Presentations from AAMVA Region IV Conference Are Now Online

AAMVA’s Annual Region IV Conference was held this year in Portland, OR, May 16-19. AAMVA is pleased to announce that the presentations from the event have been released and are now available online. Visit the Region IV Conference Download Center to download and view the presentations.

New Issue of MOVE Magazine Now Available

The Spring 2016 issue of AAMVA's MOVE Magazine is now available! This issue features articles on:

Data Defense: How DMVs are striving for stronger protection of digital data

Stately Success: A flexible, state-driven development process proves successful for the state-to-state program

Check your mailbox for the hard copy of the new issue of MOVE Magazine, and visit movemag.org for the digital version featuring content you can only see online!

DMV, Municipal Officials Ask Residents to Check Motor Vehicle Tax Bills (Connecticut)

The Department of Motor Vehicles, the Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers and the Connecticut Tax Collectors Association today asked residents receiving motor vehicle tax bills to review them carefully to ensure the correct information is listed on the bills from their municipalities. Read the DMV press release.

Maryland Gas Tax Set to Increase Next Month

Motorists in Maryland will have to dig a little deeper in July when the state’s gas tax goes up. The excise tax on gasoline will increase by nine-tenths of a cent, mostly attributed to a sales and use tax created three years ago and, to a smaller degree, inflation. The new rate represents a 10-cent increase on gasoline since the 2013
law went into effect. For those people who have a “glass-half-full” viewpoint, it could have been worse. Read the full story at TheDailyRecord.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 Hampshire Real ID Cards to Become Available in January
The New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles announced that Real ID compliant licenses will be available starting Jan. 2 and that residents wishing to obtain one should wait until their normal card renewal period to visit their local DMV office. Read the full story at Cabinet.com.

New York State Board of Elections and Department of Motor Vehicles Sued for Discrimination
Eva Eason, 49, is blind, which means that when she goes online, she uses software which can read text on certain web sites aloud or translate it into Braille so she can read it herself. A year and a half ago, she needed to update her voter registration with a new address. But when she went to the Board of Elections web site, her software hit a snag when she tried to select a political party. Read the full story at WNYC.org.

Soon You May Be Able to Carry a Digital Driver's License in Louisiana
Make room on your smartphone because you may be downloading a new app soon: A digital version of your driver’s license. Read the full story at TheAdvertiser.com.

Calley Calls on All to Fight Against Human Trafficking (Michigan)
Lt. Gov. Brian Calley said Thursday that everyone in Michigan needs to have a hand in fighting against human trafficking. “Every person in every community must be a part of it,” he said. “If you’ve got a pulse, you’re part of this movement.” Calley made the remarks during his address to the Detroit International Human Trafficking Summit at Cobo Center in downtown Detroit. Read the full story at DetroitNews.com.

State Reports Increase in Crashes Caused by Failing to Yield (Ohio)
The Ohio State Highway Patrol is reporting an increase in the number of crashes caused by motorists who fail to yield to other vehicles. Read the full story at WashingtonTimes.com.
California Senate Bill Will Require All DUI Offenders to Have Interlock Device Installed
A new bill passed in the California Senate on Tuesday requiring all drunk driving offenders to have ignition interlock devices installed in their vehicles. The bill will now be sent to the Assembly for consideration. Read the full story at KESQ.com.

Placentia DMV Employee Arrested on Suspicions of Stealing Car Registration Fees (California)
A Placentia DMV employee was arrested Thursday on suspicion of stealing more than $2,200 through fraudulent transactions while taking customers’ vehicle registration fees, the Orange County District Attorney’s office said. Read the full story at OCRegister.com.

Oregon DMV Offices to Accept Debit, Credit Card Payments for the First Time
For the first time, Oregon DMV offices will accept payments by debit and credit cards. Previously, Oregon’s 60 DMV field offices only accepted cash, checks and money orders. Some of the busiest offices have ATMs. Read the full story at KPTV.com.

Oregon DMV Seeks Vendor to Assist with Organizational Change Leadership Activities
The Oregon DMV has a need for a vendor to identify, plan, and deliver organizational change leadership (OCL) activities necessary to support DMV’s Service Transformation Program (STP). Vendors must be registered in ORPIN in order to submit a proposal. More information on ORPIN, including how to register as a supplier and sign up for email notices, is available at http://orpin.oregon.gov/open.dll/welcome.

Report: Police Need Mental Health Programs Following On-The-Job Trauma
A US Justice Department and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) report prompted by 12/14 and other high casualty events urges police chiefs around the country to put mental health programs in place to help officers cope with on-the-job trauma, including the aftermath of mass shootings. Read the full story at NewtonBee.com.

Autonomous Car Sales Will Hit 21 Million by 2035, IHS Says
United States will be an early leader in deploying autonomous vehicle technology, an effort that will eventually help put nearly 21 million self-driving cars on the world’s roads by 2035, IHS Automotive predicts in a report released Tuesday. Read the full story at Fortune.com.

Distracted Driving: Hands-Free Bluetooth Devices Could Be Just As Bad As Talking On Your Cell Phone
Drivers have been able to legally (depending on what state you live in) talk on their phones while driving since the advent of hands-free Bluetooth headsets and car systems that allow drivers keep their hands on the wheel and off their phone. So
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.

why are distracted drivers still causing more and more pedestrians deaths each year? Read the full story at MedicalDaily.com.

Microsoft Not Building Driverless Car But Wants to Help With Tech
Microsoft Corp. isn't building its own self-driving car, but is bullish on helping others with related technology, a senior executive said. Read the full story at WSJ.Com.

Honda Still Focused on Its Autonomous Vehicle Technology
Honda, is quietly hard at work on perfecting its autonomous vehicle technology, and earlier this month the automotive giant invited members of the press to witness as they put an Acura RLX through its paces at an abandoned weapons facility in California. Read the full story at TechMalak.com.

GM: Keep Steering Wheel, Pedals in Self-Driving Cars
General Motors Co. Chairman and CEO Mary Barra said Tuesday that the company believes the steering wheel and brake and accelerator should remain in autonomous vehicles as the technology and safety is proven. Read the full story at DetroitNews.com.

Feds to Release New Autonomous Car Guidelines in July
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will release in July guidelines for autonomous vehicles designed to be more flexible than existing rules. Read the full article in The Detroit News.

DID YOU KNOW?

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@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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