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OUR EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Congratulations to the 2016 AAMVA Awards Winners

AAMVA's awards foster a tradition of excellence in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community. The awards allow AAMVA to honor individuals, teams and organizations who have committed their time and resources to safety initiatives, outstanding customer service, and public affairs and consumer education programs throughout North America. The 2016 awards program received numerous outstanding award submissions in each category. Through a rigorous judging process those submissions that stood out as exemplary were selected as award winners. Awards were presented at our Regional Conferences, and at AAMVA's Annual International Conference in Williamsburg, VA. Please join us in congratulating this year's winners! For more details and a full listing of all [2016 winners](#), please visit the [AAMVA Awards Program](#). Bravo!

Future Leaders Act Now! AAMVA Leadership Academy Applications Now Being Accepted



found [on AAMVA's Web site](#). Check out the [Wrap-Up Video](#) from last year's Leadership Academy.

AAMVA is now accepting applications for the [2017 AAMVA Leadership Academy](#). The Leadership Academy will take place May 8-11, 2017 and is an exciting opportunity for jurisdiction employees who have demonstrated leadership potential within the AAMVA community. Applications are due by December 1, 2016. Complete details can be

REGION I NEWS

Maryland High Court Upholds Ban on Vanity Plate Obscenity

It doesn't matter what language you write it in -- you can't put s--t on your license plate, Maryland's highest court has affirmed. The Court of Appeals last week upheld the Motor Vehicle Administration's decision in 2011 to rescind a vanity license plate that read, "MIERDA," a Spanish word which can refer to filth, dirt, compost, or the related profanity. [Read the full story at BaltimoreSun.com.](#)

Governor Cuomo Announces \$28.3 Million to Reduce Motor Vehicle Crashes on New York's Highways

Governor Cuomo today announced \$28.3 million in federal highway safety grants has been awarded to 550 programs throughout New York State to improve overall highway safety and reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries resulting from

15-16 | [2016 November E-Odometer Task Force Meeting](#)

Phoenix, AZ
Working Group members only.

15-17 | [2016 Region IV Chief Administrator Meeting](#)

Chandler, AZ
By invitation only.

OUR WEBINARS

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

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

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

OPEN RFPs

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

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Oregon, Vermont, New Jersey and Maryland.

[Returning Out-of-State Titles](#)
(Ends 11/10/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, BC, CA, FL, IA, KY, ME, MI, MN, MS, NE, NH, NT, NY, RI, SC, SD, UT, VA, VT.

[Recreational/Trailer Dealers](#)
(Ends 11/08/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, FL, I, IL, KY, MN, MS, ND, NH, NT, OR, SD, VA, WA, WI, WY.

[Used/New/Wholesale Dealers](#)
(Ends 11/08/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, CA, FL, I, IL, KY, MN, MS, ND, NH, NT, OR, SD, VA, WA, WI, WY.

[Autocycles](#) (Ends 11/24/2016)
Responses received from AL, CA, FL, IL, KY, MN, ND, NE, NH, NY, UT, WI.

motor vehicle crashes. [Read the Governor's press release.](#)

Judge Orders Mediation Over DMV Computer System Lawsuit (Rhode Island)

A judge Wednesday ordered Rhode Island and the company building its new Division of Motor Vehicles computer system into mediation to settle a state breach of contract lawsuit. [Read the full story at ProvidenceJournal.com.](#)

Rhode Island's Not Alone: 6 Other States Say HP Didn't Deliver

A day after Rhode Island announced it's suing computer giant Hewlett Packard Enterprise for failing to complete a multi-million dollar upgrade to the state's aging DMV computer system, Eyewitness News has learned the state isn't the company's only unsatisfied customer. [Read the full story at WPRI.com.](#)

Vermont DMV Modernizing Vehicle Inspections

Some changes are coming for how Vermont inspects vehicles. The "Automated Vehicle Inspection Program" will allow technicians to electronically obtain emissions related data, enter data, and send data back to the DMW, all using a tablet. [Read the full story at News10.com.](#)

