Registration Now Open for Annual International Conference

AAMVA's Annual International Conference will be in Williamsburg, VA, August 16-18. The AIC showcases the latest trends in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community and provides a forum for chief administrators to grow and learn from fellow colleagues. It'll be an event you won't want to miss. Learn more on the Annual International Conference Web site and register online today.

Congratulations AAMVA Leadership Academy Graduates

AAMVA welcomed 20 up-and-coming leaders to the Leadership Academy, which took place this week at AAMVA headquarters in Arlington, VA. The Leadership Academy provides professional development opportunities for future leaders in the AAMVA community. This week-long program includes modules on defining leadership, teamwork and collaboration, organizational performance management, and more. It is an intense training opportunity focused on the unique characteristics of leading and managing a motor vehicle or law enforcement agency. (Visit AAMVA's Flickr page to catch a glimpse of the academy in action.) Congratulations to the graduates, and best of luck as you take the skills learned at the academy and put them to use.

Maryland Officials Unveil New Secure Driver's License and ID Card

To safeguard personal information and protect against identity theft and fraud, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Secretary Pete K. Rahn today joined Motor Vehicle Administrator Christine E. Nizer, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary George W. Owings and Maryland State Police Lt. Colonel Anthony Satchell to unveil Maryland’s new secure driver’s license and identification (ID) card. The new cards feature multiple layers of security to help prevent identity theft and fraud and are one of the most secure products in the nation. Read the MVA press release.

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 acts to create a federally compliant state driver's license. Read the full story at GloucesterTimes.com.

**Bill Signed to Allow Granite Staters to Get REAL ID-Compliant Licenses (New Hampshire)**

It's now the law: Granite Staters have the option to get identification that complies with the REAL ID standards. Gov. Maggie Hassan signed the House bill into law on Tuesday. Backers of the law say it'll give people the option to avoid additional stress while flying. Read the full story at Yahoo.com.

**Hundreds of New York State Vehicle Registrations to be Suspended for Toll Violations**

Governor Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday announced the beginning of the suspension process for 575 New York-registered vehicles as part of the state's crackdown on persistent toll violators. Read the full story at WBNG.com.

**DMV Submits Plan For Federal Real ID Act (New York)**

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has submitted a plan to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that keeps New York State compliant with REAL ID laws. Read the full story at LongIsland.com.

**Legislation Named in Memory of Slain Newtown Officer Would Allow Paramedics to Conduct Blood Draws in DUI Cases (Pennsylvania)**

In conjunction with National Police Week, Bucks County State Reps. Frank Farry and Gene DiGirolamo introduced legislation to authorize paramedics to conduct blood draws on behalf of municipal police departments in alleged driving under the influence (DUI) cases. Read the full story at BucksLocalNews.com.

**Department of Driver Services (DDS) Reminds Students to Request School Enrollment Form for Summer Driver Testing (Georgia)**

As summer approaches, the Department of Driver Services (DDS) reminds students needing to test for an instructional permit or driver's license over the long vacation to obtain a “DDS Certificate of Enrollment Form” from their school administration before the end of the school year. Students planning for an on-the-road test will also need a Georgia Alcohol Drug Awareness Program (ADAP) Certificate of Completion. View the press release for more details.

**Louisiana Moves Closer to Offering REAL ID Option for Citizens**

The Louisiana Senate Transportation Committee has unanimously approved a bill that would give drivers the option to choose be in compliance with the 2005 federal REAL ID Act. The bill is a part of Governor John Bel Edwards' legislative agenda for the 2016 Regular Session. Read the Governor's press release.
Jesse White Announces Organ/Tissue Donor Registry Hits 6 Million (Illinois)
Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the state’s organ/tissue donor registry reached 6 million registrants today. “I’m thrilled to see that Illinoisans continue to show their giving spirit by signing up for this lifesaving program,” said White. “Our mission is to sign up everyone who is eligible in order to give others a second chance at life and end the waiting for the approximately 5,000 people statewide.” Read the SOS press release.

