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## AAMVA News

### AAMVA Awards Program Call For Entries

AAMVA's Awards Program is a great way to recognize individuals, teams and organizations in the motor vehicle administration and law enforcement community for their commitment and hard work. With a February 1st submission deadline quickly approaching, you'll want to act now to give credit where credit is due. View the 2016 Awards Promo Video (<https://youtu.be/nyNccn5-oil>) to learn more about the awards, and visit the Awards Page (<http://www.aamva.org/AAMVA-Awards/>) on AAMVA's Web site to download the 2016 Submission and Nomination Packet and Entry Form.

### Join Us in Cincinnati for AAMVA's 2016 Workshop & Law Institute



AAMVA's 2016 Workshop & Law Institute is scheduled to take place in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 9-10, 2016. Exciting new advances in technology, safety and security, are the driving changes behind the quickly-evolving automotive industry. Join us in Cincinnati and stay ahead of the game. Cybersecurity, automated vehicles and connected vehicle technologies are just a few of the developing issues that we will explore at the Workshop & Law Institute. We'll also discuss autonomous vehicles and transportation networking companies, and how they are affecting the way we do business. Watch the promo video ([https://youtu.be/RBJsl\\_o-MdM](https://youtu.be/RBJsl_o-MdM)) to learn more, and visit the Workshop & Law Institute Web site to register today. <http://publicwebsitetest.aamva.org/2016-Workshop-and-Law-Institute-Home/>

## Region I

### 12 Arrested Over the Weekend in State Investigation (New York)

Two East End businesses aided in an investigation that led to the arrest of a dozen individuals last weekend, state Department of Motor Vehicles said Tuesday. Those arrested were charged with allegedly possessing fraudulent identification documents, officials said. Read the full story at RBJ.net.

<http://rbi.net/mobile/article.asp?aID=222092>

### Changed Rules Causing Delays in Commercial Truck Driver Licensing in Pennsylvania

New licensing requirements for commercial truck drivers that begin Monday in Pennsylvania are causing the state to close more than 25 percent of its testing centers and creating long waiting periods for applicants to take their test at the ones that remain. Read the full story at Post-Gazette.com.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/news/state/2015/12/20/Changed-rules-causing-delays-in-commercial-truck-driver-licensing-in-Pennsylvania/stories/201512170151>

## Region II

### Virginia DMV Drops Ban on Smiling in Driver's License Photos

The Department of Motor Vehicles has announced a change that should bring broad smiles to some of its customers. The DMV is easing its policy on smiling in photos used in driver's licenses and identification cards. Read the full story at WJLA.com.

<http://wjla.com/news/local/va-drops-ban-on-smiling-in-drivers-license-photos>

## Region III

### Feds Won't Accept Missouri, Illinois Driver's Licenses at Federal Facilities

Missouri residents soon will no longer be able to use their state driver's licenses as identification to get into most federal facilities. Read the full story on fox2now.com.

<http://fox2now.com/2015/12/24/feds-wont-accept-missouri-illinois-drivers-licenses-at-federal-facilities/>

### Panel: Keep Ohio's Front Plate Requirement

A legislative task force studying transportation issues has recommended that Ohio keep highway speed limits unchanged and continue to require a front license plate. Read the full story at Cincinnati.com.

<http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/politics/2015/12/17/panel-keep-ohios-front-plate-requirement/77509396/>

## Region IV

### Feds Exempt Arizona Driver's License From New Security Rules Until 2020

If your Arizona driver's license expires April 1 or later, you're going to have to decide whether you trust the federal government with your information. And your decision will be emblazoned onto your license. Read the full article on azdailysun.com.

[http://azdailysun.com/news/local/feds-exempt-arizona-driver-s-license-from-new-security-rules/article\\_e135a51d-b9f3-5181-baaf-ff7f1b8c709c.html](http://azdailysun.com/news/local/feds-exempt-arizona-driver-s-license-from-new-security-rules/article_e135a51d-b9f3-5181-baaf-ff7f1b8c709c.html)

### **California DMV Lets Marine Vet Wear His USMC Hat In License Photo**

Wearing any type of headgear for an official photo, be it for your passport or just for your college ID, is bound to draw even the slightest bit of scrutiny for the simple fact that headgear can obscure your face (which defeats the purpose of a photo I.D. in the first place.) Read the full story in ArtofGears.com.

