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OUR EVENTS

DECEMBER

6-7 | 2016 New Administrators' Orientation

You Might Be Just Who We're Looking For: Experts Needed for Two New Working Groups

AAMVA's **Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group** 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. 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. Learn more about the Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group in the "Working Group Opportunities" tab on the [Committees and Working Groups Web page](#), or contact [Cathie Curtis](#). The **Disability Placard/License Plate Fraud Working Group** is also looking to fill some seats. Funded under AAMVA's cooperative agreement with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Working Group is tasked with developing 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. Learn more about the Disability Placard/License Plate Fraud Working Group in the "Working Group Opportunities" tab on the [Committees and Working Groups Web page](#), or contact [Brian Ursino](#).

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these two working groups, please complete the Working Group's application:

- [Internet Vehicle Sales Working Group Application](#)
- [Disability Placard/License Plate Fraud Working Group Application](#)

Send completed applications to Dianne Graham at Committees@aamva.org **no later than December 16, 2016**.

You Deserve Recognition! Apply for AAMVA Awards

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 Web site](#). **Don't forget:** the deadline for submissions is **February 1st** (nominations for the Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety are due on **April 15th**)! [Download the 2017 Awards Submission and Nomination Packet.](#)

Arlington, VA
By invitation only

14-15 | [Region IV Board/2017 Planning Meeting](#)
Seattle, WA

OUR WEBINARS

DECEMBER

6 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Understanding the Administrative Features](#)

8 | [Overview of SPEXS Master Specification Format](#)

13 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

14 | [Understanding and Using: New CD90.7.7 Selective DHR Validation Report](#)

15 | [NY DMV Underage Drinking Stings: A Jurisdiction Program Showcase](#)

SYSTEMS TRAINING

Complete details and registration information are available on AAMVA's Web site at www.aamva.org/systems-training/

DECEMBER

5 | SPEXS Overview (basic)

6 | PDPS Inquiry Transactions (intermediate)

7 | SPEXS Transactions AMIE (intermediate)

7 | PDPS Update Transactions (intermediate)

8 | SPEXS Transactions NIEM (intermediate)

8 | PDPS Interactions (intermediate)

9 | SPEXS Batch Transactions (intermediate)

12 | SPEXS Bulk Load (intermediate)

What Does Your State Have Planned for Older Driver Safety Awareness Week?

Syneren Corporation would like AAMVA partners to share what your state has planned for Older Driver Safety Awareness week December 3 through December 11, 2016. This is a week that is dedicated to education and physical fitness for older drivers. It also creates awareness of driving issues people may have as they age, not due to age but the more medical and physical issues that occur as you age and to be aware of these issues. Syneren will share this information on the [ChORUS Website](#). Please send your states planned activities to Kim Snook at Ksnook@syneren.com. [More information is available here](#).

REGION I NEWS

Low-Digit License Plates Draw Large Crowd at State DMVs (Delaware)

It's about the looks for some Delawareans, but when it comes to retro, five-digit license plates, it's always about the numbers. More than 100 people lined up outside the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles near New Castle Thursday morning to purchase the low numbers to adorn their vehicles – a tradition coveted in the First State for the collector value and the look. [Read the full story at DelawareOnline.com](#).

Maryland, Mississippi Among the Best at Combating Drunken Driving, MADD Says

Mississippi ranks among the best states when it comes to enacting laws against drunken driving, as do Maryland and Nebraska, according to a new report by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). [Read the full story at PrinceGeorgeCitizen.com](#).

Baltimore Close to Creating Municipal ID Cards for City Residents (Maryland)

Coming soon to Baltimore: official government ID cards for people who live in the city. The City Council is moving ahead with a bill that would require the city to issue a municipal identification card to any resident who asks for one. [Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com](#).

Cuomo: All Cars in New York Must Now Pass Window Tint Test

State autoshops that conduct inspections must now measure window tint before approving vehicles for operation, according to a new state law signed Monday by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. [Read the full story at NewYorkUpstate.com](#).

Captured Fugitive Sentenced to Prison for Rolling Back Odometers in Scheme that Defrauded Hundreds of Car Buyers (Pennsylvania)

A woman originally from Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Philadelphia to 50 months in prison on charges related to an odometer tampering conspiracy, the Department of Justice announced today. [Read the DOJ press release](#).

