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## IDEC Executive Board Welcomes New Members to the Board

The AAMVA International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Executive Board welcomes Cynthia Delp (IA) and Todd Holbrook (UT) to the IDEC Executive Board. The [AAMVA IDEC Program](#) was established to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of examining personnel, upgrade the professionalism of examiners, and establish standards to assist jurisdictions in their examiner training programs. Their contributions of time and effort in ensuring the successful maintenance of the program are greatly appreciated. Learn more about the [IDEC program](#) on AAMVA's Web site.

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## OUR EVENTS

## REGION I NEWS

## Maryland Launches Campaign Aimed at Ending Distracted Driving

Drivers traveling through Cecil County on Interstate 95 will find a designated area at the Chesapeake House Rest Stop where use of a cellphone is encouraged. [Read the full story at CecilDaily.com.](#)

## Maryland Expands Self-Service Test for Auto Emissions

Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration is expanding a nine-month-old program that lets drivers perform their own vehicle emissions tests at self-service kiosks. [Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com.](#)

## You Could Lose Your Car Registration for 5 Camera Violations Under New Bill (New York)

Drivers who get five or more camera violation tickets in a year could lose the registration to their car for up to six months under a new bill pushed in the assembly, part of a package that aims to increase pedestrian safety. [Read the full story at DNAInfo.com.](#)

## New York Bill Would OK 'Textalyzer' for Cops to Peg Distracted Drivers

New York could be the first state to enact a distracted driving policy solution that enables police to examine phones at an accident site in a way that completely avoids drivers' personal data. [Read the full story at Patch.com.](#)

## Pennsylvania Traffic Deaths in 2015 at Second-Lowest Level

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OUR WEBINARS

APRIL

**13** | [How You Can Help in the Fight Against Human Trafficking](#)  
2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

**12, 26** | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Elements](#)  
2:00-3:00 pm ET

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Georgia, Washington, District of Columbia, Connecticut, and Quebec.

[Oral Tests for CLP](#) (Ends 04/25/2016) Responses received from LA.

### Since Record Keeping Began

Traffic fatalities in Pennsylvania totaled 1,200 in 2015, the second-lowest since record-keeping began in 1928 and five more than the record low in 2014. [Read the PennDOT press release.](#)

### Bills Would Allow Local Police in Pennsylvania to Nab Speeders with Radar

Speeding on residential streets is one of the most prevalent complaints West Goshen Police Chief Joseph Gleason receives. Yet he is forced to use old, outdated technology to catch speeders because Pennsylvania is the only state in the nation that prohibits municipal police from using radar. [Read the full story at DailyLocal.com.](#)

## REGION II NEWS

### New DMV On-Line Title Transactions (South Carolina)

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) now has a new online transaction designed for customers applying for a duplicate title certificate. Customers who use the new online service will receive their title by mail at the address on file. [Read the DMV press release.](#)

## REGION III NEWS

### Secretary of State Announces Temporary Alternative Online Renewal System (Michigan)

The Michigan Secretary of State today announced that customers can still renew their license plate tabs or watercraft registration online using an alternative Online Renewal System. [Read the SOS press release.](#)

### New Nebraska License Plate to be Redesigned

The Department of Motor Vehicles announced Friday an "adjustment" will be made to the new Nebraska license plate unveiled last week to be issued next year. [Read the full story at WOWT.com.](#)

## REGION IV NEWS

### Google to Test Self-Driving Cars in Arizona

Google's self-driving cars are hitting the road in Phoenix, Ariz., Reuters reported Thursday. The company has already deployed four modified Lexus SUVs in the city to map its traffic markers. [Read the full story at TheHill.com.](#)

### California Lawmakers Propose New Oral Swab Field Test for Drivers High on Pot

With medical marijuana in widespread use and a ballot measure planned to legalize recreational pot in California, state officials Tuesday proposed using new technology to catch the increasing number of motorists who are driving while high. [Read the full story at LATimes.com.](#)

### Uber, Lyft May Face New Rules in California

California regulators will meet on Thursday to tweak rules for Uber, Lyft and other ride-hailing companies. The California Public Utilities Commission's original regulations for

[REAL ID](#) (Ends 04/18/2016)

Responses received from FL, GA, IL, KS, LA, ME, MI, MS, NH, OK, ON, PA, SD, SK, UT, VA, VT.