National Guard and Reserve Members to Qualify for Veteran’s Designation on DL/ID Cards Approved by General Assembly (Illinois)
Legislation initiated by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White adding members of the National Guard and Reserve, who were never called to active duty, to qualify for the veteran’s designation on driver’s licenses and ID cards was approved today by the Illinois House of Representatives. The measure now moves to the governor for consideration. Read the SOS press release.

Real ID Fix Inches Closer at Minnesota Capitol, But Who’ll Pay?
Legislation to bring Minnesota in line with new federal driver’s license security standards is primed for a vote in the state Senate Thursday, although lawmakers remain squeamish about asking Minnesotans to shoulder the cost. Read the full story at MPRNews.org

Emergency Rule Helps People Obtain Photo Identification for Voting (Wisconsin)
The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) filed emergency rule language, effective May 13, 2016, to better assist persons in obtaining free photo identification documentation valid for the purposes of voting. Read the DOT press release.

Updated Arizona Diamondbacks Specialty License Plate Inspired by New Uniforms
The Arizona Diamondbacks’ updated look doesn’t end with redesigned uniforms rolled out for this season. The organization has worked with the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division to overhaul the look of the specialty license plate raising money for team charities. Read the DOT press release.

California DMV Automates Voter Registration with a Two-Step System
The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has taken the necessary first steps toward improving voter registration services offered online and at its 174 field offices across the state. Until now, if someone wanted to register to vote through the DMV, they had to fill out a separate voter registration card. Under a new automated system, the basic voter registration questions are integrated into the DMV’s forms to apply for a driver’s license or identification card — however, especially for Limited English Proficient (LEP) voters, other important questions must be answered in a second, optional step. Read the full story at AsianJournal.com.
Veterans Enlisting in New California DMV Designation
Scores of U.S. Military veterans across the state have wasted no time signing up for a new California DMV designation that grants them access to many perks, according to a recent news report. Read the full story at Patch.com.

Oregon's New 'Motor Voter' Law Adds Over 50,000 to Rolls
On the eve of a historic primary election in Oregon, Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins released new data from the state's pioneering automatic voter registration program Tuesday that show 51,558 new voters on the rolls since the program took effect on Jan. 1. Read the full story at KTVZ.com.

The Decades-Old Theory Behind Speed Limits Might Make it Harder to Change Them
High speeds are one of the biggest killers on our roadways. As city officials tackle an uptick in traffic fatalities here in Austin, speed limits come up a lot. Read the full story at AustinMonitor.com.

Study: No Scientific Basis for Laws on Marijuana and Driving
Six states that allow marijuana use legal tests to determine driving while impaired by the drug that have no scientific basis, according to a study by the nation's largest automobile club that calls for scrapping those laws. Read the full story at ABCNews.go.com.

NETS' Free Electronic Parent-teen Driving Guide Now on YouTube!
The Electronic Novice Driver's Road Map (eNDRM™), developed by the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS) in partnership with Liberty Mutual, has assisted thousands of novice drivers in learning to drive. To make the eNDRM easier to use, and with support from the Coca-Cola Company, NETS has created two short videos. The first introduces the eNDRM and the second provides easy-to-follow instructions on its use. Both videos are available on YouTube. It's suggested both be viewed before using the eNDRM.

On Twitter
@AAMVACo 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.).

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community. You may be surprised at what you're missing! Follow @AAMVACo.

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@wesavelives_ @AP is finally listening to #crashnotaccident activists. … Thank you @DroptheAword @NYC_SafeStreets

**CA DMV @CA_DMV | View the Tweet**
Will you be joining in the fun of #BikeToWorkWeek next week? Get yourself ready to ride with these @BikeLeague tips: http://bit.ly/14MYN1P

**WRAP.org @WRAP_org | View the Tweet**
New @VirginiaDMV report shows while highway deaths up in Virginia in 2015, DUI deaths down. http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/safe...

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