Workshop & Law Institute Wrapped Up Last Week
AAMVA’s 2016 Workshop and Law Institute has officially wrapped up, but we had a great two days of informative sessions, networking, and fun in Cincinnati last week! Take a look at our wrap-up video to revisit our time at the Workshop, visit AAMVA’s Flickr page for photos, and head over to the Workshop Download Center for presentations from the Workshop.

Standing Committee Update Videos
AAMVA’s Driver, Law Enforcement, and Vehicle Standing Committees each gave a video update at the 2016 Workshop and Law Institute, detailing their accomplishments over the past year and discussing what's ahead. The videos have been posted for your viewing on AAMVA’s YouTube channel.

Malloy Names New DMV Team to Straighten Out Agency’s Woes (Connecticut)
The state Department of Motor Vehicles has been a headache machine for Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, not to mention for motorists. "For every governor, this is their Obamacare," Malloy said Wednesday, referring to the computer problems that characterized the rollout of the federal health care system. With that backdrop, Malloy announced a new team to run the DMV, one he hopes will shorten the long waiting times for frustrated motorists. Read the full story at Courant.com.

A New Way to Pay Court Fines, Child Support at the DMV (Delaware)
The Delaware Courts are trying to make it easier for those who've had legal troubles to get back on track with paying their fines and fees. Read the full story at DelawareOnLine.com.

Georgia Driver Services Prepares for Reinstatement
Influx
Each year, income tax season brings an influx of customers to reinstate their driving privileges using their refunds at the Department of Driver Services (DDS). DDS Commissioner Bert Brantley reminds reinstatement customers of a way to save valuable time – the Agency’s Online License Reinstatement Services available at www.dds.ga.gov. Read the full press release.

Tesla Motor Inc Is Out To Defend Itself And Its Customers In Virginia
According to media reports, Tesla has said it will aggressively defend its right to open and operate a second dealership in the state of Virginia which it says does not violate any legal agreements. Read the full story at TheCountryCaller.com.

Real ID in the Fast Lane at the Capitol (Minnesota)
The Minnesota Legislature has banned state officials from doing anything to enact federal Real ID standards since 2009. A Senate committee Wednesday sent a bill lifting that prohibition to the floor for a vote as soon as next week. The House is also preparing to pass the first of two measures paving the way for what’s known as Real ID after beating back an effort to slow it down. Read the full story at MPRNews.org.

Strategic Analysis and Information Center Earns Highest Marks on Fusion Center Assessment (Ohio)
For the third year in a row, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security deemed Ohio’s Strategic Analysis and Information Center (SAIC) 100 percent compliant with federal standards in its 2015 Fusion Center Assessment. The SAIC serves as Ohio’s primary information-sharing center and works in conjunction with the Fusion Center Network to provide support to local first responders. Read the DPS press release.

Arizona to Begin Issuing Real ID Next Month
The REAL ID Act is being implemented across the country in an effort to prevent fraudulent issuance of IDs nationwide. Officials at the Yuma International Airport are beginning to inform the traveling public of deadlines and ways to prepare for traveling with the REAL ID. Read the full story at KECYTV.com.

Proposal Aims to Stop Disabled Placard Abusers in California; Bill Would Require DMV to be Stricter with Distributing Placards
"I'm definitely grateful for it, I tried to hold off, you know, it was an ego thing," Miles said. Miles injured his back during training while stationed in Germany and has difficulty walking. And sometimes, he can't find a spot to park with his new disabled placard. Read the full story at KCRA.com.

California Bill Aims to Force DMV to Consider Fully Driverless Cars
With California and the federal government apparently heading in opposite
Fee (Ends 04/04/2016) Responses received from AL, IL, NE, OH, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV.

Jake Brake violations (Ends 03/23/2016) Responses received from CA, CT, FL, IL, MN, NE, NH, PA, UT, VA, WA, WI.

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 webportsupport@aamva.org or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site.

directions when it comes to regulating self-driving cars, one state legislator is pushing to bring them closer together. Read the full story at TechWire.net.

58,000 California Drivers Have Traffic Fines and Court Fees Cut Under Amnesty

Tens of thousands of California drivers have had traffic fines and court fees reduced under an amnesty program pushed by Gov. Jerry Brown to help the poor. Read the full story at LATimes.com.

Volunteers Wanted: California Will Study Pay-by-Mile Road Fee

The state of California is looking for 5,000 volunteers this summer for an experiment with potentially major pocketbook ramifications. It’s called the “California Road Charge pilot program,” a concept that will scare some people, and likely cause others to say it’s about time. Read the full story at SacBee.com.

Automatic Emergency Braking Will Be Standard in Most U.S. Cars by 2022

A breakthrough agreement between the world’s biggest car makers and safety regulators could save some of the 100 people who die in car accidents every day. Watch the video on nbcnews.com.

Admissibility of Breathalyzer Evidence in Some Impaired Driving Cases to be Considered by Supreme Court of Canada

The Supreme Court of Canada will hear an appeal from a B.C. motorist, convicted under the Criminal Code of operating a vehicle while impaired, over the question of whether a 1975 ruling from Canada’s highest court is still valid in cases where a police officer demands a breath sample without necessarily having a reasonable suspicion. Read the full story at CanadianUnderwriter.ca.

Interlocks Cut Alcohol-Related Crash Deaths

Alcohol-related traffic deaths have gone down in states that require everyone convicted of driving under the influence to install a device that blocks drunk driving. Read the full story at Philly.com.

General Motors To Acquire Self-Driving Startup, Ramping Up Autonomous Plans

According to data from the California Department of Motor Vehicles, Google sits at the top of the list of top three companies with the most test permits for self-driving cars in the state with a whopping 73, followed by Tesla with eight and Cruise Automation right behind it with seven. Read the full story at TechTimes.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...
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