[Interpreters for Road Tests](#) (Ends 04/22/2016)

Responses received from AT, CT, DC, DE, IL, KS, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NH, NY, OR, SC, VA, VT.

[Customer Service Hours of](#)

[Operation](#) (Ends 04/14/2016)

Responses received from AR, DC, GA, ID, IL, KS, LA, ME, MI, MN, MS, NC, NH, NY, RI, SD, SK, UT, VT, WA, WI.

[Legislation on the Use of Fog](#)

[Lights](#) (Ends 04/08/2016)

Responses received from AB, AR, BC, FL, ID, IL, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, NE, NJ, NM, NY, PA, SC, SK, VA, VT, WA, WY.

[Motorcycle Brake Light](#)

[Modulators](#) (Ends 04/13/2016)

Responses received from AB, DE, FL, GA, ID, IL, KY, LA, MD, MO, NC, ND, NE, NH, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TX, VA, VT, WA.

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](mailto:webportalsupport@aamva.org) or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the [AAMVA Web site](#).

ride-hailing companies, adopted in 2013, broke new ground as the nation's first set of guidelines for startups trying to disrupt the taxi industry. [Read the full story at SFChronicle.com.](#)

## Veterans License Designation Opens World of Benefits (California)

California veterans can now get a special designation on their driver license or ID card that gives them access to all types of benefits. [Read the full story at ABC10.com.](#)

## Immigrants Urge Expanding License Program (Colorado)

Colorado's immigrant driver license program faces a bottleneck of undocumented people looking for a legal way to drive, and some companies, including in Glenwood Springs, are scamming immigrants to cash in on long waits in the state program.

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

### OTHER NEWS

## Autonomous Cars Confused By Some U.S. Roads

If you needed another indication that fully-autonomous vehicles might not be ready by 2020, consider this — self-driving cars are confused by plenty of shabby United States' roads. [Read the full story at TechTimes.com.](#)

## Missile Maker Adapts Guidance Systems for Self-Driving Cars

Mitsubishi Electric Corp., a supplier of air-to-air missiles to Japan's armed forces, is looking to adapt the technologies it originally developed for military use to help autonomous driving cars detect obstacles and avoid collisions. [Read the full story at Bloomberg.com.](#)

## Study Shows Big Performance Gap, Safety Issues in Many Car Headlights

There may be a reason why people have trouble seeing while driving at night, and it's not their eyesight. A new rating of the headlights of more than 30 midsized car models gave only one model a grade of "good." [Read the full story at GlobalNews.ca.](#)

### 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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#TBT Dec 08, when @DelawareDMV Centennial License Plate was featured on the cover of the @alpc\_a\_plates #100 #netDE

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

.@AlexEpsteinNSC discusses the importance of car #safety tech education at @NHTSAgov's Automated Vehicles Forum.

**VirginiaDMV @VirginiaDMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

Turn notifications off. The less you hear your phone, less tempted you'll be to respond while you're driving.

**SDDOT @SouthDakotaDOT | [View the Tweet](#)**

Virginia Tsu, FHWA Division Administrator in SD urges motorists to slow down in work zones. @USDOTFHWA @USDOT

**AAA @AAAnews | [View the Tweet](#)**

Today we're at @NHTSAgov's public meeting to offer input on automated vehicle technologies. #AAAPublicAffairs

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.@BostonGlobe thank you for making this your cover story! @end\_dd @MassDOT @MassRMV @matajustice @MassStatePolice

**NYS DMV @nysdmv | [View the Tweet](#)**

We're kicking off #OperationHangUp on LI with .@nyspolice and local partners.

**SD Highway Patrol @SDHighwayPatrol | [View the Tweet](#)**

The unseen voices who answer those emergency calls will be honored next week in South Dakota. @SDHighwayPatrol <http://news.sd.gov/newsitem.aspx?id=20141> ...

**Anthony Foxx @SecretaryFoxx | [View the Tweet](#)**

This week marks 5 years of #WHChamps! Take a look back at the 11 #transportation innovators honored last year.



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