Next Week! 2016 Annual International Conference

AAMVA's Annual International Conference is next week--August 16-18--in Williamsburg, Virginia. We hope you’re as excited as we are for this premier event where jurisdictions, industry, and federal partners come together to share experiences and learn. Set to take place in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, this is an event you will not want to miss. Don't worry: there's still time to register if you haven't already! Visit the AIC Web site for complete details, including hotel information, event programming, and more. Don't miss this opportunity to see old faces, meet new friends, and learn from our community's most innovative leaders. Whether you're attending the conference in person, or grabbing bits and pieces fed to you by attendees who are there, don't miss a beat: use #AICVA to follow the activity on Twitter! Register online today!

AAMVA Network Control Software Re-engineering

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. The NCS infrastructure supports several AAMVA applications like the Commercial Driver License Information System, the Problem Driver Pointer System, and the National Motor Vehicle Title information System. In order to improve performance and provide more flexibility, the NCS is being re-engineered. AAMVA is now performing the final setup tasks before production cut-over to the new system which is planned for the weekend of August 27th. All NCS subscribers are impacted during this migration. There is a planned outage to accommodate this upgrade, making the system unavailable from 10:00 pm on August 27, 2016 to 6:00 am on August 28, 2016. Please note that this is more than the regular maintenance window.

If you have any questions on the above, please contact the AAMVA Helpdesk at 1-888-AAMVA80 option 1 or Helpdesk@aamva.org.

'Motor Voter’ Off to Fast Start at Connecticut DMV

Connecticut registered nearly 700 new voters Monday and Tuesday, the first two days of a “motor voter” system established at the Department of Motor Vehicles under last week’s settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice. And the DMV wasn’t even
Maryland Gives Immigrants More Time Before Cancelling Commercial Driver’s Licenses
The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration has extended the deadline for more than 260 commercial driver license holders — most of them immigrants — to prove U.S. citizenship or permanent residency before their driving privileges are canceled. Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com.

Maryland State Police Electronic Maryland Safety Inspection System a Success
In June 2014, the Maryland State Police (MSP) Automotive Safety Enforcement Division launched the statewide Maryland Safety Inspection System (MSIS). This multi-agency system has successfully streamlined the vehicle inspection process by enabling the 1,600 vehicle inspection stations statewide to electronically record and report results to the MSP. Read the full story at BusinessWire.com.

New York State Warns Motorists About Dangers of Taking Selfies While Driving
The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) are warning motorists about the dangers of taking selfies while driving in the wake of increasing social media activity and a report by the Auto Insurance Center that puts New York State in the top ten states with drivers who post the highest number of driving selfies, with 1.29 posts per 100,000 residents. The warning comes just weeks after DMV and GTSC urged New Yorkers to put their phones down instead of playing the popular Pokémon GO game while behind the wheel or walking near or across roadways. Read the DMV press release.

Driving Curfew for Those 16 and 17 Should Start Much Earlier, CDC Report Says
Most states have a graduated driver’s license for young drivers, but a new report from the CDC says most curfews are set later than they should be, for safety’s sake. Read the full story at DeseretNews.com.

Pay Up or Park: Texas Links Child Support to Car Registration
The state’s rare approach is meant to increase child support payments. But some say it will do the opposite. Starting in December, Texas will try something new to get parents to pay child support: withhold their vehicle registration. Read the full story on Governing.com.

Private Investigator Security Guard Services Encourages Use of a Text-A-Tip Hotline (Ohio)
Private Investigator Security Guard Services (PISGS), a component of the Ohio Department of Public Safety that licenses and regulates private investigation and security guard companies working in Ohio, has launched a tip-line to reduce unlicensed and/or unregistered activity. Read the DPS news release.
Check out AAMVA's Open RFPs page for potential opportunities.

Please respond to these surveys from North Carolina, Manitoba, California, Indiana, Oregon, South Carolina, Illinois, Ontario and Wisconsin.

Oregon 'Motor Voter' Registering Average 735 Voters a Day
The August data report for the Oregon Motor Voter program shows over 220,000 new voter records added to the rolls since the program took effect on January 1. Read the full story at KTVZ.com.

