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AAMVA's Network Control Software Being Reengineered
AAMVA's Network Control Software (NCS) is a computer application that runs the central hub of the AAMVAnet network and manages real-time message transmission and reception over this network. Several AAMVA applications--such as the Commercial Driver License Information System, the Problem Driver Pointer System and the National Motor Vehicle Title information System--are supported under the NCS infrastructure. In order to improve performance and provide more flexibility, the NCS is being reengineered. AAMVA is currently proceeding to the final setup tasks before final production cut-over. The cut-over to the new system is planned for the weekend of July 4th. While there is no planned outage to accommodate this upgrade, the system may experience a few intermittent interruptions during the weekend. Associated hardware installations will be done on Sunday, June 19th during the regular maintenance window of 2am – 5am ET and should not affect regular production activities. The migration of states/subscribers from the process will be done in multiple phases. States/subscribers identified to be in the first batch on the July 4th weekend will experience a brief interruption. Other NCS subscribers should not be impacted. The remaining states will be migrated to the new NCS on a periodic basis during scheduled maintenance windows with no anticipated interruptions. AAMVA will work with all NCS subscribers to determine the schedule of their migration. If you are interested in being included in the first set of migrations or if you have any questions on the above, please contact the AAMVA Helpdesk at 1-888-AAMVA80 option 1 or Helpdesk@aamva.org.
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**MAY 24, 31** | **NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Elements**
Louisville, KY

2:00-3:00 pm ET

**MAY**

**JUNE**

**JUNE 12-15** | **Region II Conference**
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**OUR SURVEYS**

**REGION II NEWS**

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It's a violation to have an unreadable license plate, even if it's not your fault. Many New York State license plates are peeling and must be replaced. The state will do it for free. Read the full story at WGRZ.com.

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Visual Field Policies or Codes
(Ends 06/15/2016)

Inclement Weather and Base License Road Exams
(Ends 06/06/2016) Response received from Ohio.

Selling & distributing registration/title records
(Ends 06/07/2016) Response received from Vermont.

GDL Requirements
(Ends 05/25/2016) Responses received from AR, CA, CT, DE, FL, IA, ID, IL, IN, LA, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, ND, NE, NH, OK, OR, QC, RI, VA, VT, WA, WV.

Off-Road and All-Terrain Vehicles Reciprocity
(Ends 05/20/2016) Responses received from AL, AR, CA, CO, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, ME, MI, MO, NC, NE, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, UT, VA, VT, 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.

driving law. Bills in both the Ohio House and Senate are pending to address distracted driving, which is anything that takes a person’s attention away from the primary task of driving. Read the full story at DaytonDailyNews.com.

Ohio DPS and the Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs Announce Homeland Security Internship Initiative
The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), through Ohio Homeland Security (OHS), is partnering with the nationally-recognized John Glenn College of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University, for a new internship program aimed at harnessing college students' innovative ideas and analytical skills to contribute to a safer Ohio. Read the DPS press release.

Ohio Senate Discusses Address Confidentiality Bill
A new law could make it more difficult for stalkers to find their victims. The Ohio senate is discussing a bill that would allow domestic assault victims to keep their addresses confidential. Read the full story at WDTN.com.

MVD Looks for Ways to Get Arizonans Out of Line and Safely on the Road
In the not-so-distant past, someone retaking a road test at an Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division office had to stand in line – not to retake the test but to re-verify the application, a process that required spending several minutes at a window after taking a number and waiting to be called. Read the DOT press release.

Lyft Settles With California Drivers for $27M
Lyft has agreed to pay $27 million to settle a class action lawsuit brought by drivers in California who said the ride-hailing service had misclassified them as independent contractors rather than employees. Read the article on SAToday.com.

DMV Employee Pleads Guilty in Driver’s License Scheme (California)
Andrew Kimura, 31, of Sacramento pleaded guilty Friday in federal court to two counts of conspiracy to commit bribery, according to a U.S. attorney’s office news release. Kimura was a DMV employee working in Sacramento as a licensing-registration examiner, according to court documents. He processed applications for Class A and Class B commercial driver’s licenses and Class C noncommercial driver’s licenses. Read the full story at SacBee.com.

California DMV Takes Important First Steps Toward Improving Voter Registration Services
The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) took the necessary first steps toward improving voter registration services offered online and at its 174 field offices across the state, though it still will need to address some major issues. Read the full story at SanDiegoFreePress.org.

Private Company Can Issue Driver's Licenses After Gov.
Hickenlooper Signs Bill (Colorado)
Gov. John Hickenlooper has signed a bill into law that allows Colorado to use kiosks to speed things up at Division of Motor Vehicles offices. Read the full story at Denver.CBSLocal.com.

DMV Error Results in Overpayment to Local Governments, School Districts (Nevada)
The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles today announced that a three-year computer programming error resulted in an overpayment of approximately $19 million in Governmental Services Tax (GST) revenue to Nevada’s local governments and school districts. Read the DMV press release.

Oregon’s Automatic Voter Registration Blazes Trail on Voting Access
Last year, a new law that automatically registers voters when they come in contact with the DMV made Oregon a pioneer in expanding access to the polls. Since then, three other states, including California, have passed similar measures. Now, with the Oregon primary to be held Tuesday, the numbers confirm the state’s law has so far been a rousing success. Read the full story at MSNBC.com.

Saskatchewan Ad Campaign Latest Measure to Crack Down on Impaired Driving
A new multimedia advertising campaign will hit airwaves on Sunday, blanketing TV, radio, movie theatres, and online. The minute-long SGI advertisement features images of men, women and children disappearing into a void, leaving their loved ones on their own. Read the full story at GlobalNews.ca.

OTHER NEWS

Robot Truckers: Startup Wants to Put Self-Driving Big Rigs on US Highways
Picture an 18-wheel truck barreling down the highway with 80,000 pounds of cargo and no one but a robot at the wheel. Read the full story at Syracuse.com.

New Data: Motorcyclist Deaths Surge 10% in 2015, Fatalities Expected to Top 5,000
Preliminary data provided by state highway safety offices indicates that more than 5,000 people were killed on motorcycles 2015. This represents an estimated 10 percent increase compared with 2014 -- more than 450 additional deaths. This grim news, presented in the Governors Highway Safety Association’s (GHSA) annual forecast of motorcyclist fatalities, comes as warm weather prompts thousands of bikers to hit the road either for the first time, or after taking their motorcycles out of storage following winter. Read the GHSA press release.

DID YOU KNOW?

On Twitter
@AAMVACConnection 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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@NTSB post tells how Lawrence of Arabia shaped motorcycle safety
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Repeal of motorcycle helmet law in Michigan "almost certainly" contributed to rise in fatalities

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WSL asked NBC news to use #crashnotaccident when they did our story on #ReflectionsFromInside & they agreed. We just need to keep asking.

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Nice job Team MVD MT-awards for customer efficiency and convenience!
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