

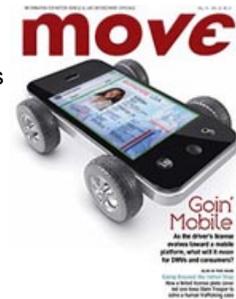
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AAMVA News

New Issue of MOVE Magazine Now Available!

The Fall 2015 Issue of AAMVA's *MOVE* Magazine is now available! The issue features articles on:

- the shift toward mobile driver's licenses and what that means for DMVs and consumers
- how investigations of many serious crimes begin with a license plate violation stop
- a Q&A with NHTSA Administrator Mark Rosekind
- and much more!



Check out the latest issue and [visit movemag.org](http://www.movemag.org) to see the digital version!

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) 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

Average Connecticut DMV Wait Time Drops to 52 Minutes

Customers at the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles are enduring much shorter wait times than they did in August, when a computer system overhaul pushed the average stay to more than two and half hours. Read the full story at NewsTimes.com.

<http://www.newstimes.com/news/article/Average-Connecticut-DMV-wait-time-drops-to-52-6728159.php>

New York Lawmakers Want to Legalize Hoverboards

Two New York lawmakers are pushing for legalization of hoverboards. State Senator Jose Peralta and Assemblyman David Weprin, both Democrats from Queens, are trying to get hoverboards reclassified so they'll be legal in New York City. Read the full story at LocalsYR.com.

<http://www.localsyr.com/news/local-news/new-york-lawmakers-want-to-legalize-hoverboards>

NYS Takes Aggressive Measures To Get Taxes Owed

New York continues to take an aggressive tact in collecting tax debt and attempting to ensure fair tax administration for all state residents. But in some cases, attorneys question whether the effort is going too far. Read the full story at BizJournals.com.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/buffalo/blog/buffalo-law-journal/2015/12/nys-takes-aggressive-measures-to-get-taxes-owed.html>

Region II

GA Department of Driver Services (DDS) Releases Updated 2016 Parent/Teen Driving Guide

GA Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commissioner Rob Mikell announced today that an updated version of the DDS Parent Teen Driving Guide will be available online at www.dds.ga.gov and at licensing centers statewide beginning January 2016. The award-winning publication, along with its digital version, partners with AAA the Auto Club Group as a sponsor to ensure that the publication remains a valuable and cost-free resource for parents and teens. Read the DDS press release.

<http://www.dds.ga.gov/news/newsdetail.aspx?id=402>

2016 Will Bring Steep Increase in North Carolina DMV Fees

If you're looking for a different kind of year-end bargain, you might save a few bucks Thursday at the state Division of Motor Vehicles. Prices will never be this low again! – for driver's licenses, ID cards, car registrations and other documents. That's because legislators have ordered a hefty hike in DMV fees to take effect Friday, the first day of 2016, in the biggest revenue increase of this year's state budget. Read the full story at CharlotteObserver.com.

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/article52318220.html>

Tennesseans to Renew Driver's Licenses Every 8 Years Instead of 5 Years

Tennesseans will be able to renew their driver's licenses every eight years instead of every five years under a new law that goes into effect on Monday. State Safety and Homeland Security officials said they will offer the longer renewals beginning Jan. 4 when service centers reopen after the new year. Read the full story at TimesFreePress.com.

<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/local/story/2015/dec/30/tennesseans-will-renew-driver-license-every-8-years-instead-5-years/342543/>

Cure Childhood Cancer and Newport News Shipbuilding Plates Join DMV's 200+ Options in 2015; Plate Recognizing Legion of Merit Medal Recipients Coming Soon (Virginia)

Virginia. Special plates and personalized plates make up almost 20 percent of the state's active vehicle registrations. Virginia's Cure Childhood Cancer license plate features the cause's gold ribbon and is available for \$10 annually per set at any DMV customer service center or online at dmvNOW.com. Read the DMV press release.

<https://secure2.sglc.com/DMSImage/16820151231072418391/0.pdf>

Region III

The Ohio Department Of Public Safety Announces Launch Of New Emergency Credentialing System

For the first time in Ohio, a secure credentialing system will soon be available at no cost for Ohio Public Private Partnership (OP3) organizations to utilize while assisting communities in the wake of an emergency. Read the DPS press release.

<HTTP://PUBLICSAFETY.OHIO.GOV/LINKS/MR2015/EPCS%20ANNOUNCEMENT%20RELEASE%20122915%20FINAL.PDF>

Highway Patrol to be First Agency to Have New License Plate (South Dakota)

South Dakota's Highway Patrol will ring in 2016 by having its vehicles be the first in the state to sport the newly designed South Dakota license plate. Read the DPS press release.

