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License Plate Standard Released



AAMVA's newly-released [License Plate Standard](#) provides administrative, design and manufacturing specifications to improve the integrity of registration data, assist in streamlining the license plate retrieval processes within motor vehicle agencies and support law enforcement in providing public and highway safety.

- Download the [License Plate Standard](#) and [DVD insert](#).
- Watch a [video executive summary](#).

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Updated NMVTIS Best Practices Now Available



The NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group has just released the [third edition of the NMVTIS Best Practices for Title and Registration Program Managers](#), to answer questions about the different business procedures and practices jurisdictions use to report and interpret vehicle title, history, and brand information.

- Download the [best practices document](#) and [DVD insert](#).
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REGION I NEWS

New License Plate Revealed in Maryland

OUR EVENTS

OCTOBER

25-26 | [Region III Information Exchange](#)

Oakbrook, IL



[Register online!](#)

OUR WEBINARS

SEPTEMBER

7 | [Overview of SPEXS Master Specification Format & Duplicate Pointer Processing](#)

13 | [NMVTIS SWI - Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

20 | [NMVTIS SWI - Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

27 | [NMVTIS SWI - How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

28 | [Understanding and Using: New CD90.7.4 Out-of-State \(OOS\) Convictions and Withdrawals Posting Report](#)

OPEN RFPs

Check out AAMVA's [Open RFPs page](#) for potential opportunities.

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Delaware, Montana, British Columbia, Ontario, Wyoming, Illinois, and AAMVA.

Maryland drivers will soon get the option of showing off their state pride on their vehicles with a new license plate. Gov. Larry Hogan made the announcement Tuesday. The new license plate will feature the Maryland flag front and center. [Read the full story at WUSA9.com.](#)

Appeals Court Rules NYC Can Use GPS to Track Taxi Drivers

A federal appeals court ruled Friday that New York City can track taxi drivers by using their cabs' GPS systems. The Second Circuit Court of Appeals ruling came in the case of cabbie Hassan El-Nahal, who filed a lawsuit in 2013 charging that the tracking system violated his Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable search and seizure. [Read the full story at NYDailyRecord.com.](#)

DMV Settles Discrimination Lawsuit (Vermont)

The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles has agreed to pay \$40,000 to a Jordanian man and undocumented immigrant who was detained by federal immigration authorities after applying for a state driver's privilege card. [Read the full story at BurlingtonFreePress.com.](#)

REGION II NEWS

Alabama Issues Executive Order Regarding Louisiana Flood Relief

In order to assist and expedite flood relief efforts for the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Alabama's Department of Revenue has issued an Executive Order temporarily suspending requirements associated with the IRP and IFTA for any motor vehicle engaged in interstate disaster relief efforts in Louisiana or traveling through the State of Alabama as part of the disaster relief. [Details are available in the Executive Order signed August 31, 2016.](#)

Muslims Can Wear Headscarves for Alabama IDs. A Christian Woman Sues So She Can Too

When Yvonne Allen went to renew her driver's license, she wasn't expecting to discuss the Bible. But she soon found herself trying to defend her Christian beliefs. [Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com.](#)

DDS Commissioner Welcomes New Board Member Bob Pierce (Georgia)

Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commissioner Bert Brantley today welcomed longtime Cobb County law enforcement professional Bob Pierce to the DDS Board of Directors. Pierce was recently appointed by Governor Nathan Deal and will assume his new role at the Agency's September Board Meeting. The DDS Board is the general policy-making body for DDS, approving all rules and regulations endorsed by the Commissioner. [View the DDS press release.](#)

Kansas Highway Patrol Releases Appreciation Video

The Kansas Highway Patrol has a new video we would like to share with you all, as a thank you to the wonderful citizens and travelers we serve every day. Agency members have been humbled by kind acts from the public the past few months, and we are so appreciative. [Watch the video.](#)

Louisiana Update - Flooded Vehicles Could Flood Market, NICB Says New Estimates of 100,000 Insured Vehicles Soaked

The August downpours that dumped more than 30 inches of rain in two days on parts

[DL and ID Cards](#) (Ends 09/13/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, IA, LA, ME, MN.

[Drug & Alcohol Testing for Law Enforcement Officer](#) (Ends 09/15/2016) Responses received from AR, IL, MD, MN, NE, NH, WA.

[Motorcycle Licensing & Testing Best Practices](#) (Ends 09/23/2016) Responses received from AL, BC, FL, IL, VA.

[Drug Impaired Driving & Monitoring Technology](#) (Ends 09/05/2016) Responses received from AK, AL, DC, IA, LA, ME, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NT, NY, RI, UT, VT, WA.

[Antique Car Licensing Program](#) (Ends 09/16/2016) Responses received from AL, FL, MD, OH, VA, VT.

[Road Tests Using Vehicles Subject to Recall](#) (Ends 09/19/2016) Responses received from FL, IL, VA, VT.

[Jurisdictional Motor Carrier Services & Activities](#) (Ends 09/05/2016) Responses received from AL, DE, FL, IA, KY, MD, ME, MT, NE, NJ, ON, RI, UT, WA.

[State to State Implementation](#) (Ends 09/30/2016) Responses received from DE, NH, VA.

[eLearning and Driver Training/Education](#) (Ends 09/06/2016) Responses received from AK, AL, BC, DC, DE, FL, IL, LA, MD, ME, MN, MS, ND, NH, NY, OH, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA.

