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The 2016 Region III Information Exchange is coming up next week, October 25-27 in Oak Brook, Illinois. You can make hotel reservations and register today by visiting the Region III Information Exchange Landing Page.

Now Hiring: AAMVA Business Solutions Analyst

AAMVA is currently seeking a Business Solutions Analyst. The Business Solutions Analyst will report to the Senior Director of Business Solutions and will be responsible for supporting new revenue opportunities, and managing existing customer relationships. The position will also perform financial and market analysis to support Business Solutions. The duties and responsibilities of this position will span four functional areas within the team, including: Business Development, Account Management, Market Analysis and Financial Analysis. Interested candidates can find a complete position description, and apply for the position on our website here.

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Maryland's Use of Facial Recognition Software Questioned by Researchers, Civil Liberties Advocates

Five-year-old program in Maryland that lets police compare images of unidentified criminal suspects with millions of motor vehicle records using increasingly advanced facial recognition software has come under fire from civil liberties advocates, who say such programs lack transparency and infringe on privacy rights. Read the full story at BaltimoreSun.com.

Convenience Fees for Online Services Eliminated (New Jersey)

Following up on a commitment Governor Christie made in August to improve New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) customer service and encourage drivers to take advantage of the many agency services available online, the MVC today
announced that convenience fees will be eliminated for most online transactions. Read the MVC press release.

Online DMV Voter Registration Applications Shatter Records (New York)
Online voter registrations through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles in the last two weeks shattered records, according to an announcement from Governor Andrew Cuomo. Read the full story at RochesterFirst.com.

Drivers Stoned On Drugs Besides Booze To Face Same Penalties (Ontario)
Motorists stopped by police for driving while high on marijuana — or other drugs — will face the same penalties as drunk drivers starting Sunday in Ontario. Read the full story at TheStar.com.

Senate OKs Bill To Let Local Police Enforce Speed With Radar (Pennsylvania)
Legislation is on the move to permit all of Pennsylvania’s municipal police departments to use radar to catch speeders. The bill passed the Senate, 47-3, and heads to the House. However, the bill’s passage arrives late in the two-year legislation session, when the House has just six scheduled session days before Nov. 30, when all bills die. Read the full story at PittsburghCBSLocal.com.

UPDATED: FBI Can Access Vermont DMV Facial Recognition Information
The Federal Bureau of Investigation can access information from the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicle’s facial recognition system, according to a report from Georgetown University’s Center on Privacy and Technology. Read the full story at VTDigger.org.

Florida Department Of Highway Safety And Motor Vehicles & Honda/Acura Partner To Urge Repair Of Potentially Deadly Airbag Inflators
The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) and Honda/Acura are urging Floridians who own certain 2001-2003 model year Honda and Acura vehicles to immediately take their cars to an authorized dealer for repair of potentially deadly Takata airbag inflators. Urgent notices were sent from DHSMV and Honda/Acura to most affected owners last month and the notices should not be ignored. Read the DHSMV press release.

State’s DHSMV Seeking Permission To Use Drones (Florida)
The state’s Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) will ask lawmakers next session to consider legislation to “allow law enforcement to use drones for traffic crash management.” Read the full story at SouthFloridaReporter.com.

Civil Liberties Group Wants Nebraska Police To Shelve Use Of Facial Recognition Technology
Two Nebraska law enforcement agencies should suspend the use of facial recognition technology in their investigations until lawmakers and the public can weigh in on them, the ACLU of Nebraska says. Read the full story at JournalStar.com.
DMV's Appeal Suggests Police State's Right Supersedes Private Property Rights (West Virginia)
In America, people still have the right to get drunk and make poor decisions so long as no one else suffers harm. They may not have that right much longer in West Virginia. Read the full story at Register-Herald.com.

Fake email Tries to Get Man to Pay for Traffic Ticket He Never Got (North Dakota)
A fake email telling a Towner, N.D., man he owed money for a traffic violation in Minot he never had has been received and caused concern among law enforcement. Read the full story at BismarckTribune.com.

Vehicle Miles Traveled in Wisconsin Hits All-Time Record in 2015: 62.1 Billion Miles
Drivers travelled an all-time record 62.1 billion miles on Wisconsin roadways in 2015, representing an increase of nearly 2.1 billion miles compared to 2014 and the largest annual percentage jump in Wisconsin vehicle miles travelled (VMT) in 17 years. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) attributes the increase in VMT to several factors including a strengthening economy, growing population, lower gas prices and continued growth in commercial motor vehicle traffic. The growth in Wisconsin’s VMT is consistent with traffic increases seen nationally. View the full article on UrbanMilwaukee.com.