REGION II NEWS

The Florida Highway Patrol Seeks State Re-Accreditation

The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) today announced that a team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive on December 6 to examine specific aspects of the FHP's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services. Since the FHP is already nationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), it only has to comply with approximately 86 additional Florida-based standards in order to receive state accredited status. [Read the DHSMV press release.](#)

Georgia DDS Reminds Veterans & Active Military of Special Services

As we prepare to celebrate Veteran's Day, Department of Driver Services (DDS), reminds Georgia veterans and active military personnel of special licensing and testing services dedicated to them year round. [Read the DDS press release.](#)

REGION III NEWS

Supreme Court Hears Muscatine Case Involving Immigration (Iowa)

The Iowa Supreme Court heard the case Thursday of a Muscatine woman who's facing felony charges for using a fake identity to get a job — but says she can't be prosecuted due to her immigration status. [Read the full story at Radiolowa.com.](#)

Michigan Department of State Employee Charged with 11 Felonies, Including Identity Theft, After Joint Investigation with Michigan State Police

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson today announced that a six-year employee of the Michigan Department of State was charged with 11 felonies, including identity theft. [Read the SOS press release.](#)

Objections Raised Over Ohio Troopers Sent to Protests in

[Medical Cases more than 60 days old](#)

(Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from IL, KY, ND, NE, VT.

[DL Skills Appointment Time](#)

(Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from AR, FL, IL, ME, MN, ND, NE, NH, NY.

[DL Cancellations due to Fraud](#)

(Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from FL, IL, ME, MN, ND, NE, NH, NY, OR, VA, WA.

[Out of State Title Fraud](#)

(Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from AL, IL, KY, MN, NE, NH, NT, UT, VA.

[Ignition Interlock Participants](#)

(Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from IL, ME, MT, NE, NH, VA.

[Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program \(VEIP\) Kiosk](#)

(Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from FL, IL, KY, ME, MN, NE, NT, OR, SC, UT, VA, WA, WI.

[Electronic Registration and Tinting \(ERT\)](#)

(Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from AL, FL, IL, KY, NE, NT, NY, UT, VA, VT.

[Time to Mail DL/ID Products](#)

(Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from GA, IL, KY, ME, MN, ND, NE, NH, NY, OR, VA, VT.

[Transactions completed via Email](#)

(Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from AL, FL, GA, IL, KY, SK, VT.

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](#).

North Dakota

Ohio Gov. John Kasich is catching some flak for the dispatching of 37 state troopers to a pipeline protest near a Native American reservation in North Dakota. [Read the full story at Dispatch.com](#).

REGION IV NEWS

MVD Specialty Plate Raises \$2 Million for Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening (Arizona)

Governor Doug Ducey announced this week that Arizona drivers who have ordered the Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Awareness specialty license plate have helped raise \$2 million for cancer screening and treatment in the past decade. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Motor Vehicle Division has issued nearly 110,000 Pink Ribbon plates since 2006 when legislation authorizing the plates took effect. [Read the DOT press release](#).

You Can Now Print Duplicate Temporary Driver Licenses or IDs at Home (Arizona)

The Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division has added another transaction to the growing list of things drivers can do at home to avoid lines at MVD offices. [Read the DOT press release](#).

California DMV Shutdown Due to Hardware Malfunction

The Department of Motor Vehicles in California experienced computer hardware malfunctions Oct 25, causing an outage that affected nearly two-thirds of DMV offices in the state for almost three days. [Read the full story at EIPaisanoOnline.com](#).

Low-Income Drivers Sue California DMV for Illegally Suspending Licenses

A coalition of legal aid and civil rights organizations sued the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for illegally suspending the driver's licenses of low-income Californians. [Read the full story at YubaNet.com](#).

Younger Voters Overwhelmingly Favor Marijuana Measure, Which is Likely to Pass, Poll Finds (California)

California appears poised to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, with a strong majority favoring Proposition 64 ahead of Tuesday's vote. [Read the full story at LATimes.com](#).

