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Session Spotlight:**Building a Better Future for Your Jurisdiction and Your Motor Vehicle Administration**

Take part in this exciting session on **Thursday, August 18 at 1:30pm**. Attendees will hear from speaker John Martin, CEO and President of the Southeastern Institute of Research, and CEO, GenerationsMatter. With over a quarter-century of transportation experience, John has become one of the nation's leading experts on transit, transportation demand management, transportation, planning and evaluation, and customer service research. ([Learn more about John Martin.](#))

Experts Needed to Serve on AAMVA Committees

AAMVA is seeking jurisdiction members to fill several positions on our three standing committees. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices, and network with your peers. If you would like to serve on one of our committees, please complete the [Committee Member Application Form](#). **All applications must be received by June 1, 2016.** Positions are typically two-year terms. Visit the [Committees and Working Groups](#) page for more information and to see the full listing of open positions. If you have questions, please contact [Dianne Graham](#), director, Member & Conference Services, (703) 908-8267.

Several Jurisdictions Accepting Submissions for Open Solicitations

Several AAMVA member jurisdictions have posted solicitations that are still accepting vendor submissions:

- Alberta Request for Comments: Motor Vehicles Drivers License and ID Card Program
- Nebraska Request for Information: Vehicle Title and Registration System Modernization
- Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Request for Proposals: Services Transformation Program

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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 New Jersey, Texas, Virginia, Connecticut, and Delaware.

[Driver Abstract](#) (Ends

Learn more about these opportunities on the Open RFPs/RFIs page of AAMVA's Web site. <http://www.aamva.org/Open-RFPs/>

REGION I NEWS

Motor Voter Dispute Generates More Heat At Capitol (Connecticut)

Republican legislators Wednesday amplified their claims that Secretary of the State Denise Merrill bypassed the General Assembly by entering an agreement with the Department of Motor Vehicles for a "streamlined motor voter system" to automatically register citizens to vote when they go to the DMV to obtain or renew a driver's license. [Read the full story at Courant.com.](#)

DMV Not Yet Informing Police of Registrations Suspended Due to Insurance Issues (Connecticut)

The Department of Motor Vehicles is still withholding registration suspensions for insurance compliance issues from police, despite announcing in January it had fixed a glitch that caused vehicle owners with valid insurance to have their registrations suspended. [Read the full story at MyRecordJournal.com.](#)

Senate Adopts Two-Tiered Real ID Compliance Plan as Part of Budget (Massachusetts)

Mimicking the way the House handled the issue last month, the Massachusetts Senate on Thursday tacked onto its budget bill an amendment intended to bring Massachusetts into compliance with the federal Real ID Act. [Read the full story at MassLive.com.](#)

Ontario Considers Highway Signs Promoting Safe Texting Zones for Drivers

Ontario is considering the idea of putting signs on highways to alert drivers about upcoming areas where they can safely pull over to text or check their emails. [Read the full story at CTVNews.ca.](#)

Proposed Bill Would Mean Children Stay In Rear-Facing Seats Longer (Pennsylvania)

A new bill could increase the minimum age for how long a child must be rear-facing, and the bill is now heading to the Governor's desk for his approval. [Read the full story at Sunny106.fm.](#)

PennDOT to Expand Non-Commercial Driving Tests at Third-Party Sites (Pennsylvania)

As part of ongoing efforts to further enhance customer service, PennDOT has launched a new pilot program that authorizes a limited number of third-party businesses to administer non-commercial driving skills tests to Pennsylvania resident permit holders who have successfully met the criteria to obtain a license. [Read the PennDOT press release.](#)

REGION II NEWS

REAL ID Bill Clears House, Close to Final Passage

06/14/2016) Responses received from DC, TX, VT.

[Selling & distributing registration/title records](#) (Ends 06/07/2016) Responses received from AL, DC, KS, ME, MS, NE, NH, NY, PA, VT, WA.

[Visual Field Policies or Codes](#) (Ends 06/15/2016) Responses received from CA, IL, LA, ME, MN, NY, PA, TX, VT.

[School Bus Endorsement Holders](#) (Ends 06/15/2016) Responses received from DC, FL, ID, LA, ME, NE, TX, VA, VT.

