AAMVA 2017 Workshop - Registration Open!

Online registration is now open for the 2017 Workshop & Law Institute in Minneapolis, MN, March 15-16. This unique event provides AAMVA members with an opportunity to network with colleagues from fellow jurisdictions across the U.S. and Canada as well as with industry organizations that provide the products and services your jurisdiction needs. The two-day schedule is packed with sessions covering hot topics in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community. Visit the 2017 Workshop & Law Institute Web page for more information and to register!

Seeking Volunteers for New AAMVA Disability Placard/License Plate Fraud Working Group

AAMVA is seeking volunteers for the new Disability Placard/License Plate Fraud Working Group. The working group is being funded under AAMVA's cooperative agreement with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The purpose of the Working Group is to develop best practices for the issuance of disability placards and plates, the deterrence and detection of fraud during and after the issuance process, and the enforcement of disability parking violations. For complete details view the call for volunteers notice on the "Working Group Opportunities" tab in the Committees & Working Groups section of AAMVA's Web site, or contact Brian Ursino. If you are interested in serving on this working group and meet the requirements listed on the application, complete the application form and submit to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org no later than December 9, 2016.

Volunteers Needed for Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group

AAMVA is seeking volunteers for a new Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group. The Working Group will develop best practices for the regulation of internet vehicle sales in an effort to provide recommendations and education to member jurisdictions for deterring and stopping fraud and deceptive practices. This document can be used by jurisdictions to provide best practices and also for model legislation to enhance existing laws and rules or to create new laws and rules addressing the issues. AAMVA is seeking 10 members, representing all four regions, who have skills and expertise in dealer and private vehicle sales, dealer licensing, fraud detection and vehicle titling, in the areas of program management, enforcement and legal/policy development. If you are interested in volunteering for this new Working Group, please complete the application no later than December 16, 2016 and send to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org. For more information about the Working Group, view the call for volunteers notice on the "Working Group Opportunities" tab in the Committees & Working Groups section of AAMVA's Web site, or contact Cathie Curtis.
Submission Deadline for the 2017 AAMVA Awards is February 1st
Don't miss this opportunity to be recognized for the great work your jurisdiction does every day by improving day-to-day business, reaching out to the community, and saving lives. The AAMVA Awards Program recognizes members of the motor vehicle and law enforcement community by honoring individuals, teams, and organizations who have committed their time and resources to safety, service, security, and public affairs & consumer education. Learn more about specific award categories by visiting the AAMVA Awards website. Don't forget: the deadline for submissions is February 1st! Download the 2017 Awards Submission and Nomination Packet today!

Penalties Rise for Toll Scofflaws in New York
The penalties for failing to pay those pesky tolls are going up in New York. Both the New York State Thruway Authority and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority have increased the penalties for non-payment, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the New York State Bridge Authority are reviewing their policies. Read the full story at RecordOnline.com.

Superior Court judge Orders Hewlett-Packard to Keep Working on DMV Computer System (Rhode Island)
A Superior Court judge on Monday ordered Hewlett-Packard Enterprise to continue working on the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles’ new computer system while the company tries to settle its dispute with the state over compensation. Read the full story at ProvidenceJournal.com.

Two Weeks Left for Vermont Driver Restoration Program
Vermonters have until the end of November to pay off overdue traffic tickets that are preventing them from holding a valid driver's license. Read the full story at BurlingtonFreePress.com.

Florida Highway Patrol Receives National Re-Accreditation
A team of assessors from the prestigious Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), has completed an extensive review of the Florida Highway Patrol’s (FHP) policies, procedures and law enforcement practices and announced that FHP has achieved gold standard re-accreditation. This is the first time FHP pursued and achieved the gold standard accreditation, which distinguishes FHP as a leading law enforcement agency in the nation. Read the DHSMV press release.

Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program (GMSP) Announces Grant
Grant funding totaling $97,730 has been awarded to the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program (GMSP) by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The approved funding will be used to increase motorcycle safety awareness and outreach by encouraging all motorists and motorcyclists to Share the Road, Read the press release.