Arizona DPS Set to Debut its First-Ever Public Service Center Building
The Arizona Department of Public Safety (AZDPS) will officially unveil its first-ever Public Service Center building during a dedication ceremony this coming Thursday, October 20, 2016. Read the DPS press release.

ICBC Warns About Spike in Pedestrian Crashes (British Columbia)
Today, ICBC is launching a pedestrian safety campaign with the B.C. government and police to urge pedestrians and drivers to stay safe as crashes involving pedestrians spike at this time of year. Read the ICBC press release.

ICBC Continues To Step Up Fight Against Insurance Fraud (British Columbia)
Filing five injury claims from a staged crash, falsely reporting the theft of tires from a truck, and an improperly insured, unsafe limo that went up in flames. These are some of the recent fraudulent and exaggerated claims handled by ICBC's Special Investigation Unit (SIU). Read the full story at ICBC.com.

California Weighs Self-Driving Car Rules
California regulators are weighing draft rules for driverless cars that some industry experts worry go further than recently released federal guidelines. Read the full story at Origin-NYI.thehill.com.

California Legislation Allows County to Test Driverless Vehicles
New legislation has passed that allows one California county to test driverless vehicles on a public road and in a business park. Fifteen automobile companies, technology companies and startups are already allowed to test self-driving vehicles on California roads — as long as each vehicle had a steering wheel, brakes and a person present in the drivers seat for monitoring, according to Reuters. [Read the full story at AmericanCityandCounty.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=13600839).

**DMV Arrests Henderson Car Salesman/Finance Manager (Nevada)**  
Department of Motor Vehicles investigators Friday arrested a car salesman/finance manager who allegedly sold a trade-in vehicle whose owner had wanted it donated to charity. The suspect could face enhanced penalties as the victim in the case is over the age of 60. [Read the Nevada DMV press release](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=13600839).

**Requirements to Get ID Under Two-Tier License Program Draw Criticism (New Mexico)**  
The state’s effort to implement a new two-tier driver’s license system is coming under fire from critics who say proposed rule changes will make it too difficult for immigrants, the homeless and even domestic violence victims to obtain a state identification card. [Read the full story at SantaFeNewMexican.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=13600839).

**'Keep Portland Weird' Oregon License Plate Proposed**  
The phrase "Keep Portland Weird!" may soon end up on a lot of cars, and not because they're adorned with bumper stickers. [Read the full story at KGW.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=13600839).

**Feds to Track Police Shootings**  
The U.S. Justice Department said last week that it would start collecting nationwide data early next year on police shootings and other violent encounters with the public, after a series of protests and investigations since 2014 spurred by a string of deadly episodes. [Read the full story at Dispatch.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=13600839).

**Nearly ¾ of Young Canadian Drivers Polled Don’t Consider Using Their Phones While Driving to be “Very Distracting,” New Poll Finds**  
An “alarming” 71% of young drivers aged 16 to 24 don’t consider using their phones while driving to be very distracting, according to a new poll by national charity Parachute. [Read the full story at CanadianUnderwriter.ca](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=13600839).

**States Feel Pressure to Comply With Real ID as Stiff Consequences Loom on Horizon**  
A looming federal mandate continues to put states on edge and threatens to further complicate air travel in the United States. [Read the full story at GovTech.com](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=13600839).

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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](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=13600839).
Check out recent @AAMVAConnection Twitter action.

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DC DMV @dcdmv | View the Tweet
#DCDMV driver and vehicle services transactions requiring credit card are down due to today's cyber attack. Adjudication Srvs not affected.

MN State Patrol @MnDPS_MSP | View the Tweet
RT @MnDPS_DPS: Unbelted heartbreak: A grieving mother’s plea to always buckle up. #DPSblog https://dps.mn.gov/blog/Pages/default.aspx#oct20 …

WV GHSP @WVhighwaysafety | View the Tweet
Parents: Remind your teen that driving is a privilege, not a right, and should always be taken seriously. #TeenDriverSafety #5toDrive

NTSI @NTSI_NEWS | View the Tweet
avoiding talking or texting on your cell phone can greatly decrease your chances of an accident even if...https://tmblr.co/Zg9khn2DfSfj5

FLHSMV @FLHSMV | View the Tweet
![Image of a cartoon character promoting safe driving]
Be a pro passenger – don't distract your friends when they are driving! Help them stay focused and drive safely. #TeensArriveAliveFL

DriveitHOME @DriveitHOME | View the Tweet
New on the DIH blog: @AndyPilgrim8 on getting the safe driving message to pre-driving age kids http://ow.ly/n26K305pAkV #NTDSW

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A week away: Our expert panel on driver assistance systems, co-hosted with @NTSB. Info & agenda: http://www.nsc.org/drivertech  #DriverSafetyTech

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