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**AAMVA Presents at GHSA Annual Meeting**

AAMVA President and CEO, Anne Ferro, spoke at the [Governors Highway Safety Association's Annual Meeting](#) last week in Seattle, WA. Ferro presented in the General Session, The Road to Autonomous Vehicles - Implications for Driver Behavior. Ferro joined with Chris Mullen, Director of Technological Research at State Farm, to discuss autonomous vehicle technologies from the perspective of insurance and state driver licensing professionals, focusing on the evolving role of the driver. The session also featured Wayne Bahr, Global Director for Automotive Safety for Ford Motor Company, who spoke about auto manufacturers' creation of and response to these increasingly popular technologies.

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Mahindra**AAMVA at Florida Tax Collectors Annual Education Forum**

AAMVA's Director of Identity Management, Geoff Slagle, was invited to provide an overview of our community's efforts around [Mobile Driver Licenses \(mDL\)](#) to the Florida Tax Collectors Annual Education Forum last week in Orlando. The goal of the Forum is education; that learning comes from connecting with partners and associates. This year's forum offered leadership training, continuing education courses, and networking opportunities. The mDL session was part of a Division of Motorist Services track that also included sessions on fraud detection, emergency contact initiatives, and motorist modernization.

**NMVTIS Annual Report and Financial Audit**

The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) Final Rule requires AAMVA, as the system operator, to prepare an annual report and procure an independent financial audit. The online [NMVTIS Annual Report 2015](#) is the seventh publication and was recently published by the U.S. Department of Justice. It covers October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 and details the performance of NMVTIS during the twelve month reporting period.

**New Mexico Conducts Online Inquiries and Updates in NMVTIS**

AAMVA is very pleased to announce that New Mexico moved from conducting standalone inquiries and batch updates to integrated online inquiries and updates in NMVTIS. Congratulations, New Mexico! For more information about NMVTIS federal compliance requirements, please contact [Marney Michalowski](#), NMVTIS Program Manager.

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## OUR EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

**14-15 | [2016 September NDR Working Group Meeting](#)**

New Orleans, LA  
*Working Group members only*

**14-15 | [2016 September Autonomous Vehicles Best Practices Working Group Meeting](#)**

Kansas City, MO  
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**21-22 | [2016 September System Modernization Working Group Meeting](#)**

Salt Lake City, UT  
*Working Group members only*

## OCTOBER

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

Oakbrook, IL



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## OUR WEBINARS

## SEPTEMBER

**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](#)**

## REGION I NEWS

**GEICO Teams Up With New York To Prevent Distracted Driving**

Whether you're going up or down Route 81, you'll see "text stop" signs with a very familiar name on them. Geico has paid New York state around \$1.3 million to sponsor the state's three year old program - renaming rest stops along highways "Text Stops." [Read the full story at WWNYTV.com.](#)

## REGION II NEWS

**State Will Stop Sending Drivers License Renewal Reminders (Kentucky)**

The friendly reminder cards customarily sent to drivers to renew their licenses will no longer come in the mail. All circuit court clerks received a memo from Matthew Cole, director of the Division of Driver Licensing, notifying them the state agency has discontinued the printing and mailing of renewal reminder cards. [Read the full story at CentraKYNews.com.](#)

**NICB Says New Estimates of 100,000 Insured Vehicles Soaked (Louisiana)**

The August downpours that dumped more than 30 inches of rain in two days on parts 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.](#)

**DMV Drops Road Sign Test for Drivers Renewing their Licenses (North Carolina)**

Renewing your driver's license? You won't need to take a test on what the colors and shapes of road signs mean. [Read the full story at NewsObserver.com.](#)

**North Carolina Believes it Now Complies with REAL ID Act, State Driver's Licenses Will Remain Valid for Fort Bragg Access**

North Carolina is beating its expectations when it comes to REAL ID compliance. And that means locals hoping to visit Fort Bragg won't have to fork over additional identification to enter post later this year. [Read the full story at FayObserver.com.](#)

**DMV Hearing Officer Rules Against Tesla Motors Request for Richmond-Area Dealership (Virginia)**

A hearing officer with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles has recommended that the agency reject Tesla Motors Inc.'s request to open a company-owned dealership in the Richmond area. [Read the full story at Richmond.com.](#)

## REGION III NEWS

**New Illinois Law to Teach Drivers What To Do If Stopped by Police**

A new Illinois law aims to help drivers answer the timely question of what to do if stopped by police. The measure comes amid heightened tension in Chicago and across the nation over how traffic stops can go terribly wrong — and in the worst cases turn deadly. [Read the full story at ChicagoTribune.com.](#)

**BMV Issues Refunds to Overcharged Customers (Indiana)**

**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 Illinois, Montana, British Columbia, Utah, Delaware, Arkansas, and AAMVA.

#### [Road Tests Using Vehicles Subject to Recall](#) (Ends

09/26/2016) Responses received from DC, FL, GA, IL, LA, NH, NY, OH, TX, VA, VT.

#### [Drug & Alcohol Testing for Law Enforcement Officer](#) (Ends

09/15/2016) Responses received from AR, DC, IL, ME, MN, NC, NH, NJ, NT, OH, VA, WA, WI.

#### [Motorcycle Licensing & Testing Best Practices](#) (Ends

09/23/2016) Responses received from AL, BC, DE, FL, IL, ME, MN, MS, NH, SK, TN, UT, VA, VT.

#### [Driver License Funding](#) (Ends

09/26/2016) Responses received from AB, AR, FL, GA, IA, IN, MD, MN, ND, NE, NH, NM, NY, PA, VA, VT.