REGION II NEWS

Sen. Bill Nelson Calls for Federal Investigation into Florida Sale of DMV Information

13 | CDLIS Resolving Duplicate Pointers (advanced)

14 | SPEXS Web UI and Reports (intermediate)

14 | CD14 Mark Driver Unique (intermediate)

15 | SPEXS State Procedures Manual (intermediate)

15 | CD10 Delete Master Pointer Record (intermediate)

20 | CDLIS Rules for Driver Convictions (intermediate)

21 | CD11 Report Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)

22 | CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)

OPEN RFPs

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

OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Texas, North Carolina, New Jersey, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Idaho, and AAMVA.

[Driver's Privacy Protection Act \(DPPA\) Monitoring](#) (Ends 12/20/2016)

[License Plate Designs](#) (Ends 12/12/2016) Responses received from ID, ND, UT, VT, WY.

[iPad and/or tablet usage in Driver License Offices](#) (Ends 12/16/2016) Responses received from DE, FL, NJ, SC, VT, WA.

[ID Verification](#) (Ends 12/19/2016) Responses received from DE, FL, MN, VT, WA.

[DMV Forms/Guide Books via Vending Machine or Kiosk](#) (Ends 12/09/2016) Responses received from DE, ID, NJ, OR, SC, VA, VT, WA.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has the sold personal information of 15 million residents to private companies for more than \$150 million over the last two years. [Read the full story at WFTV.com.](#)

State Driver Services Receives New Grant Funding Supporting State's Electronic Conviction Processing System (Georgia)

Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) was recently awarded grant funding of \$376,961 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) for ongoing support of the State of Georgia Electronic Conviction Processing System (GECPS). GECPS provides a secure, electronic transmission of conviction data from Georgia courts to meet a federally mandated timeframe for posting convictions to individual driving records within ten days of adjudication. [Read the DDS press release.](#)

Kentucky Atheist Sues After DMV Rejects Request for Specialty 'I'm God' License Plate

A Kentucky man who identifies as an atheist has filed a federal lawsuit against the state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) after his request for a specialty plate reading "I'm God" was denied. [Read the full story at ChristianNews.net.](#)

DMV Will Reverse No Cash Policy for Most Transactions (Louisiana)

Louisiana's Department of Motor Vehicles will reverse its no cash policy on most transactions as soon as Dec. 1 after pressure from lawmakers, Commissioner Karen St. Germain confirmed to USA Today Network of Louisiana late Friday. [Read the full story at WWLTV.com.](#)

Senate Democratic Leadership Files Real I.D. Bill (Oklahoma)

For the second year in a row, Sen. John Sparks and Sen. Kay Floyd have filed legislation to resolve Oklahoma's ongoing non-compliance with the Real ID Act of 2005. [Read the full story at Ardmoreite.com.](#)

Gravely Weighs in on Suit Against DMV (Virginia)

Commonwealth's attorneys are faced with a balancing act, according to Martinsville Commonwealth's Attorney Clay Gravely: How does the court make sure someone pays their traffic fines while also making sure the person isn't being punished for being unable to afford the fees? [Read the full story at MartinsvilleBulletin.com.](#)

Tesla Gets Green Light from DMV Commish (Virginia)

Electric carmaker Tesla plans to drive full speed ahead toward opening its first local dealership after getting a favorable ruling on Wednesday from the state. [Read the full story at RichmondBizSense.com.](#)

West Virginia DMV Releases First Self-Service Terminal

DMV Commissioner Pat Reed is thrilled to announce the implementation of the first DMV Self-Service Terminal (SST), right outside the Regional Office in Kanawha City, at the Shops at Kanawha. [Read the full story at BusinessWire.com.](#)

REGION III NEWS

Lowe Named Interim Iowa DOT Director

Mark Lowe has been appointed interim director of the Iowa Department of Transportation by Gov. Terry Branstad, replacing Paul Trombino, who has resigned to seek new employment. [Read the full story at DesMoinesRegister.com.](#)

[Data Sharing Requirements](#)

(Ends 12/12/2016) Responses received from AL, CA, FL, ME, MI, MN, OH, VA, VT.

[Plate Deposit Survey](#)

(Ends 12/14/2016) Responses received from AL, ID, IL, KY, MN, MS, ND, NH, OK, OR, SK, VA, WY

[Federal Odometer Disclosure Requirements](#)

(Ends 12/22/2016) Responses received from AL, GA, ID, IL, LA, M, ND, NH, TX, UT, VT.

[CDL Suspensions for positive drug or alcohol test](#)

(Ends 12/14/2016) Responses received from AR, IL, IN, LA, MI, MN, MS, OR, PA, UT, VA, WA, WV.

