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## Region IV Conference is Right Around the Corner

The 2016 Annual Region IV Conference will take place in Portland, Oregon, May 16-19. The conference provides a terrific opportunity for attendees to discuss issues confronted each day by motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies. Jurisdiction attendees can learn about the successes and challenges of others, share ideas, build relationships, and discover the many products and services provided by our industry partners. [Visit the Region IV Conference Web site to learn more.](#)

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## REGION I NEWS

## Commissioner Bzdyra Announces Major DMV Reorganization (Connecticut)

Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Michael R. Bzdyra announced today major and agency-wide organizational changes designed to improve customer services across a number of operating units. The reasons extend beyond just the recent technology system problems and focus tightly on improving DMV's services overall to customers while also reviewing operations for efficiency. These changes will be made without additional personnel or increases in DMV's allocated budget. All changes go into effect on May 16. [Read the DMV press release.](#)

## Councilmembers Aim For A Legislative Fix To Issues At DMV (District of Columbia)

Amid pressure from advocates for D.C.'s undocumented immigrants, three councilmembers introduced a bill on Tuesday to make the process of getting a limited-purpose license easier. The law—introduced by Mary Cheh (Ward 3), David Grosso (At-large), and Chairman Phil Mendelson—would also mandate that the D.C.'s Department of Motor Vehicles provide a free alternative for low-income residents should it implement a mandatory training course. [Read the full story at DCIST.com.](#)

## OUR EVENTS

## MAY

**9-12 | [AAMVA Leadership Academy](#)**

Arlington, VA

*By Application Only***16-19 | [Region IV Conference](#)**

Portland, OR

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## JUNE

**12-15 | [Region II Conference](#)**

Louisville, KY

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## JULY

**17-20 | [Region I Conference](#)**

South Burlington, VT

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## AUGUST

**16-18 | [Annual International Conference](#)**

Williamsburg, VA

**Motorcycle Riding Test No Longer Offered in DC**

D.C. residents hoping to get motorcycle licenses will have to go to Maryland or Virginia to take the needed riding tests. The District is no longer testing riders, and no longer issuing motorcycle learners' permits. [Read the article on wtop.com.](#)

**State Struggles to Comply With Real ID Law (Massachusetts)**

Getting past airport security or inside a federal building may require a U.S. passport unless the Legislature moves ahead to create a federally compliant state driver's license. [Read the full article on www.eagletribune.com.](#)

**Widely Used Breathalyzer Deemed Inaccurate by Ontario Judge**

Thousands of impaired-driving sentences across Canada could be called into question after an Ontario judge found that a common type of breathalyzer test was inaccurate. [Read the full story at ReportCA.net.](#)

## REGION II NEWS

**New Florida Town Designed With Autonomous Cars In Mind**

Babcock Ranch is a new community near the shores of the Coloosahatchie River east of Fort Meyers, Florida. It is being designed to to be as sustainable as possible and to accommodate autonomous cars. In fact, the developer expects self driving cars to serve as the town's public transportation system. [Read the full article on gas2.org.](#)

**DHSMV Releases New Military License Plate (Florida)**

Veterans and active military now have six new special license plates from which to choose. The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) has released six new military special license plates: the Combat Action Ribbon, Distinguished Flying Cross, Woman Veteran, Air Force Combat Action Medal, Navy Submariner and World War II Veteran. [Read the DHSMV press release.](#)

**Customer Service Improvement Drives Modification to License Renewal Terms (Georgia)**

In an effort to continuously improve customer service and successfully manage wait times in the future, Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) now provides most customers with an 8-year driver's license and/or ID Card for \$32.00 (\$4.00 per year.) This will extend the time between most customers' renewal terms by three years. Reducing and leveling the DDS' annual renewal volume will benefit all DDS customers and the state by providing more efficient resource management and better customer service. [Read the full press release.](#)

**Governor Bevin Vetoes Kentucky Real ID Bill**

Before the governor's veto Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet was getting ready to comply with the new federal ID standards. Ryan Watts with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet says "We had legislation in place to move forward in being compliant with federal mandates." [Read the full story at WTVQ.com.](#)

**Driver's License on Your Smartphone? Louisiana House Says Yes**

The House of Representatives on Tuesday (May 3) passed a bill that will allow the Office of Motor Vehicles to issue driver's licenses on smartphones, a move that would

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## OUR WEBINARS

MAY

**10, 17, 24, 31** | [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 Washington, Utah, Georgia, Arkansas, and South Carolina

### [Off-Road and All-Terrain](#)

[Vehicles Reciprocity](#) (Ends 05/16/2016) Responses received from FL, ID, IL, KY, MO, NC, UT, VA, VT.

