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## OUR EVENTS

APRIL

## NHTSA Requests Comment on Pilot Program for Notification of Open Recall at the Time of Vehicle Registration

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has published a request for information on its two-year pilot program to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of a state process for informing consumers of open motor vehicle recalls at the time of vehicle registration. Currently, a manufacturer must provide notice of a recall to each person registered under state law as the owner and whose name and address are reasonably ascertainable by the manufacturer through state records or another source. NHTSA seeks to improve the notice of recall information to owners and develop ways to increase the rate at which consumers satisfy open recalls. NHTSA will make this pilot program available for up to six states. **Comments on this notice are due May 16th.** AAMVA requests jurisdictions submitting comments copy [governmentaffairs@aamva.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@aamva.org) so that the association can reflect those comments in their own. [Read AAMVA's Legislative Alert for more details.](#)

## REGION I NEWS

## DMV Severs Ties With 3M Amid System Problems (Connecticut)

Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles announced that it will not be moving ahead with 3M for the next phase in its system overhaul. [Read the full story at NBCConnecticut.com.](#)

## More VEIP Kiosks Come Online in Maryland

As part of Governor Larry Hogan's efforts to make government services more convenient and put money back in the pockets of Maryland families, the Maryland Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) today announced the addition of seven new self-service Vehicle Emission Inspection Program (VEIP) kiosks. [Read the full story at EyeOnAnnapolis.net.](#)

## New York's Initiative 'No Empty Chair' to Keep Teen Drivers Safe During Prom, Graduation Season

New York state is launching a new effort to reduce teen driver deaths and injuries. Timed to coincide with high school proms, spring dances and graduations, the

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**APRIL**

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

2:00-3:00 pm ET

**OUR SURVEYS**

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campaign includes public awareness and stepped up law enforcement near high schools around the state. [Read the full story at NYDailyNews.com.](#)

**'Shocked': Motorcycle Deaths Hit Lowest Point in More Than a Decade in PA**

Fewer people were killed in motorcycle crashes in 2015 than in any year in more than a decade. Even motorcycle enthusiasts were surprised by the drop. [Read the full article in www.tribdem.com.](#)

**Uber Hit With Record \$11.4M Fine in Pennsylvania**

Uber Technologies Inc was fined a record \$11.4 million on Thursday by a Pennsylvania regulator, which found that the ride-sharing service operated illegally in the state in 2014. [Read the full story at Yahoo.com.](#)

**REGION II NEWS**

**\$48 'Real ID' Driver's Licenses Passed in Kentucky**

A bill to create a new Kentucky driver's license to conform with the federal "Real ID" law won final passage in the House of Representatives on Friday and now goes to Gov. Matt Bevin for his signature. [Read the full story at Courier-Journal.com.](#)

**North Carolina DMV Reminds More Than 26,000 Moped Owners About Upcoming Insurance Requirement**

The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles is sending 26,799 letters to moped owners reminding them about a new law that will require the vehicles to carry liability insurance beginning July 1. Letters are being mailed this week to moped owners whose vehicles are registered with NCDMV. [Read the DMV press release.](#)

**North Carolina DMV Will Privatize its Last State-Run License Plate Offices**

The Division of Motor Vehicles will close the only two offices where state employees issue car titles and registration stickers to vehicle owners – and convert them to private businesses that contract with DMV. [Read the full story at NewsObserver.com.](#)

**REGION III NEWS**

**New Report Shows Success of Michigan's DWI/Sobriety Court Ignition Interlock Program**

A new research report evaluating Michigan's program to prevent repeat drunk driving by chronic offenders through the use of ignition interlocks concludes that the devices, when used in conjunction with a Sobriety Court program, contribute to significantly better success rates among participants. [Read the SOS press release.](#)

**Officials Urge Waiting on Driver's License Changes (Minnesota)**

Some lawmakers are pressing to quickly upgrade Minnesota driver's licenses to meet federal standards, but state officials say it would pay to wait. [Read the full story at SCTimes.com.](#)

**North Dakota, Minnesota Drunk Driving Cases Head to**

from Arkansas, South Carolina, Georgia and District of Columbia.

[Online Vehicle Renewal](#) (Ends 05/10/2016) Response received from Arkansas.

[Sale of Information](#) (Ends 05/06/2016) Responses received from AL, CA, DC, LA, ND, NE, UT, VT, WA.

[Non-compliant DL/ID Card](#) (Ends 05/09/2016) Responses received from DE, FL, IL, LA, ND, NE, NH, SC, UT, VA, VT, WA.

[Lien removal after several years](#) (Ends 05/03/2016) Responses received from AL, AR, BC, DC, GA, IL, KY, LA, ME, MI, MN, MS, ND, NE, NH, NY, OR, PA, QC, UT, VA, VT, WA, WY.

[Oral Tests for CLP](#) (Ends 04/25/2016) Responses received from AR, CA, CT, FL, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, ME, MI, MN, MS, ND, NE, NH, NM, NY, OR, PA, TX, UT, 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](#).

## U.S. Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Wednesday on North Dakota and Minnesota drunk driving cases that could have broader implications for how states deter that crime. [Read the full story at GrandForksHerald.com](#).

## Ohio's Police Agencies Hope New Video Sparks Conversation About Stereotypes

A new video public service announcement is being shared on social media which is meant to provoke conversation among Ohio's police departments and taxpayers. [Read the full story at 610WTVN.heart.com](#).

## Ohio Bill Requires Police Body Camera Rules Made Public

An Ohio House committee is debating a bipartisan bill requiring law enforcement agencies to have rules governing the use of body cameras. [Read the full story at 10TV.com](#).

