Change to Vehicle Document Fee (Delaware)

State transportation officials are accepting public comment on proposed changes to vehicle fees imposed by the Division of Motor Vehicles. [Read the full story at DelawareOnline.com.](#)

It Could Get Much Easier to Register To Vote In Maryland

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8, 15, 22, 29 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) 3.0 Understanding the New Data Elements](#)
2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

16, 24 | [High Level Overview of National Registry II Solution](#)
1:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

OUR SURVEYS

The following surveys are open are still accepting responses:

[Motorcycle Testing and Training](#)
(Ends 04/04/2016)

[Customer Abstract Information Request Fee](#) (Ends 04/04/2016)

[Jake Brake violations](#) (Ends 03/18/2016)

[Use of Polycarbonate to Produce Driver's Licenses](#) (Ends 03/28/2016)

[Motorcycle Brake Light Modulators](#) (Ends 03/30/2016)

Voter fraud and implementation costs were among the concerns that Republicans raised Thursday about a bill that would make Maryland the third state to automatically register eligible residents to vote. [Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com.](#)

REGION II NEWS

Deal Names Department of Driver Services Commissioner (Georgia)

Gov. Nathan Deal today announced that he has named Bert Brantley, deputy executive director of the State Road & Tollway Authority (SRTA), to succeed Rob Mikell as commissioner of the Department of Driver Services (DDS). [Read the full press release.](#)

REGION III NEWS

Tesla Takes on the Dealerships -- and GM (Indiana)

"We need your help," Tesla wrote in a Feb. 19 e-mail to its customers in Indiana. The state legislature was about to move forward with a bill that would have forced the electric-car maker to find a franchisee to operate its one showroom in the state, setting a precedent that would make it harder for Tesla to open others elsewhere. [Read the full story at Finance.Yahoo.com.](#)

Lawmakers Propose Bill that Would Prevent Drunk Drivers from Terminating License Suspension Early (Ohio)

Imagine this scenario: A drunk driver kills a person in a head-on collision. The court suspends the driver's license for life and imposes a prison sentence of eight years. [Read the full story at WCPO.com.](#)

Governor Closes Loophole in First-Offense Drunk-Driving Law (Wisconsin)

Governor Scott Walker signed a new bill into law Monday afternoon that will impact a lot of people stopped for first-offense drunk driving. [Read the full story at WBAY.com.](#)

Wisconsin Bill Would Allow Some Drunk Driving Offenders to Participate in 24-7 Sobriety Program

A bill working its way through the Legislature aims to address drinking problems that contribute to multiple drunk driving offenses. [Read the full story at Host.Madison.com.](#)

Traffic Deaths in 2016 Are Up About 32% Compared with Last Year (Wisconsin)

Last month 47 people died in Wisconsin traffic crashes, which was 22 more than February 2015 and 21 more than the five-year average for the month of February, according to preliminary statistics from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). [Read the DOT press release.](#)

REGION IV NEWS

[Crash Reports](#) (Ends 03/21/2016)

[License Plates for Trailers](#) (Ends 03/25/2016)

[Revocation/Suspension for Mandatory Insurance](#) (Ends 03/15/2016)

[Medical Examiner's Certificate \(Form MCSA-5876\)](#) (Ends 03/15/2016)

[Fraud and enforcement investigation sections](#) (Ends 03/11/2016)

[Medical Marijuana and CDL Holders](#) (Ends 03/11/2016)

These jurisdictions appreciate your assistance with their research. If you need a Web password or have any questions about using the survey tool, please send an e-mail to webportalsupport@aamva.org or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842.

All online surveys can be found [on the AAMVA Web site here](#).

Alberta Modernizing Renewal Reminders

Access to modern, free registration and licence renewal reminder tools has made the mailing of government reminders a dated practice and an unnecessary expense to Albertans that will stop in April 2016. [Read the Service Alberta press release](#).

One in Four Deaths on B.C. Roads Involve Distracted Driving

Distracted driving is responsible for approximately one quarter of all fatal crashes in B.C. Most drivers understand that using their phone increases their risk of crashing yet many still do it. That's why ICBC, police and the B.C. government are teaming up to launch a month-long distracted driving campaign in March. [Read the ICBC press release](#).

ICBC Driving Records Now Available Online (British Columbia)

As part of a focus on improving digital services, ICBC has launched a new online tool which allows customers to now request their driving records online and immediately receive them by email. [Read the ICBC press release](#).