### [GDL Requirements](#) (Ends

05/25/2016) Responses received from CA, FL, IA, IL, LA, NC, VA, VT, WV.

### [Motorcycle Rider Education](#)

(Ends 05/16/2016) Responses received from FL, IL, IN, KS, KY, MN, MS, ND, NH, NT, NY, OH, TN, TX, VA.

### [Non-compliant DL/ID Card](#)

(Ends 05/09/2016) Responses received from CA, CT, DE, FL, IA, IL, IN, LA, MD, MO, MS, ND, NE, NH, OH, ON, SC, SD, UT, VA, VT, WA, WV.

### [Online Vehicle Renewal](#) (Ends

05/10/2016) Responses received from AL, BC, CA, DC, GA, ID, IL, KY, MD, MN, MO, NE, NH, NT, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, SC, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA.

### [Sale of Information](#) (Ends

05/06/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, CA, DC, IL, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, NH, NM, OH, OR, SD, SK, UT,

make Louisiana the first state to offer the option to all drivers. [Read the full story at NOLA.com.](#)

## South Carolina DMV Motorcycle Testing

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) now accepts Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) certificates as proof of an applicant's ability to operate a motorcycle. The certificate may eliminate the need for a rider to take the skills test at a DMV office. [Read the DMV press release.](#)

## REGION III NEWS

### State of Michigan Asks Judge to Order Hewlett Packard to Turn Over Missing Computer Documents

The state of Michigan has again asked a West Michigan court to order Hewlett Packard Enterprise to turn over materials from its failed Secretary of State computer project that were supposed to be provided to the state more than six months ago. [Read the SOS press release.](#)

### Nebraska DMV Adjusts Sower for Second License Plate Design

The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles has released a second standard license plate design after the first attempt was criticized as inaccurate and sexually suggestive. The department announced Wednesday that it has finalized an adjustment to the design for the new plates, which will be issued starting in 2017. [Read the full story at SiouxCityJournal.com.](#)

## REGION IV NEWS

### ADOT Motor Vehicle Division Created Voluntary Travel ID on Tight Deadline (Arizona)

Less than a year ago, it was uncertain how long Arizona driver licenses and identification cards would continue getting residents through airport security. When a state law that took effect in July 2015 allowed the Arizona Department of Transportation to create a credential complying with the federal REAL ID Act, Motor Vehicle Division employees had to move quickly to make it happen. [Read the ADOT press release.](#)

### Colorado Dealer Accused of Selling RVs in California

A whistle blower has accused Transwest RV of illegally selling motorhomes in California, a charge the state's motor vehicle department is investigating. However, Transwest's CEO tells RV Daily Report the charge is nothing more than hype from a disgruntled employee terminated for scamming the dealership. [Read the full story at RVDailyReport.com.](#)

### Lawmaker Wants Third Party Vendors For DMV-Related Services (Colorado)

Getting a driver's license at a AAA office? Under a bill at the state Capitol the Division of Motor Vehicles will study how to outsource things like the renewal of driver's licenses and license plates. [Read the full story at Denver.CBSLocal.com.](#)

### No Fix For Colorado's Immigrant Driver's License Program

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

Go to traffic court, and you'll see a crowded room of undocumented immigrants nervously awaiting their hearings, and weary judges trying to find workarounds so that the accused can set an appointment with the Department of Motor Vehicles for a driver's licence. [Read the full article on www.coloradoindependent.com](#).

## OTHER NEWS

### **GM and Ford Lean On Lyft and Pivotal for Help in Developing Self-Driving Cars**

Two miles apart in Palo Alto, workers from Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Co. are hustling to establish a role for their companies in a future where consumers don't own cars and the vehicles steer themselves. [Read the full story at LATimes.com](#).