WJZY Exposes Dealership Selling Salvage Cars (North Carolina)
It's like a gritty 60 Minutes exposé complete with "gotcha" interviews, well-documented facts, ripped-off consumers and finally, government action. Read the full story at
CA, FL, ID, IL, KY, ME, MI, MN, ND, NE, NH, NT, NY, ON, OR, SC, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI.

**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.

**Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) Kiosk** (Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from DC, FL, IL, KY, ME, MI, MN, MS, NE, NH, NJ, NT, OR, PA, SC, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI.

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

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

**Medical Cases more than 60 days old** (Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from CT, FL, IL, KY, MO, MS, ND, NE, NH, OH, OR, SC, VT, WA.

**DL Cancellations due to Fraud** (Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from FL, IL, ME, MI, MN, MS, ND, NE, NH, NY, OR, SC, VA, VT, WA.

**DL Skills Appointment Time** (Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from AR, FL, IL, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NE, NE, NH, OH, VA.

**Ignition Interlock Participants** (Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from AR, CA, CT, IL, ME, MN, MO, MS, MT, NE, NH, NJ, OH, OR, SC, VA, WA, WI.

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

**Returning Customers** (Ends 11/21/2016) Responses received from AL, FL, GA, ID, IL, KY, MS, NY, SK, VA, VT, WA.

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**TVNewsCheck.com.**

**Rep. Sanford Asks Feds: Reconsider REAL ID Denial for State (South Carolina)**
Rep. Mark Sanford is asking the Department of Homeland Security for another extension so South Carolina can comply with tighter standards for state driver's licenses. Read the full story at SFGate.com.

**DMV to Public: Your Money's No Good Here (Louisiana)**
Cash customers are being turned away from Louisiana Department of Motor Vehicles offices primarily because state employees can't keep their hands out of the till, a policy the chairman of the Joint Transportation Committee and some other lawmakers want reversed. Read the full story at DailyWorld.com.

**DOJ: Virginia Driver's License Suspension Law is Unconstitutional**
The U.S. Department of Justice is siding with a lawsuit challenging Virginia's practice of suspending the driver's licenses of people who can't pay court costs and fines. Read the full story at WHSV.com.

**New DMV Self-Serve Kiosks Go Live (West Virginia)**
The first self-serve kiosk to renew your vehicle registration went on line Friday morning at the Division of Motor Vehicles office in Kanawha County. The stand alone kiosks will also soon allow West Virginians to renew a drivers license at their convenience. Read the full story of WVMetroNews.com.

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**REGION III NEWS**

**Jesse White Launching Passenger License Plate Replacement Program in January (Illinois)**
Secretary of State Jesse White today announced his office will launch a cost-efficient passenger license plate replacement program beginning in January to replace the oldest license plates with newly designed plates at no additional cost to Illinois taxpayers. B-truck license plate replacement is expected to begin in 2018. Read the SOS press release.

**Proposed Tougher Drunk Driving Legislation to be Considered in Ohio**
There is a new push to toughen drunk driving laws in Ohio. Mothers Against Drunk Driving is trying to convince the Ohio Senate to pass "Annie's Law." It would allow convicted drunk drivers to get an ignition interlock on their car to make sure they're driving soberly. The interlocks wouldn't be mandatory. Read the full story at Local12.com.

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**REGION IV NEWS**

**38,000 Californians Apply for Veteran Driver License Program**
Veterans Day 2016 marks the first anniversary since the State of California started offering veterans the opportunity to place a printed "Veteran" designation on a California driver license or identification card. Read the full story at LakeCoNews.com.

**Federal Officials Take Aim at California’s Plan for Self-Driving Cars**
11/28/2016) Responses received from AR, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, ME, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NY, TX, VA, WA, WI.

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@aatma.org or call Janice Dluzylnski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site.

Federal highway safety regulators are gently rebuking a California plan that would compel automakers to show how they are addressing privacy, safety and a host of other questions about their self-driving cars — a novel technology that could transform the U.S. transportation system. Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com.