California to Reconsider Fingerprint Checks for Uber, Lyft Drivers

The California Public Utilities Commission will consider requiring drivers for all ride services, including Uber and Lyft, to undergo fingerprint background checks, just as Uber is facing more scrutiny over its screening process. [Read the full story at KQED.org](#).

Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles to Begin Pilot of New Design for Driver License and Identification Cards

The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will begin piloting a new design for driver licenses, instruction permits and identification cards at three offices beginning March 1. [Read the DMV press release](#).

Colorado State Patrol Public Survey Results

From September 23 to November 6, 2015, a public opinion survey was available for anyone, anywhere to give an honest and anonymous opinion of the Colorado State Patrol. Administered online by OrgVitality, a third-party survey consulting firm, the results are in - and CSP is happy. [View the CSP survey results](#).

DMV Appointments Expanded to Carson City (Nevada)

The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles is now offering appointments at its branch offices in Carson City and Reno. [Read the DMV press release](#).

WHP Trooper Class 90 Commissioned (Wyoming)

It takes a special person to become a Wyoming State Trooper. They have to be willing to give much more than they will ever get back. They have to be committed to serve and protect all people in Wyoming with courtesy, professionalism and integrity. Our newest troopers are up to the challenge. [Read the WHP press release](#).

OTHER NEWS

Google's Self-Driving Car Caused Its First Accident

It had to happen sometime. One of Google's self-driving cars appears to have been the cause of an accident for the first time, according to a new report posted on California's Department of Motor Vehicles website. [Read the full story at Forbes.com.](#)

Survey Finds 87 Percent of Drivers are Unsafe Behind the Wheel

Nearly 87 percent of drivers engage in unsafe behaviors while behind the wheel, according to a new study from AAA. The unsafe behaviors include driving while distracted, impaired, drowsy, speeding, running red lights or not wearing a seat belt, according to the study, part of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety annual Traffic Safety Culture Index. [Read the full story at Post-Gazette.com.](#)

Why Odometer Rollback Fraud Is Rising With 200,000 Cases Annually

Two years after Sam Wilson and his wife bought a 2004 Honda Pilot, the Houston suburban couple found that they had been duped by a small car dealership that likely rolled back the mileage on their vehicle. [Read the full story at MainStreet.com.](#)

NHTSA Shows 30% Driving Fatalities Are Due to Drunk Driving

Late Wednesday, January 13, 2016, two Philadelphia police officers were hit by an allegedly drunk driver in Philadelphia's Kensington neighborhood. Fortunately the two officers were not killed when the driver ran a red light, struck the police cruiser, and fled on foot. Other officers made the arrest of the alcohol-impaired driver who, in addition to resisting arrest, was driving with an expired license. [Read the full story at Newswire.net.](#)

AAA Says 75% of Drivers are Scared of Self-Driving Cars

Automakers and tech companies are working hard to offer the first true self-driving car, but 75% of drivers say they wouldn't feel safe in such a vehicle. [Read the full story at WGAL.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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Make it a rule in your family. Always #buckleup and before moving your car, no matter how short or far the drive. #buckleup

National LEL Program @nlelp | [View the Tweet](#)

The PEAK Enforcement Kit from @NHTSAgov for the May/June Click It or Ticket mobilization is now available: <http://ow.ly/YLs8f>

Stop the Texts @StoptheTexts | [View the Tweet](#)

Arrive alive or DOA? No text is worth a life. Park the phone and just drive. #StopTheTexts

IDOT Safety @IDOTSafety | [View the Tweet](#)

#Teens have the lowest #seatbelt usage rates of any age group, often leading to deadly consequences. Teach your teen to buckle up!

NHTSA @NHTSAgov | [View the Tweet](#)

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Good work by @nysdmv Division of Field Investigations leads to guilty verdict in #Albany County ID theft trial <http://goo.gl/cLIMIP>

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#Automotive suppliers need new business models to leverage technology concepts such as Industry 4.0 and #IoT. <http://ow.ly/YE0gN>

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Why more than 1 million Americans have died in car crashes since 1990 <http://wpo.st/pl6G1>

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VW emissions: UK Government begins £650k emissions re-testing programme <http://buff.ly/1OA3tuz>

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Google Makes The Case For A Hands-Off Approach To Self-Driving Cars <http://www.npr.org/sections/al...> (<https://t.co/WTuZy5CKQm>)

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Get more info on the @AAMVAConnection the Drug Impaired Driving workshop on 3/9. <http://bit.ly/1QnFhmR>



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