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

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 found on AAMVA’s Web site. Check out the Wrap-Up Video from last year's Leadership Academy.

Many People Turned Away from the Polls Thought They Registered through the DMV (New York)

Many of the people who appeared before judges Donald Greenwood and Anthony Aloi in Election Day Court this morning thought they had registered to vote online through the state Department of Motor Vehicles. Read the full story at Syracuse.com.

Ontario Set to Reintroduce Photo Radar for Municipalities

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne has announced that she intends to introduce legislation that, if passed, would give municipalities the power to introduce automated speed enforcement (ASE) technology in school and community safety zones. Read the full story at CanadianUnderwriter.ca.

Pennsylvania Bill to Deter Texting and Driving Signed into
Law
"When the police officers explained to me that my wife passed away, that only pales by the fact that I had to tell my three children that their mother was in heaven," Mike said.
Mike had to tell their three kids Gia wasn't coming home. "Daniel’s Law," applies to people who send, read, or write texts while their vehicle is in motion. Read the full story at AABC27.com.

DMV Computers Down Statewide for 19 Hours (Florida)
There was a 19-hour computer crash at the DMV over the weekend, and its effects were felt across the entire state. It didn't only impact people trying to renew their driver's licenses; it also affected every single car dealership in the state. None could sell any cars because they need to access that system to print temporary tags. Read the full story at NBC-2.com.

Missing Voter Registrations Reported in North Carolina
Reports of missing registrations in North Carolina are coming into the Election Protection hotline from voters who tried to register through the state Department of Motor Vehicles. Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com.

Justice Department: Virginia May Be Punishing Poor by Suspending Driver’s Licenses
The Department of Justice filed a brief on Monday supporting a class-action lawsuit that claims Virginia suspends poor people's driver's licenses in an "unconstitutional scheme," court documents show. Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com.

Tesla Owners Wouldn't be able to Drive on Most Roads if this Bill Passes (Ohio)
The future of driverless or "autonomous" cars is getting ever closer for Ohioans, with many car companies expecting to produce self-driving cars by 2020. But with new technology comes new regulations. Read the full story at WCPO.com.

Alaska’s Oil Cash Now Comes With Automatic Voter Registration
The same day Alaskans delivered their state to Donald Trump, they voted nearly two to one to embrace a progressive new voter-registration reform. Read the full story at Bloomberg.com.

Lockdown Lifted, Suspect with Hatchet Threatens DMV Worker (California)
A Redding school was on lockdown Tuesday morning due to a report of a man with a hatchet. The incident happened just after 7 a.m. near the DMV office on Civic Center Drive in Redding, near Cypress Elementary School. The CHP said someone vandalized the DMV office. A DMV employee reported the suspect threatened him and motioned to a hatchet in his belt. Read the full story at KRCRTV.com.
Out of State Title Fraud (Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from AL, IL, KY, ME, MI, MN, NE, NH, NT, OR, PA, SK, TX, UT, VA, VT.

Ignition Interlock Participants (Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from AR, IL, ME, MN, MS, MT, NE, NJ, NH, VA, WA, WI.

Electronic Registration and Titling (ERT) (Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from AL, FL, IL, KY, MI, MN, NC, NE, NT, NY, SC, UT, VA, VT, WA.

Time to Mail DL/ID Products (Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from AR, GA, IL, KY, ME, MI, MN, MS, ND, NE, NH, NY, OR, VA, VT, WA.

Transactions completed via Email (Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from AL, FL, GA, IL, KY, MS, SK, VA, VT, WA.

California residents have been urged to support the use of electronic data in the state's registration and titling systems. 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.

Californians Vote to Legalize Recreational Use of Marijuana in the State
Voters on Tuesday approved Proposition 64, making California the most populous state in the nation to legalize the recreational use of marijuana. Read the full story at LATimes.com.

Idaho Transportation Department Launches New, User-Friendly Website
The Idaho Transportation Department has launched a new, redesigned, user-friendly website which they say will help users quickly find information or services relating to the department or Idaho transportation. Read the full story at KIVITV.com.

SGI Broker Allegedly Misappropriated Over $106,000 in Saskatchewan Insurance
The provincial government of Saskatchewan reported that over $26,000 was lost after an SGI broker purportedly pocketed funds. CBC News reported that SGI canceled its contract with a broker in September after it found that the issuer kept more than $106,000 in insurance premiums and fees. Read the full story at InsuranceBusiness.ca.

Voters in California, Massachusetts and Nevada Approve Recreational Use of Marijuana
Voters in California, Massachusetts and Nevada have decided that marijuana should be legal to use recreationally, CNN projects. On election day, voters in five states were asked to decide whether the recreational use of marijuana should be legalized and so far, three have said yes. Official results have yet to come in for Maine and Arizona. Read the full story at CNN.com.

Uber Competitor Karhoo Goes Kaput
Karhoo — a ride-hailing challenger to Uber that had billed itself as a search engine for taxis and black cars — is shutting down. The year-old startup had repeatedly blown launch deadlines after debuting in the UK last spring, telling The Post that it expected to launch in New York only weeks later. Read the full story at NYPost.com.

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!***

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/1GZ1GlS

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/GuMs305AuB4

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

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

Zero Fatalities @ZeroFatalities | View the Tweet
Seat belt use isn’t just a personal decision; it affects everyone in the vehicle and others on the road. http://ow.ly/a3Ps305PfKO