Presentations from CDL Coordinators/IT Managers Workshop Now Online

The presentations from the 2016 AAMVA/FMCSA CDL Coordinators/IT Managers Workshop are now available on AAMVA's Web site. This year's workshop took place in Chicago, Illinois, April 26-28. Visit the presentations page to view and download the presentations.

Arkansas to Join State-to-State Verification Service (S2S).

Arkansas will begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on Monday, June 6th. Tasks related to on-boarding Arkansas will be conducted during the weekend of June 4th. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there may be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site is in inquiry-only mode or is unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2:00 AM to 5:00 AM on Sunday, June 5th).

Following Arkansas, several states will be joining the S2S program throughout 2016. Please visit the S2S Web page for a full timeline and more information.

DMV To End Separate Appointment System For Undocumented Immigrants (District of Columbia)

D.C.’s undocumented immigrants have been able to get drivers licenses since 2014, but advocates have called the process unfair and burdensome due to a special appointment system that has months-long wait times. Starting August 2, though, the DMV will largely end the practice. Read the full story at DCist.com.

Senate Adopts Two-Tiered Real ID Compliance Plan (Massachusetts)

Mimicking the way the House handled the issue in April, the Massachusetts Senate last week 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.

New York On The Road to Driverless Cars
An Audi A7 equipped with self-driving technology and nicknamed “Jack” made a pit stop this week at the state Capitol in Albany, N.Y., where legislation permitting the use of automated cars statewide gained traction and passed the Senate on Wednesday. Read the full story at aminewswire.com.

**Senate approves “Cure Childhood Cancer” License Plates (New York)**

Drivers will be able to help fund research into cures for childhood cancer by purchasing special license plates if a bill passed by the New York State Senate becomes law. Read the full story at BrooklynEagle.com.

**Law Proposal: Force Drivers to Take Breathalyzer Test if Involved in Serious Crash (New York)**

A new bill could make drunk drivers more accountable for their actions. The State Senate approved a bill Thursday to force drivers in a serious or fatal crash to take a blood-alcohol test when police think they may be drunk. Read the full story at News10.com.


Citing the future anticipated benefits to travel safety, the environment and mobility, PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards today joined elected, industry and other transportation officials to mark the state’s continued and progressive steps as a national leader in the safe, innovative development of autonomous and connected vehicle technologies. Read the PennDOT press release.

Gov. Shumlin Signs Drivers Suspension Bill Into Law (Vermont)

A new bill signed into law Tuesday by Gov. Peter Shumlin (D - Vermont) aims to bring relief to some of the 50,000 Vermonters who have suspended drivers licenses. Read the full story at MyChamplainValley.com.

REAL ID Driver’s License Bill Sent to the Governor’s Desk (Louisiana)

Louisiana’s drivers should get to choose whether they want a driver’s license that complies with the federal REAL ID security law, state lawmakers have decided. Read the full article on www.knoe.com.

North Carolina DMV Redesigns Handicapped Placards

The placards that disabled drivers hang from their rear-view mirrors to gain access to designated parking spots are getting a new look in North Carolina. Read the full story at NewsObserver.com.

TSA To Grant Another Real ID Extension To Oklahoma

Despite Oklahoma drivers’ licenses not being Real ID compliant, the Transportation Security Administration will continue to accept them as sufficient identifications to board domestic flights – at least for another couple of years. Read the full story at KGOU.org.
Selling & distributing registration/title records (Ends 06/07/2016) Responses received from AL, DC, IN, KS, ME, MI, MS, NE, NH, NY, PA, VA, VT, WA, WI, WY.

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School Bus Endorsement Holders (Ends 06/15/2016) Responses received from AL, AR, DC, FL, ID, IL, IN, KS, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, NE, NH, SC, TX, VA, VT, WA.

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Inclement Weather and Base License Road Exams (Ends 06/06/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, AR, CT, DC, FL, IA, ID, IL, KS, LA, MB, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, NH, NY, OH, RI, SC, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI.

Safe driving pushed as deadly crashes rise in Mich.

Fatal traffic crashes rose in the region in 2015 for the fifth consecutive year, according to a regional planning agency’s study. Read the full article in The Detroit News.

Lane Splitting in California | Bill AB 51 Amended

Here in California, we’re allowed to lane split because we’re not specifically told we can’t. If you’ve been following along with the legal happenings, you may be aware of AB 51, which would codify the act of lane splitting and finally provide some legal guidelines. As it stands, lane splitting in California falls into a legal grey area – it isn’t actually defined by the law in any direction. UltimateMotorcycling.com.

California Bill Would Make It Easier to Keep Driver’s License

The California Senate has passed a bill that would end the practice of automatically suspending the driver’s licenses of residents that do not appear in court for minor traffic offenses, or fail to pay the fines for those offenses. Read the full story at MyMotherLode.com.

#PracticeUp Saskatchewan - SGI and Police Focus on New Drivers in June

New drivers are the province-wide focus of June’s traffic safety spotlight. Police will be watching for new drivers not following restrictions outlined in the Graduated Driver’s Licensing (GDL) and Motorcycle Graduated Driver’s Licensing (MGDL) programs. Read the SGI press release.

Volvo’s First Self-Driving Car has a Big Edge Over the Competition — and it’s Coming Sooner Than You Think

Volvo plans to roll out its first self-driving car in just four years, and the company claims it’s going to be way more advanced than what other automakers will have to offer. Read the full story at TechInsider.io.

Rental Companies Now Have To Repair Recalled Cars

A federal law took effect Wednesday that requires rental car companies to fix any recalled car before it’s rented out. Until now, remarkably, it was perfectly legal to rent out a recalled car that had not yet been repaired. Read the full story at KCCI.com.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk Expects Apple to Make Car by 2020; Musk Says the Market for Electrical Vehicles is Big Enough for Multiple Competitors

Mr. Musk is also the founder and chief executive of rocket maker Space Exploration Technologies Corp. He reiterated plans to send a rocket to Mars as soon as 2018 and a manned rocket to the red planet by as soon as 2024, with arrival by 2025. Read the full story at WSJ.com.
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