The Department of Motor Vehicles Debuts the new "Home Means Nevada" Plate

The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles is proud to announce the release of a new standard issue Nevada license plate, the "Home Means Nevada" plate. Beginning November 1, motorists can request the "Home Means Nevada" plate when registering a vehicle or ordering a new plate. [Read the DMV press release](#).

New Mexico MVD Will Begin Issuing REAL ID Compliant Driver's Licenses Nov. 14

MVD will begin issuing REAL ID compliant driver's licenses beginning Nov. 14. HB 99 – which was signed earlier this year – ensures that New Mexicans have a secure ID, so that citizens will not have to buy a passport to board a domestic flight. [Read the full article on ladailypost.com](#).

Government Taking Immediate Action to Combat Impaired Driving (Saskatchewan)

Government is taking action against impaired driving through effective legislation,

more tools for law enforcement, and doing more to build awareness. [Read the SGI news release.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Tesla Says It's Unlikely Car Was In Auto-Pilot During Fatal Crash

Tesla Motors says it's unlikely that its semi-autonomous Autopilot system was engaged when the crash happened in Indianapolis. Witnesses reported the Tesla was travelling at a high rate of speed about 1 a.m. Thursday when it hit a tree, crashed into a building and caught fire. [Read the full story at IndianaPublicMedia.com.](#)

Hacker Quits Plan To Sell A \$999 Self-Driving Car Kit

George Hotz, legendary hacker and Silicon Valley iconoclast, planned to start selling a \$999 autonomous driving upgrade kit by the end of the year. The kit, he said, would transform a regular car into a sophisticated driver assist package on par with Tesla's Autopilot. [Read the full story at LATimes.com.](#)

BMW Recalls More Than 154,000 Vehicles Because Engines Could Stall

BMW is recalling more than 154,000 cars and SUVs in the U.S. and Canada to fix a wiring problem that can cause engines to stall. The recall covers certain 5-Series and X5 models and some 6-Series and X6 vehicles from the 2007 to 2012 model years. [Read the full story at LATimes.com.](#)

Court Dismisses Challenge to ELD Rule

A federal appellate court has upheld the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's electronic logging device mandate, which now remains on track to go into effect starting on Dec. 18, 2017. [Read the full story at TruckingInfo.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.](#)

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Thank you for the @AAMVAConnection mentions!

Governor Sandoval @GovSandoval | [View the Tweet](#)



.@NevadaDMV intro'd the new standard issue plate, the #HomeMeansNevada plate. Its design reflects the diverse landscape of the #SilverState

CA DMV @CA_DMV | [View the Tweet](#)

Studies show involved parents can reduce risky behavior during a teen's first 12-18 months driving (from @AAAnews): <http://bit.ly/1GZ1GIS>

TeensInTheDriverSeat @TeensDriverSeat | [View the Tweet](#)



RT @NHTSAgov "Turn back the clocks, change batteries in your smoke detector, and #CheckForRecalls. #DaylightSavings "

Indiana BMV @INBMV | [View the Tweet](#)

#INBMV is extending their hours on Nov. 7 and 8 for Election Day. Find more info at <http://ow.ly/GuMe305AuB4>

DRIVE SMART Virginia @DRIVESMARTVA | [View the Tweet](#)



The weekend will be here soon! (We promise.) Designate BEFORE You Celebrate. #BeTheDD #DesignatedDriver

KS Highway Patrol @kshighwaypatrol | [View the Tweet](#)

In Topeka tomorrow? Come see our 1937 Plymouth in the Topeka Veterans Parade at 11. Other events going on as well: <http://www.militaryveteranproject.org/salute-our-heroes-festival1.html> ...

CBC Nova Scotia @CBCNS | [View the Tweet](#)

Ford owners fed up with transmission issues double in complaints to Transport Canada <http://ift.tt/2fp911S>

Automotive Fleet @AutomotiveFleet | [View the Tweet](#)

Motorlease to Allow No-Penalty Returns of VW Diesels <http://www.automotive-fleet.com/news/story/201> ... #MotorleaseCorporation #Fleet

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Seat belt use isn't just a personal decision; it affects everyone in the vehicle and others on the road. <http://ow.ly/a3Ps305PfKO>



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