### **Older, Disabled Drivers Pose Challenge for Driverless Car Makers**

When you look at commercials and print advertisements aimed at baby boomers it becomes pretty clear that, although they are getting older, they don't want to be treated like old people. And yet as hip as they might be, a large number of the over-50 crowd doesn't seem so hip to the new wave of auto technology—the self-driving car. [Read the full story at BNA.com](#).

### **Study Links 20 Years of Speed Limit Increases to 33,000 Traffic Deaths**

A recent study says rising speed limits on U.S. highways over the past two decades have resulted in an entire year's worth of additional traffic fatalities that otherwise might not have occurred. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's study examined state-by-state speed limit increases since the National Maximum Speed Limit's repeal in 1995 and data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System. [Read the full article on www.cars.com](#).

### **IIHS Unveils New Safety Improvements for Tractor Trailers**

On Thursday, a national highway safety authority unveiled drastic safety improvements in the works for the tractor-trailer industry. Greene County's Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) hosted a forum with families who know the tragic reality of devastating tractor-trailer crashes. Transportation researchers say hundreds of people die every year in crashes with tractor-trailers. IIHS says its research has pushed more tractor-trailer manufacturers to equip their trucks with better rear guardrails. [Read the full article on www.nbc29.com](#).

### **Takata Air Bag Recall Expansion: Protecting American Lives**

As part of NHTSA's mission to help Americans drive, ride and walk safely, the agency is expanding the recall of Takata air bag inflators to include an additional estimated 35-40 million inflators. This is on top of 28.8 million Takata inflators already under recall, more than a quarter of which have been repaired. [Read the full blog post on the Fast Lane](#).

### **May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month**

Share the Road: During Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May - and during the rest of the year - drivers of all other vehicles and all road users are reminded to safely "share the road" with motorcyclists, and to be extra alert to help keep motorcyclists

safe. Click here for "Share the Road" campaign materials. [Visit the TrafficSafetyMarketing.gov Web site.](#)

## Cooper Tire Teams with National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS) on New Campaign to Promote Teen Driver and Tire Safety

The Cooper Tire & Rubber Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Cooper Tire, today announced a new partnership with the National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS) to promote driver and tire safety among teens and young adults, ages 15 to 25. Adopting this effort as a signature cause to which the majority of its philanthropic dollars and employee volunteerism efforts will be committed, Cooper joins NOYS in the launch of the new program dubbed "Tread Wisely." The company made the announcement in conjunction with May's Global Youth Traffic Safety Month, an initiative that brings together organizations around the world who seek to reduce risks for the youngest drivers on streets, roads and highways. [Read the full article on Businesswire.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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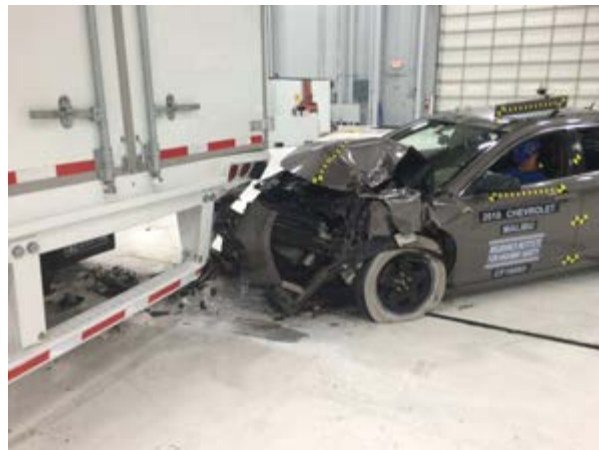
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#Breaking: Used Motor Vehicle Dealer and Former State Employee Arrested in Georgia for Odometer Tampering Scheme <http://go.usa.gov/cudgB>

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Breaking: Truck trailers from 4 of 8 largest manufacturers pass the most stringent IIHS underride test.



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<http://buff.ly/1SUfFK2>

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.@COPSOoffice released new officer ambush report w/key findings to assist law enforcement in advancing officer safety <http://cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2863>  
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**CT State Police @CT\_STATE\_POLICE | [View the Tweet](#)**

Troopers offer tips for #motorcyclesafetyawarenessmonth #ridesafe  
<http://bit.ly/1MTcipN>



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