These jurisdictions appreciate your assistance with their

of Louisiana have left as many as 100,000 cars and trucks damaged – and that's only counting insured vehicles. [Read the NICB press release.](#)

Auto Title Companies Sue Texas DMV Over New Fee Limit

Eight auto title service companies are suing Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, saying the department's service fee limits could put them out of business. [Read the full story at TheMonitor.com.](#)

REGION III NEWS

Michigan May Soon Allow Self-Driving Cars on the Road with No One Behind the Wheel

Michigan may soon become the first state to allow self-driving cars on the road without a human driver sitting behind the steering wheel. [Read the full story at Money.CNN.com.](#)

Nebraska Authorities Accuse Californian of Online Scam

Nebraska authorities have accused a California man of scamming several would-be buyers out of thousands of dollars and failing to deliver a powerful, hard-to-find car engine. [Read the full story at SanLuisObispo.com.](#)

Ohio Department of Public Safety Unveils New Forensic Video Analysis Unit

The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) announced today it is expanding its services to include forensic video analysis free of charge to law enforcement agencies across the state. [Read the DPS press release.](#)

Ohio Law Takes Effect Scrapping Cap on Alcohol Content for Beer

Craft brewers in Ohio now have the freedom to make boozier beers. A new state law takes effect Wednesday, scrapping caps on alcohol content for beer. [Read the full story at 10TV.com.](#)

REGION IV NEWS

Legislature OKs Background Checks for Uber, Lyft Drivers (California)

Drivers for Uber, Lyft and other ride-sharing companies would be required to have state and national background checks under a bill passed by the Legislature on Wednesday.

[Read the full story at SFGate.com.](#)

California Regulators Warm Up To the Idea of Driverless Cars Sans Steering Wheel

Proposed rules that would allow for testing of truly driverless cars on roads in California are gaining steam in the state's legislature. [Read the full story at TechCrunch.com.](#)

ICBC, Police and Government Join Forces for Month-Long Distracted Driving Campaign (British Columbia)

The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC), provincial police and the B.C. government are teaming up to launch a month-long campaign to tackle distracted

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, which is responsible for approximately one-quarter of all fatal crashes in the province.

[Read the full story at CanadianUnderwriter.ca.](#)

OReGO Awarded FAST Act Grant of \$2.1 Million (Oregon)

The Federal Highway Administration today awarded the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) \$2.1 million to further develop OReGO, the nation's premier Road Usage Charge Program. [Read the full story at InformedInfrastructure.com.](#)

One-fifth of Saskatchewan Residents Approve Drinking and Driving Over Short Distances

A new poll from Mainstreet has found one in five Saskatchewan residents think it is OK to drink and drive, as long as it's a short distance. [Read the full story at GlobalNews.CA.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Tesla is Planning to Offer Custom Insurance Plans

Tesla will soon launch a program that offers customized car insurance plans tailored to its vehicles, according to Electrek. [Read the full story at BusinessInsider.com.](#)

Uber, Lyft Unveil Senior Programs

Uber and Lyft spent the last four years cornering the millennial market. Now they're going after a new demographic: senior citizens. [Read the full story at Edition2.LATimes.com.](#)

Hackers Target States' Elections Systems (Maryland, Illinois, Arizona)

The FBI is warning state elections officials in Maryland and around the country to be on their guard against hackers after the breach of a voter information database in Illinois and an attempted attack in Arizona. [Read the full story at Techwire.net.](#)

2015 Was Deadliest Year On Road Since 2008

The number of people killed on the road in the U.S. soared 7.2% to 35,092 in 2015, marking the deadliest year on the road since 2008. An uptick in driving tied to a better economy and lower gas prices helped contribute to the increase in fatalities, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. [Read the full story at USAToday.com.](#)

CORRECTION

In *Regional News - August 26, 2016*, we incorrectly identified **New Jersey** as the jurisdiction about which the following article pertained to (rather than identifying the jurisdiction correctly as **Texas**). We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience.

Parents Behind on Child Support Won't Be Able to Renew Car Registration (Texas) corrected

If you're behind six months on your child support payments, you will not be able to renew your vehicle registration starting September 1st. [Read the full story at KRISTV.com](#)

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.).

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!

American Trucking @TRUCKINGdotORG | [View the Tweet](#)

Think about the important work of truck drivers this #LaborDayWeekend:
<http://trck.ng/LaborDayNTDAW>

TxDOT Austin @TxDOTAustin | [View the Tweet](#)

Help protect TxDOT workers: If it's safe to do so, move over. If not, slow down 20 mph under speed limit. It's the law. #MoveOverSlowDown

CT State Police @CT_STATE_POLICE | [View the Tweet](#)



Boy scouts helping keep motorists alert @ I-84 eb CT Welcome Ctr rest area. Stop in for some coffee AND donuts!

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



#LaborDay news conference to kick off #CheckpointStrikeforce campaign w/ @VaPSHS, @VSPPIO, @WRAP_org & @AAAnews.

Lots of Twitter chatter about the **GHSA Conference**. Below are just a few tweets. Check out all the [#GHSA2016 twitter action here](#).

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

Drowsy Driving is a serious issue for all drivers, especially teens. Check out our risk page on DIH: <http://ow.ly/qoRO303GQy5> #GHSA2016

My Car Does What @MyCarDoesWhat | [View the Tweet](#)



@NHTSA's Mark Rosekind says new car #safety tech changes driver education at #GHSA2016

Jeff Larason @LarasonJeff | [View the Tweet](#)

@AAMVAConnection Anne Ferro talking about the regulatory challenges related to autonomous vehicles. #fascinating #ghsa2016 #crashnotaccident



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