<https://www.facebook.com/SDHighwayPatrol>

New Wisconsin Driver's License has Improved Security Features

A new year means new licenses for many drivers, and state officials say there's some new security features in your renewed license. Read the full story at WHBL.com.

<http://whbl.com/news/articles/2015/dec/28/new-wisconsin-drivers-license-has-new-security-features/>

Region IV

California Wants More Time to Comply with ID law

California officials and air travelers were waiting Tuesday to learn if the federal government will allow the state more time to comply with drivers license rules. Read the full story at KCRA.com.

<http://www.kcra.com/news/california-wants-more-time-to-comply-with-id-law/37182878>

New Hoverboard Rules Coming to California on January 1 (California)

Anyone under the age of 16 will not be allowed to ride a hoverboard on public roadways in California, according to a new state law set to go into effect on Jan. 1. Read the full story t NBCBayArea.com.

<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/New-Hoverboard-Laws-Coming-to-California-on-January-1-363702931.html>

Montana Launches New Driver License Card System

The new Montana driver license card production system was launched in a pilot phase on December 1st. The new card features representative pictures of Montana, new security features, and is made of a durable, long-lasting material. Staff reports the new system is much more user friendly.

MorphoTrust rolled out the new auto testing system (ATS) simultaneously. The new ATS is easier for customers, staff, and people with special needs. Customers can bring their own headphones if they want the software to read them the questions. The system supports multiple languages and is fully customizable for Montana's laws and regulations. Additionally, the improved reporting will be a huge time-saver for staff.

Both of these projects are the culmination of months of diligent work and testing by IT staff, business staff, and vendor resources. The project teams were critical to completing the process on a short timeline. Systems will be installed at all driver license bureaus by the end of January 2016.

Trooper Vacancies Drop from 35 to 14 in Less Than One Month (Wyoming)

Wyoming residents should expect an increase in WHP patrol cars on the highways within the next couple of months. After sustaining a high rate of Trooper vacancies for over a two year period, the vacancies are dwindling. Read the WHP press release.

<http://www.whp.dot.state.wy.us/home/patrol-news.html>

Other News

TSA Might Stop Accepting Drivers' Licenses From 6 States

The federal government may soon stop accepting state-issued IDs from six different states as a way to gain access to federal facilities or board commercial airliners. So if you live in Illinois, Missouri, New

Mexico, Washington, Minnesota, or California, you might need to bring another form of ID to the airport in 2016. Read the full story at PopularMechanics.com.

<http://www.popularmechanics.com/flight/a18773/tsa-might-stop-accepting-six-different-state-drivers-licenses/>

Toyota Plans to Collect Road Data for Self-Driving Cars

Toyota plans to announce at next week's Consumer Electronics Show that it has found a way to allow cars to send real-time information to data-processing centers on road conditions that will use it to improve mapping for self-driving cars. Read the full story at USAToday.com.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/cars/2015/12/29/toyota-self-driving-road-data-collection/78038192/>

Virginia Tech to Study Truck Driver Safety

Virginia Tech is preparing to launch a study that could impact truck drivers and everyone around them on the road. Read the full story at WSL.com

<http://wsl.com/2015/12/29/virginia-tech-to-study-truck-driver-safety/>

Uber and Lyft Need More Government Regulation, Report Says

As the popularity of app-driven transportation services like Uber and Lyft grow — Uber provides more than 1 million rides daily worldwide, and Lyft's 100,000 drivers operate in more than 60 U.S. cities — consequences of sustainability, safety, insurance and labor mount. And as regulations governing this industry largely pertain to shrinking limousine and cab businesses, a new report calls for more comprehensive regulations and policies around these services. Read the full story at TechWire.net.

<http://www.techwire.net/news/uber-and-lyft-need-more-government-regulation-report-says.html>

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>)

- StateScoop @State_Scoop | View the Tweet
https://twitter.com/State_Scoop/status/682587080782966785

Stories that Shaped 2015: How transitions, cyber and collaboration shaped 2015

<http://bit.ly/1UhZBDs>

- KS Highway Patrol @kshighwaypatrol | View the Tweet
<https://twitter.com/kshighwaypatrol/status/682643184233545728>
The deadline's quickly approaching...Apply by Jan. 5 to join KHP Class #56. What a New Year it could be!
- StateTech Magazine @StateTech | View the Tweet
<https://twitter.com/StateTech/status/682629940735520770>
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Want to see behind the scene photos of the #159Class training? Follow along on Instagram @ohiodps
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"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." -Brad Paisley | Celebrate smart this NYE!
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