#### [DL and ID Cards](#) (Ends

09/13/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, GA, IA, IL, LA, ME, MI, MN, MS, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NT, NY, OR, TX, UT, WV.

#### [Vehicle trade in allowance](#)

(Ends 09/23/2016) Responses received from AL, CA, DC, GA, ID, IL, KY, MD, MI, MN, MT, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, UT, VA, VT, WY.

Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Commissioner Kent Abernathy today announced approximately 5- million customers who were overcharged by BMV have received an additional \$28.75 million in refunds by way of credits to their BMV accounts. [Read the BMV press release.](#)

### **SOS, State Police Investigators Nab Auto Dealer for Title Fraud (Michigan)**

A southeast Michigan auto dealer now faces seven felony charges for allegedly forging federal import documents after Secretary of State staff became suspicious of the documents he presented, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and Michigan State Police Director Col. Kriste Kibbe Etue announced today Auto dealer David S. Cheslin of Sylvan Lake has been arraigned in Eaton County District Court on two counts of uttering and publishing and five counts of intent to pass false title. [Read the SOS press release.](#)

### **Michigan Moves to Not Require Human in Self-Driving Test Cars**

Michigan would no longer require that someone be inside a self-driving car while testing it on public roads under legislation passed unanimously Wednesday by the state Senate, where backers touted the measures as necessary to keep the U.S. auto industry's home state ahead of the curve on rapidly advancing technology. [Read the full story at OregonLive.com.](#)

### **Piqua Man Sentenced in Odometer Scam (Ohio)**

A Piqua man convicted with three others in a scheme in which vehicle odometers were turned back before they were sold was sentenced Monday, Aug. 22, to 18 months in prison. [Read the full story at Whio.com.](#)

### **DMV Hopes People Needing Voter ID's Do It Soon (Wisconsin)**

The November election date is two months away, and a state Division of Motor Vehicles Administrator says if you need an ID to vote, it's better to get one now rather than wait. [Read the full story at WXPOR.org.](#)

## REGION IV NEWS

### **Bill Would Require State Courts to Decide Traffic Amnesty Claims Within 90 Days (California)**

A bill that would have allowed potentially millions of low-income Californians with traffic debt to regain or keep a valid driver's license has been scaled back significantly to focus instead on expediting the state's temporary traffic amnesty program. [Read the full story at KQED.org.](#)

### **DUI Bill Heads to Governor (California)**

The California Senate overwhelmingly passed state Sen. Jerry Hill's SB 1046 last week, but it's been a bumpy ride for legislation that Hill thinks would make the roads safer from drunk drivers. [Read the full story at HMBReview.com.](#)

### **Court Clerk, 11 Recruiters Accused of Illegally Fixing More Than 1,000 DUI, Traffic Cases (California)**

Federal prosecutors say Jose Lopez Jr. turned ticket fixing into a profitable side business during an otherwise strong career as an Orange County Superior Court

### **[State to State Implementation](#)**

(Ends 09/30/2016) Responses received from DC, DE, GA, NC, ND, NE, NH, OR, VA, WI, WV.

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](mailto:webportalsupport@aamva.org) or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the [AAMVA Web site](#).

clerk, running a network that collected bribes to tweak more than 1,000 traffic cases over a five-year stretch. [Read the full story at OCRegister.com](#).

### **Stockton Man Pleads Guilty to Staging Car Accidents (California)**

There are Hollywood movie producers and Broadway show producers. And then there's Christopher Santiago Sanchez-Becerra. He has admitted to producing elaborate frauds to bilk insurance companies. [Read the full story at CentralValleyBusinessTimes.com](#).

### **SGI Launches Facial Recognition (Saskatchewan)**

Today, SGI enters the world of Jason Bourne. Okay, that might be overselling it just a tad, but the provincial insurer is taking a step into biometric authentication. [Read the full story at YourktonThisWeek.com](#).

### **Safe Driver Recognition Changes Effective this October (Saskatchewan)**

Changes to SGI's Safe Driver Recognition (SDR) program take effect Oct. 12, 2016. The program was implemented in 2002 to reward safe drivers and encourage risky drivers to change their behaviour. SGI began reviewing the program in 2012, seeking feedback from customers, stakeholders and employees. Recommendations for both bigger discounts and tougher penalties were approved by government late last year. [Read the SGI press release](#).

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Older Drivers No More Dangerous, Accident Data Study Says**

New research from Swansea University challenges the idea that older people are dangerous drivers. Analysis of data on vehicle accidents showed that drivers aged 70 are involved in 3-4 times fewer accidents than 17-21 year old men. [Read the full story at BBC.com](#).

### **Ruling Tips Uber Drivers Away From Class-Action Suits**

A federal court ruled on Wednesday that Uber drivers are subject to individual arbitration in a class-action case over background checks, handing the ride-hailing company a legal decision that it may be able to use to fend off other driver class-action suits. [Read the full story at NYTimes.com](#).

### **Nissan Recalls More Than 120,000 Vehicles After Fluid Leaks Cause Fires**

Nissan is recalling more than 120,000 cars and SUVs in the U.S. because brake fluid could leak and cause fires. The company says that in some cases, owners should park their vehicles outside until they are repaired. [Read the full story at LATimes.com](#).

### **White House Announces the First Federal Chief Information Security Officer**

Gregory Touhill, a retired brigadier general and deputy assistant secretary of cybersecurity and communications for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, has been named as the first federal CISO. [Read the full story at GovTech.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.).

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Why de Blasio hit a wall on stopping traffic deaths <http://nyp.st/2bKPaLv> via @nypost

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