## Driver's Ed App Launches in Ohio

Teens in Ohio have a new driver's education alternative. On Thursday, Texas-based Aceable launched a mobile app that will allow driver's education students to opt out of sitting in a classroom to fulfill their 24-hour instruction requirement to take the exam for their Ohio license. [Read the full story at CenterDigitaled.com](#).

## REGION IV NEWS

## AMA is Launching Canada's First Vehicle Registration Auto-Renew (Alberta)

Alberta Motor Association (AMA) has developed a secure online Vehicle Registration Auto-Renew system that soon will let you register your vehicle once and forget about it. AMA will take care of the renewals automatically each year after that. [Read the full story at News.AMA.AB.CA](#).

## ICBC's Road Improvement Projects Lead to 24 Per Cent Reduction in Severe Crashes (British Columbia)

ICBC's partnership in road improvement projects has led to a 24 per cent reduction, on average, in severe crashes – those resulting in serious injuries and fatalities – and a 15 per cent reduction in property damage claims after an improvement is completed according to a recent evaluation report. [Read the ICBC press release](#).

## A New Urgency to Find Roadside Test for Drugged Drivers (California)

This year, California could join a parade of states marching toward legalization of adult recreational marijuana use. But here, as in Colorado, Washington and other states that have already taken the leap, many anti-pot cops and a pro-pot advocates agree: No one yet has devised a practical and reliable field test to determine when a driver is under the influence of marijuana. [Read the full story at DailyNews.com](#).

## California Hiring a Chief Data Officer

A reorganization at the Department of Technology along with a new job posting at the Governor's Office are indicators the state could hire a new position to oversee

a range of data-focused projects. [Read the full story at TechWire.net.](#)

## Colorado Department of Public Safety Shows Early Effects of Marijuana Legalization

A report released by the Colorado Department of Public Safety now shows how legalizing marijuana has affected the state. It's the first official report with local, state and federal data. [Read the full article on wkrn.com.](#)

## Colorado's New Driver License and ID Card Design Now Available via Online Renewal

Colorado residents who renew their driver license or identification card online will now receive a newly designed card. Customers are always first in line when they renew online at [www.colorado.gov/dmv](http://www.colorado.gov/dmv). [Read the DMV press release.](#)

## Religious Man Slaps DMV Worker With \$6.6M Suit for Forcing Him to 'Submit to an Insurance God'

Idaho man filed a bizarre lawsuit citing Mosaic law to force a state employee's family into servitude as punishment for suspending his driver's license. [Read the full article on rawstory.com.](#)

## New Mexico to Use Social Media, MADD to Combat Drunk Driving

Social media feeds will soon tell you if drunken driving offenders are let off too easy, New Mexico officials say. [Read the full story at WXYZ.com.](#)

### OTHER NEWS

## Elon Musk Wants to Solve Traffic Congestion with Self-Driving Buses

'Autonomous Vehicles are Key' On Thursday, Tesla CEO Elon Musk teased a new idea for a fleet of self-driving buses that could solve problems with traffic congestion and mass transit in densely populated cities. However, he declined to discuss anything in detail. Musk made the comments at a transportation conference in Norway, according to Bloomberg. [Read the full story at TheVerge.com.](#)

## High Court Expresses Doubts About Drunk Driving Laws

The Supreme Court is expressing doubts about laws in at least a dozen states that make it a crime for people suspected of drunken driving to refuse to take alcohol tests. [Read the full story at FoxNews.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 associated with the post, and the reach of the message (retweets, favorited, etc.).

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SHARE this video to save a life. To watch the full video, visit: <http://ow.ly/4mZuDV>  
#DontDriveDistracted

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

Celebrate #EarthDay; go green w/ #VirginiaDMV. Receive notices via email or phone. <http://ow.ly/LFKdS>

**The IACP @TheIACP | [View the Tweet](#)**

Today, @theIACP participating in @WhiteHouse #policedata initiative to help agencies build trust through open data. LAPD HQ, Dallas Police Depart and LMPD

**IIHS @IIHS\_autosafety | [View the Tweet](#)**

VIDEO: Pickups aren't all equal in crash safety. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5WGkRZQOU> ...

**MD MVA's HSO @tzd\_maryland | [View the Tweet](#)**

Thanks @SFAgentWayne for coming out to today's @THECalvertHigh Teen Safe Driving event @SF\_ErinBailey

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

#NCDMV reminds moped owners of new law requiring liability insurance beginning July 1. <http://ow.ly/4mXmkx>

**Okla. Highway Patrol @OHPtraffic | [View the Tweet](#)**

59 ODOT employees have been killed in the line of duty- more than any other state agency <http://www.facebook.com/WorkZoneAwareness> ... —  
#RespectTheCone

**What is #TBT??**

#TBT stands for "Throw-Back Thursday". #TBT tweets often feature a photo from days gone by, and/or a quick reminiscent snippet. Here are just a few #TBT tweets we saw:



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

#TBT Spring weather 90+ yrs ago meant severe driving hazards. Makes today's pot holes not seem that bad. #trafficDE



**CA DMV @CA\_DMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

Carmichael, CA, c. 1960: A DMV employee retrieves a newly printed driver license. #tbt

**OHBureauMotorVehicle @Ohio\_BMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

The "Driver License Law" was enacted in 1935 making a license mandatory to drive on highways. #TBT

**IDOT @IDOT\_Illinois | [View the Tweet](#)**

#TBT Our District 6 sign shop in April 1964. Fun fact: We recycle nearly 50,000 highway signs every year! #EarthDay



Indiana BMV @INBMV | [View the Tweet](#)

The first hybrid car was the Lohner-Porsche Elektromobil and was shown at the Paris Exposition of 1900 #TBT



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