[Inclement Weather and Base License Road Exams](#) (Ends 06/06/2016) Responses received from AR, DC, FL, IA, ID, IL, LA, ME, MN, MS, NE, NY, OH, RI, TX, VA, 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 or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the [AAMVA Web site](#).

(Louisiana)

Louisiana moved one step closer Wednesday to complying with a federal law that will allow residents to use their driver's licenses to travel conveniently by air after the House approved a REAL ID bill. [Read the full story at ShreveportTimes.com](#).

North Carolina Says Tesla Can't Sell Cars at Charlotte-Area Store

The North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has denied Tesla Motors' application to sell its electric cars at a new store near Charlotte. [Read the full story at CharlotteObserver.com](#).

Federal Judge Upholds Virginia Voter Photo ID Law

A federal judge on Thursday upheld Virginia's 2013 law requiring voters to show a valid photo ID at the polls. The Virginia Democratic Party sued state elections officials, saying the photo ID requirement unconstitutionally suppresses voting by blacks, Latinos and young people. [Read the full story at USNews.com](#).

Getting There: Motorcyclist Deaths Up Nationwide, But Not in Virginia

Like the sprouting of green foliage and drifting pollen everywhere this time of year come also motorcyclists to a road near you. [Read the full story at DarthNews.com](#).

Virginia Beach Man Pleads Guilty in Odometer Fraud Scheme (Virginia)

A Virginia Beach man pleaded guilty Thursday to falsifying documents that rolled back odometers on used-cars for a Chesapeake dealership. [Read the full story at WAVY.com](#).

REGION III NEWS

Michigan Moves to Lead Driverless Car Testing

Sweeping legislation was introduced Wednesday in the state Senate that aims to make Michigan the nation's leader in autonomous vehicle testing by allowing manufacturers to produce and sell self-driving cars here and clearing the way for their use on state roadways. [Read the full story at DetroitNews.com](#).

Real ID Mandate May Have to Wait Until Next Year (Minnesota)

It appears that Minnesota lawmakers will wait until next year to upgrade the state's drivers' licenses to meet terms of the federal Real ID law. [Read the full story at KFGO.com](#).

Free ID Program Can Mitigate Racial Disparities in Wisconsin's Voter ID Law, Says Political Scientist

Wisconsin's free ID program works to mitigate racial disparities that may result from the state's voter ID law, a witness for the state testified Wednesday in federal court. [Read the full story at Host.Madison.com](#).

REGION IV NEWS

California To Crack Down On Disabled Parking Placard Abuse

California is cracking down on the disabled parking placard program, and it's not just drivers. State lawmakers are announcing an audit into the DMV, and the entire disabled placard program. [Read the full story at SanFrancisco.CBSLocal.com.](#)

Motorcycle Deaths Jump Nationwide but Fall in California. Why?

Motorcycle fatalities on U.S. roads rose 10% in 2015, according to estimates from the Governors Highway Safety Assn. Those estimates show that more than 5,000 motorcycle riders died in 2015, up from 4,548 in 2014. That makes 2015 the third year in history when the body count was above 5,000. [Read the full story at LATimes.com.](#)

State Awards \$12.7M Contract for Centralized Customer Management System at DMV (California)

Qmatic Corp. this month was awarded a \$12.7 million contract to implement a new customer management and appointment system at the California DMV, according to state officials. [Read the full story at TechWire.net.](#)

Evidence Scant California's Licensed Illegal Immigrant Drivers Getting Insurance

Southern California mom-of-two Jennifer Brawley had just been rear-ended by a truck driver near Rancho Cucamonga, and was preparing for the post-accident ritual of exchanging insurance information when the driver handed her his cellphone. A voice on the other end explained that his non-English speaking friend had no coverage. [Read the full story at FoxNews.com.](#)

New Temporary Registration Pilot Program Begins May 23, 2016 (Colorado)

A new temporary registration permit will be issued by five auto dealers and three county motor vehicle offices as part of a pilot program beginning May 23. All auto dealers and county motor vehicle offices will be issuing new permits by the end of June. [Read the DMV press release.](#)