[HTTP://ARTOFGEAR.COM/2015/12/22/CALIFORNIA-DMV-LETS-MARINE-VET-WEAR-HIS-USMC-HAT-IN-LICENSE-PHOTO/](http://ARTOFGEAR.COM/2015/12/22/CALIFORNIA-DMV-LETS-MARINE-VET-WEAR-HIS-USMC-HAT-IN-LICENSE-PHOTO/)

### **DMV Will No Longer Release Photos of Deceased Persons to Media (California)**

The California Department of Motor Vehicles will no longer release photos of deceased persons to media outlets in wake of the Dec. 2 terrorist attack in San Bernardino, officials announced Friday. Read the full story at SBSun.com.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20151218/dmv-will-no-longer-release-photos-of-deceased-persons-to-media>

### **California Drivers Can Expect a Slew of New Laws in 2016**

There are several new laws and changes to existing laws for 2016 when it comes to transportation. The California Department of Motor Vehicles recently released an updated list of approved Senate and Assembly bills and what drivers can expect for the new year. Read the full article in mercurynews.com.

[http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci\\_29303051/california-drivers-can-expect-slew-new-laws-2016](http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci_29303051/california-drivers-can-expect-slew-new-laws-2016)

### **DHS Could Delay Real ID Enforcement for NM**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security would delay enforcement against the use of New Mexico driver's licenses as identification if the governor and legislative leaders agreed on a fix by Jan. 10, members of New Mexico's congressional delegation said Wednesday. Read the full article in abqjournal.com.

<http://www.abqjournal.com/695736/news/feds-would-delay-drivers-license-crackdown-if-governor-lawmakers-agree-before-jan-10.html>

## **Other News**

### **Secretary Foxx and FAA Clear Santa and Sleigh**

In late-breaking news, the Department of Transportation has approved an application submitted by a Mr. Kris Kringle (d/b/a "Santa Claus") for special air transportation operating authority. That authority, limited to a single night, was announced in a hastily-assembled press conference by U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. According to Foxx, Kringle has outfitted his vehicle, an "airborne sleigh," with

an 8 RP engine and has on hand a ninth reindeer equipped with supplemental safety and navigation gear. Learn more on the Fast Lane blog.

<https://www.transportation.gov/fastlane/secretary-foxx-faa-clear-santa>

### **Update Regarding the Medical Examiner's Certification Integration Final Rule**

The Medical Examiner's Certification Integration (National Registry II) final rule requires certified Medical Examiners listed on the National Registry who perform physical examinations of CMV drivers to use a newly-developed Medical Examination Report (MER) Form, MCSA-5875 and the Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC), Form MCSA-5876, originally scheduled to begin on December 22, 2015. However, FMCSA announced that MEs will be allowed to use both the current and new versions of the MER Form, MCSA-5875 and the MEC, Form MCSA-5876, until April 20, 2016. This action is being taken to ensure that Medical Examiners have sufficient time to become familiar with the new forms and to program electronic medical records systems. View the full update from FMCSA, which includes links to the Federal Register Notice, and the MEC and MER forms.

<http://www.aamva.org/FMCSAMedExaminersRqmtUpdateDec2015/>

### **Report: Ford, Google to Partner on Self-Driving Cars**

The Dearborn automaker and California tech giant would create a non-exclusive partnership that would use Google's technology, according to the report, which cites three sources familiar with the plans. Read the full story at DetroitNews.com.

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/ford/2015/12/21/ford-google-partner/77732918/>

### **Number of Deaths Linked to Keyless Ignition Jumps, Senator Pushes NHTSA to Act**

A growing number of deaths and injuries from carbon monoxide poisonings linked to keyless ignition vehicles has prompted Sen. Bob Casey to push the Department of Transportation to take prompt action to prevent more fatalities. Read the full article on abc2news.com.

<http://www.abc2news.com/news/in-focus/number-of-deaths-linked-to-keyless-ignition-jumps-senator-pushes-nhtsa-to-act>

## **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.).

Stay on top of “Twitter-town talk”. You may be surprised at what you’re missing! Follow @AAMVAConnection. (<http://twitter.com/#!/AAMVAConnection>)

**New Jersey DHTS @NJTrafficSafety | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/NJTrafficSafety/status/680106172356034560>

The holidays are known for colorful lights, but you don’t want to see lights from a police cruiser. #DriveSober

**IBTTA @IBTTA | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/IBTTA/status/680104961942884352>

Cashless tolls coming to Pennsylvania turnpike at N.J. crossing <http://buff.ly/1OltNiu> #tollroads

**VDOT @VaDOT | View the View**

<https://twitter.com/VaDOT/status/680096117820792832>

Move Over, Slow Down. Yield right-of-way or reduce speed when approaching stationary emergency vehicles. <http://bit.ly/cbdADQ> #MoveOver

**TransportationGov @USDOT | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/USDOT/status/679715863063334912>

Late-breaking: @SecretaryFoxy, @FAANews give green-light to red-suited #Santa

<http://1.usa.gov/1mAoY8K> <https://youtu.be/AfgTzRw7qX4>

**Capgemini @Capgemini | View the Tweet**

<https://twitter.com/Capgemini/status/680100888648744960>

43% of testing is now performed in the cloud & should continue to rise by 2017

<http://bit.ly/PredictionsT> #worlqualityreport

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