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One Week Left to Submit Nominations for Martha Irwin Awards

The Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety is presented annually to an AAMVA member jurisdiction employee or other individual whose primary function is directly associated with highway and traffic safety efforts and who has had a distinguished career in this arena. The individual can be currently active or retired. One award is presented for achievement in highway safety in Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and one for achievement in highway safety in Law Enforcement (LE).

- Download the [2016 Awards Program Submission and Nomination Packet](#) and see page 4 for specific Martha Irwin Award (Motor Vehicle Administration) submission requirements.
- Download the [2016 Awards Entry Form](#). Each jurisdiction agency should complete and send one award entry form with the accompanying information specified in each award description by April 1, 2016.

Save the Date! 2016 Annual International Conference



Save the date to join us in Williamsburg, Virginia, for the 2016 Annual International Conference, August 16-18. Online registration will be available to everyone this spring. In the meantime, mark your calendars and invite your family to join us in

Williamsburg this August.

Watch the promo video for more details: <https://youtu.be/yk5muF6Er0o>

REGION I NEWS

Panel OKs Bill to Automatically Register Voters at DMV (Connecticut)

A measure to automatically register voters conducting business at the state Department of Motor Vehicles was advanced by a legislative committee Monday, despite concerns from Republicans that the process could further burden the troubled agency. [Read the full story at MyRecordJournal.com.](#)

Court Fines Can Now Be Paid at all Delaware DMV Offices

The Administrative Office of the Courts' Office of State Court Collections

OUR EVENTS

MAY



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OUR WEBINARS

MARCH

29 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) 3.0 Understanding the New Data Elements](#)

2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

APRIL

6 | [Briefing on the State to State Verification Service \(S2S\)](#)

12:00 - 1:00 pm ET

13 | [How You Can Help in the Fight Against Human Trafficking](#)

2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Connecticut, Quebec, New Jersey, British Columbia, and Delaware.

[Customer Service Hours of Operation](#) (Ends 04/14/2016)

Responses received from DC, GA, NY, VT.

[Legislation on the Use of Fog Lights](#)

(Ends 04/08/2016) Responses received from FL, ME, NY, VA, VT, WA.

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

Responses received from AL, AR, IL, ME, MS, NE, OH, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV.

[Driver Licensing Services Wait Times](#)

(Ends 04/04/2016) Responses

Enforcement has expanded the number of locations and the payment options of its network of self-payment kiosks throughout the state. [Read the full story at DelawareStateNews.net.](#)

Idling Car Would Draw Fine Under New York Bill

Idling your car could draw a fine under a bill introduced in the state Legislature. The legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Tom Abinanti would make it illegal to idle a passenger vehicle for more than three minutes at a time, with first-time violators hit with an official warning. After the warning, all future offenses would draw a \$150 fine. [Read the full story at DemocratandChronicle.com.](#)

Lawmakers Mull Ignition Interlock Systems For First-Time DUI Offenders (Pennsylvania)

First-time offenders of driving under the influence may soon be required to utilize ignition interlock systems within their cars for one year. [Read the full story at WESA.FM.](#)

REGION II NEWS

Governor Terminates Spencer Collier as ALEA Secretary (Alabama)

Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Secretary Spencer Collier has been terminated effective immediately, Gov. Robert Bentley's office announced Tuesday night. [Read the full story at WSFA.com.](#)

Kentuckians Would Need New Driver's License to Board Planes

Kentuckians who want to fly anywhere in the United States would have to pay \$48 to get a new driver's license beginning in 2019 under a bill that is moving through the state legislature. [Read the full story at NewsOK.com.](#)

Senate Panel Approves REAL ID Driver's Licenses (Louisiana)

Louisiana moved one step closer Tuesday to complying with a federal law that will allow residents to use their driver's licenses to travel conveniently by air. [Read the full story at TheNewsStar.com.](#)

REGION III NEWS

Governor Pence Signs BMV Overhaul Bill (Indiana)

Governor Mike Pence today signed House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1087, which brings consistency and predictability to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' (BMV) procedures and transactions. The Governor signed the bill in a public ceremony at the Greenwood BMV. [Read the BMV press release.](#)

Minnesota Senate Begins Working on Real ID Compliance

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety could soon begin to study ways to bring the state into compliance with the federal Real ID law. [Read the full story at StarTribune.com.](#)

received from AR, FL, GA, IA, KS, LA, ME, MI, MS, NC, NY, OH, VA, VT.

[Jake Brake violations](#) (Ends 03/23/2016) Responses received from CA, CT, FL, IL, MN, NE, NH, OH, 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 webportalsupport@aamva.org or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the [AAMVA Web site](#).

REGION IV NEWS

California DMV Interested in Fraud Detection Software Platforms

The California Department of Motor Vehicles is interested in seeing if data analytics software could detect buyers and sellers who collude to underreport the sale price of vehicles in order to pay a smaller tax bill. [Read the full story at TechWire.net](#).