New, Longer Washington Driver's-License Exam Tackles Pot, Cellphone Risks
It's about to get tougher to earn a driver's license in Washington state. Officials at the state licensing department this month are rolling out a longer written test — 40 questions instead of 25. Read the full story at SeattleTimes.com.

Another Tesla Autopilot Crash, This Time in China
Nobody was killed or even injured. But a minor accident involving a Tesla Model S running on Autopilot in China is again raising questions about exactly how the feature works. Read the full story at LATimes.com.

Millions of VW's Cars Can Be Hacked With a Cheap Device, Experts Show
Tens of millions of vehicles sold by Volkswagen over the past 20 years are vulnerable to theft because keyless entry systems can be hacked using cheap technical devices, according to European researchers. Read the full story at NBCNews.com.

Teen Driving Study Reveals “App and Drive” is New Danger Among Teens, New Worry for Parents
Teens have been inundated with messages about the dangers of texting while driving over the past several years—and while this message is still vitally important, texting is not the only danger popping up on their smartphone. According to new research conducted by Liberty Mutual Insurance and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), while 27 percent of teens today still report texting and driving, a bigger concern is that two out of three teens (68 percent) admit to using apps while driving. In fact, when asked to rank the driving behaviors they perceived to be most dangerous, looking at or posting to social media apps ranked much lower as compared to texting and driving or driving under the influence of alcohol, for example. Read the full story at PRNewswire.com.

New Report Spotlights Dangers of Drowsy Driving
In today's fast-paced society, Americans are sacrificing sleep, which too often leads to tragic consequences on our roadways. A new report from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), Wake Up Call! Understanding Drowsy Driving and What States Can Do, points out that nearly 83.6 million sleep-deprived Americans are driving every day. And it's taking a toll - an estimated 5,000 lives were lost in drowsy driving-related crashes last year. The report was funded through a grant from State Farm® with guidance from an expert panel. Read the GHSA press release.

Driving While Distracted: Parents do it, too
Laura Maurer said she is not the type to text while driving. Case in point: Two years ago, when she needed to send a text to a client who frequented her hair salon, she pulled over on a country road near her home in Brooklyn, Iowa, to send it. Read the
Titling/Registering Park Model Manufactured Homes  
(Ends 08/29/2016) Responses received from IA, IL, KY, OK, RI, UT, VA, VT, WY.

DUI & Boats/Snowmobiles  
(Ends 08/15/2016) Responses received from AB, AR, AZ, FL, IL, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, NE, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, VA, WA, WI.

Beginner Driver Education  
(Ends 08/19/2016) Responses received from AR, AZ, CT, DC, FL, IL, IN, MB, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV.

Tracking Where a Vehicle is Kept  
(Ends 08/19/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, AZ, CA, DC, IA, ID, IL, KY, MB, ME, MN, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, UT, VA, VT, WV, WY.

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.

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full article on CNN.com.

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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.).

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

Check out recent @AAMVAConnection Twitter action.

***Thank you for the @AAMVAConnection mentions!***

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Use #AICVA so we don’t miss each other on the Twitter feed.

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Yawning while driving? Give it a rest. #DontDriveDrowsy #BeSafeDriveSmart

NHTSA @NHTSAgov | View the Tweet

Come out to the #SafeCarsSaveLives event in San Antonio this afternoon! We’ll be checking tires, recalls and...

VermontDMV @VTDMV | View the Tweet

Toyota recalls older models with recurring suspension issues

Debbie Hersman @DebbieHersman | View the Tweet
Thanks @PokemonGoApp for update. New lock screen reminds players to just drive! #distracteddriving @NSCsafety

NHP Southern Command @NHPSouthernComm | View the Tweet
NHP is partnering with @SunriseLasVegas hospital for Trauma Talks to Teens, educating young drivers on safe driving

NBC29 @NBC29 | View the Tweet
Revenues from Virginia DMV ‘Protect Pollinators’ license plate will support VDOT Pollinator Habitat

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"Back in the Day" cars were safer? Nope. Today's system of crumple zones, air bags, and seatbelts is saving lives.

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The #BlueLights tour is in #Pikeville w/@kystatepolice promoting #TACT Ticketing Aggressive Cars & Trucks

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