Should a Mileage Tax Replace the Gas Tax? Colorado Is 3rd State to Wonder
Putting more fuel-efficient vehicles on the road is universally seen as a good thing, but those gas-sipping hybrids and electric cars crisscrossing Colorado are contributing less and less in terms of the gas tax revenues that pay for badly-needed road and bridge repairs across the state. Read the full story at Governing.com.

Nevada DMV Could Automatically Register Voters if Initiative Petition Passes Muster
An initiative petition that would make it easier to register to vote could reach the Legislature next year after more than 125,000 signatures were turned in last week to county clerks for verification. Read the full story at ReviewJournal.com.

New Mexico Drivers Licenses Get Overhaul For REAL ID Act
New Mexico driver's licenses are getting an overhaul to comply with tougher federal identification requirements without forsaking people who are in the country illegally. Read the full story at KRWG.org.

Oregon’s New Motor Voter Law Registered A Quarter-Million New Voters This Year
Oregon’s success in honoring voting rights was a bright spot in the US election last week. In 2015, Oregon became the first state in the nation to adopt New Motor Voter —automatically registering citizens to vote when they prove their citizenship at the Department of Motor Vehicles. Read the full story at SightLine.org.

RCMP Introduces New Initiative to Combat Drunk Driving (Saskatchewan)
The RCMP are aiming to reduce the amount of fatalities and serious injury car collisions from impaired driving in Saskatchewan by educating the hospitality industry about the consequences of over-serving and allowing patrons to drive away under the influence of alcohol. Read the full story at CBC.ca.

Brewing Showdown Over Washington Driver Licensing Could Trip Up Airline Fliers
Washington state is moving toward a showdown like Oregon went through two years ago about issuing driver’s licenses to undocumented immigrants. Washington legislators were warned Monday that current state Department of Licensing policy to not check for legal residency could lead to trouble for everyone at the airport in just over a year. Read the full story at OPB.org.

FMCSA Online Systems to be Down Starting Nov. 17
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has advised that a scheduled outage of its online information systems will take place starting today at 9:00 p.m. EST and extend through Sunday, Nov. 20, at 8:00 p.m. EST. Read the full story at TruckingInfo.com.

Pedestrians Could Bully Self-Driving Cars into Traffic Jam Hell
Proponents of autonomous vehicles often cite the machines' potential to eliminate traffic jams as an argument for adopting the technology. But according to a recent paper, "Pedestrians, Autonomous Vehicles, and Cities," the exact opposite could also be true: Pedestrians could bully self-driving cars into gridlocked cities could bully self-driving cars into gridlock by taking advantage of their safety-first programming, if suitable safeguards aren't put in place. Read the full story at TheDrive.com.

Canada Needs Pot-Impaired Driver Education Before Legalizing, says CAA
The Canadian Automobile Association is lobbying for a government-funded public education program to warn of the dangers of cannabis-impaired driving before Canada legalizes recreational pot. Read the full story at 680News.com.

Intel Is Making a Major Investment in Autonomous Vehicles
Cars are about to generate incredible amounts of data. Chipmaker Intel's venture capital arm will invest $250 million over the next two years into autonomous vehicle technology. Read the full story at Fortune.com.

China’s Driverless Trucks Are Revving Their Engines
China is gearing up to overhaul its road delivery with fleets of self-driving long-haul trucks. A number of companies are developing automation technologies that promise to lower costs, reduce accidents, and improve overall efficiency for the trucking industry by allowing drivers to make longer trips that include periods of rest. Read the full story at TechnologyReview.com.

Hybrids, Electric Vehicles Must Be Loud Enough for Blind to Hear
Government safety regulators have set a new standard that requires hybrids and electric vehicles to generate enough noise so pedestrians and blind people can hear them in crosswalks and parking lots. Read the full story at GovTech.com.
Movement to legalize pot could go up in smoke with Sessions pick
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