CHP Officer Dies After Being Hit by Vehicle on I-80 (California)

A California Highway Patrol officer who was hit by a vehicle on Interstate 80 near Donner Summit died from his injuries late Sunday night, officials said. Officer Nathan Taylor, 35, of Rocklin, was stationed at the CHP's Gold Run office and had been with the department for six years. [Read the full story at KCRA.com](#).

Zoox Gets Permit to Test Self-Driving Vehicles for Uber-Like Robo Cars (California)

Zoox Inc., a relatively unknown startup with the goal of building fully autonomous vehicles, was granted permission by California to test self-driving cars on public roads in the state. [Read the full story at Bloomberg.com](#).

Nevada DMV Now Accepting Appointments

It's always a good day when you can skip the line at the DMV. Starting Monday, you can hop online and sign up for an appointment. Most appointments start this Friday. [Read the full story at KTNV.com](#).

OTHER NEWS

Important Safety Bulletin Regarding Volvo Commercial Trucks

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has issued [an important safety bulletin](#) based on a safety recall initiated by Volvo Trucks affecting nearly 20,000 Class 8 motor vehicles, with more than 17,000 affected vehicles in the United States. This is a critical safety defect that could severely affect the safe operation of these vehicles due to a faulty two-piece steering shaft. This condition can lead to separation of the steering shaft without warning and an immediate loss of steering ability and control which may lead to a vehicle crash. Operators of vehicles affected by the Volvo recall should take the vehicles out of service as soon as possible. [FMCSA published an advisory bulletin](#) to raise awareness of this issue in order to prevent serious crashes. The bulletin includes the guidance Volvo prepared for motor carriers operating these vehicles and information on how to identify the affected Volvo vehicles.

Now Lyft Drivers Need Not Own a Car: Lyft and GM Start Short-Term Rental Program

General Motors Co. and ride-hailing service Lyft are launching a short-term car rental program that is expected to eventually evolve into an autonomous vehicle network. The companies said Tuesday that the Express Drive program, aimed at prospective Lyft drivers who don't have qualifying cars, will start in Chicago this

month. [Read the full story at LATimes.com.](#)

Senior Drivers Who Fall Down are More Likely to Be Involved in Car Crashes: Study

Seniors with a history of falling at home are 40% more likely to be involved in car crashes than their peers, according to a new study by AAA released Thursday.

[Read the full story at NYDailyNews.com.](#)

Judge Gives Volkswagen One Month to Plan Diesel-Emissions Fix

A federal judge Thursday gave Volkswagen and environmental regulators another month to devise a plan for fixing or removing nearly 600,000 diesel cars in the United States involved in Volkswagen's emissions-cheating scandal. U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer in San Francisco asked for a proposal by April 21. [Read the article in latimes.com.](#)

Crash Risk Soars When Truck Drivers Don't Treat Sleep Apnea: Study

Truck drivers with sleep apnea who don't regularly follow their treatment program are much more likely to crash, a new study finds. [Read the full story at UPI.com.](#)

Millennials More Likely to Purchase Insurance From Tech Firms, Google Emerges As Major Threat to Insurers

Changing behaviors and preferences from Millennials combined with the emergence of technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), is pushing the insurance industry towards massive disruption, according to a new report by Capgemini and Efma. [Read the full story at FinTechNews.ch.](#)

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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Thank you for the @AAMVAConnection mentions!

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

Most party fouls are dumb, but some have real consequences.

Underage drinking and driving: the ultimate party... <http://fb.me/6X2wL8vng>

Zero Fatalities @ZeroFatalities | [View the Tweet](#)

What's the first thing you should do when you get into a car? Ready, set, go!

DRIVE SMART Virginia @DRIVESMARTVA | [View the Tweet](#)

Mature drivers and their caregivers, learn more about how to recognize and

discuss changes in driving skills: <http://ow.ly/ZVIQZ>

Oregon DOT @OregonDOT | [View the Tweet](#)

Get your Oregon State Highway Map - #MiddleEarth not included.
<http://ow.ly/ZVGwU> Happy #TolkienReadingDay!

My Car Does What @MyCarDoesWhat | [View the Tweet](#)

The @NYAutoShow starts today! Tell us the safety tech you are most excited to see by using #MyCarDoesWhat | #NYIAS

WV GHSP @WVhighwaysafety | [View the Tweet](#)

Tomblin signs WV school bus bill ...

MADD @MADDOnline | [View the Tweet](#)

LIVE on #Periscope: Retired State Trooper/MADD employee shares why he fights #drunkdriving #trigger

Washington State DOT @wsdot | [View the Tweet](#)

Washington State DOT Retweeted WSDOT Traffic
Great story, and the person who wrote it has fantastic hair.

VermontDMV @VTDMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Honda expands airbag recall to 2.2M more U.S. vehicles <http://ow.ly/ZTKF1>

Automotive Fleet @AutomotiveFleet | [View the Tweet](#)

[3/24/2016] Maryland OEM Replacement Parts Bill Dies ([link](#))... #CollisionRepair #Fleet

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

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#StopTheTexts



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