Taiwan, Nevada DMV Sign Driver's License Reciprocity Agreement

Representatives of Taiwan and the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles will sign a reciprocity agreement today that enables citizens of both countries to obtain a driver's license without taking a driving skills test if they already hold a license from their home country. [Read the DMV press release.](#)

SGI Launching New Impaired Driving Prevention Campaign (Saskatchewan)

SGI is launching a new, emotionally-charged multi-media advertising campaign to raise awareness about impaired driving. [Read the SGI press release.](#)

WHP Trooper Class 91 Commissioned (Wyoming)

It takes a special person to become a Wyoming State Trooper. They have to be willing to give much more than they will ever get back. They have to be committed to serve and protect all people in Wyoming with courtesy, professionalism and integrity. Our newest troopers are up to the challenge. [Read the WHP press release.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Largest-Ever U.S. Auto Recall Gets Bigger: 12 Million More Vehicles with Takata Air Bags Ordered Back

Eight automakers are recalling more than 12 million vehicles in the U.S. to replace potentially dangerous Takata air bag inflators. [Read the full story at LATimes.com.](#)

Why Most Drivers Don't Want Autonomous Cars

Companies like Google, Uber, Lyft and Tesla may be racing toward a future of automated vehicles, but public opinion hasn't warmed to the idea of driverless cars. [Read the full story at BizJournals.com.](#)

Tesla Ties Knot with Korea's Mando to Develop Fully Autonomous Cars

The South Korean OEM is said to be in talks with Tesla to develop core technology for self-driving cars Tesla Motors Inc. (NASDAQ:TSLA) is said to be in talks with South Korea's largest auto parts supplier, Mando Corp. (KRX:204320), to develop autonomous car technology. [Read the full story at BidNessEtc.com.](#)

New Technique Controls Autonomous Vehicles on a Dirt Track

A Georgia Institute of Technology research team has devised a novel way to help keep a driverless vehicle under control as it maneuvers at the edge of its handling limits. The approach could help make self-driving cars of the future safer under hazardous road conditions. [Read the full story at ScienceDaily.com.](#)

An Evaluation of Data from Drivers Arrested for Driving Under the Influence in Relation to Per se Limits for Cannabis

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has released a report that considers whether data from the Drug Recognition Expert program—which consists of physiological indicators of drug use, and performance in roadside cognitive and psychomotor tests—can support a quantitative threshold for a per se law for cannabis. [Read the AAA report.](#)

Uber is Testing its First Self-Driving Car

If you live in Pittsburgh, keep an eye out for a self-driving Uber. The company confirmed that it's testing a self-driving car on Pittsburgh's streets. The car is a hybrid Ford Fusion and looks "like it should be driven by a superhero," Uber said in a blog post Thursday. [Read the full story at WFMZ.com.](#)

Uber and GHSA Partner to Remind the Public to Buckle Up in Back

Traffic fatalities are on the rise across the country, and could be up as much as 10 percent in 2015. Tragically, nearly 50 percent of those killed are not buckled. [Read the press release.](#)

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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Though FAST Act failed on perf. measures, annual House transpo spending bill includes new "accessibility" measure <http://t4america.org/2016/05/26/h> ...

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#HappyMemorialWeekend Please drive focused, unimpaired & cell phone free because others won't be. @millennialblogs

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Kudos to @Canada RCMP for busting texting drivers w/huge camera.
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Iowa DOT @iowadot | [View the Tweet](#)

As a rider, are you legal? Before you take to the road on your bike, make sure you have a motorcycle endorsement.

Shawn Wilson, Ph.D. @onevisionary | [View the Tweet](#)



DOT Execs discussing autonomous/connected vehicles and it's benefits to safety & freight movements.

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

38 million Americans will travel this #MemorialDay weekend. 89% by automobile.
#Buckleup, ditch distractions; don't drink & drive. #CIOT

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We won a 3rd @AAMVAConnection Award for our self-serve terminal tutorial! Find a nearby SST <http://bmv.ohio.gov/vr-sst.aspx>

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"We (WSP) are humbled by these prestigious awards" -Assistant Chief J. Berry on winning 2 @AAMVAConnection awards!



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