[Title Certificate Paper](#)

(Ends 12/02/2016) Responses received from AB, AL, BC, LA, MD, MI, MN, ND, NH, OH, OR, SC, UT, WI.

[PII Compliant](#)

(Ends 12/02/2016) Responses received from AR, FL, IL, LA, ME, NH, NT, OH, VA, 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](#).

Ohio Lawmaker Wants to Ease Rule on Missing Front License Plate

A Democratic state lawmaker wants to make the failure to display a front license plate on vehicles a secondary offense. Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) told the Ohio Senate's Transportation, Commerce and Labor Committee Thursday that the proposal would require additional traffic offenses for officers to stop drivers. [Read the full story on the-news-leader.com](#).

REGION IV NEWS

ADOT's Battle Against ID Theft Extends Beyond Arizona

Expertise and facial-recognition technology employed by Arizona Department of Transportation detectives safeguard the personal information of not only Arizonans but those in other states who are targeted by identity thieves here. [Read the DOT press release](#).

California DMV Rejects License Plate FURRIES As 'Sexual' Term

Yiff, everybody! Wait, did I use that right? According to the meme dictionary website Know Your Meme, "Yiff" is a term among furies — a subculture/fandom of people who claim identities as cuddly, sometimes sexy animals — that means an "exuberant hello." [Read the full story at SFist.com](#).

Feds deny Montana request to delay driver's license law

Montana residents won't be allowed to use their driver's licenses to access military bases, nuclear power plants and federal facilities starting Jan. 30, and they'll need another form of identification to board commercial aircraft a year after that, federal officials said Tuesday. [Read the full story on Newsok.com](#).

'Motor Voter' Initiative Will Go Before Legislature Next Year (Nevada)

An initiative petition that would automatically register motorists to vote unless they opt out will head to the Legislature next year after election officials in Nevada's 17 counties reported the results of the signature gathering effort on Thursday. [Read the full story at ReviewJournal.com](#).

How Otto Defied Nevada and Scored a \$680 Million Payout from Uber

It could be the plot of an Ocean's Eleven movie: A team of daring engineers heads to the wilds of Nevada to create a dazzling spectacle, defy officials, and walk off with a \$680 million jackpot. [Read the full story at BackChannel.com](#).

Washington State Lawmakers Grapple with Coming Wave of Self-Driving Vehicles

A self-driving car crashes. Who is legally liable for the damage? The owner? The people in the car? The manufacturer? Writers of the software? The state government for allowing the vehicle onto the road? The feds for the same reason? This and many other unanswered questions popped up Wednesday as the Washington state House technology and transportation committees were briefed on issues related to automated vehicles. [Read the full story at GeekWire.com](#).

OTHER NEWS

Seat Belt Use Reaches Historic 90 Percent

Seat belt use in the United States reached its highest level since the federal government began regular national surveys in 1994, according to a new study released by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Seat belts saved nearly 14,000 lives in 2015 and an estimated 345,000 lives since 1975. [Read the full story at Forbes.com.](#)

Ford Recalls 680,000 Cars; Seat Belts May Not Hold in Crash

Ford is recalling more than 680,000 midsize sedans mainly in North America because the front seat belts may not hold people in a crash. [Read the full story at LATimes.com.](#)

Human Drivers Will Bully Robot Cars, Says CEO of Mercedes-Benz USA

Dietmar Exler, chief executive of Mercedes-Benz USA, is often asked why it's taking so long to develop self-driving cars. It's not technology, he tells them. That's advancing fast. [Read the full story at LATimes.com.](#)

Marijuana Breathalyzer Being Developed

Police have alcohol breathalyzers to combat drunk driving, and they may soon have marijuana breathalyzers available to them. [Read the full story at NBC4i.com.](#)

Another Self-Driving Car Company Will Test Its Vehicles in the US

NuTonomy, an autonomous vehicle software startup that's been testing its technology in Singapore, announced that it had signed an agreement with officials in Boston to bring its self-driving cars to that city's streets. [Read the full story at TheVerge.com.](#)

Government Wants Phone Makers to Lock Out Most Apps for Drivers

The government wants smartphone makers to lock out most apps when the phone is being used by someone driving a car. The voluntary guidelines unveiled Wednesday are designed to reduce crashes caused by drivers distracted by phones. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration also wants automakers to make infotainment systems easy to pair with smartphones. [Read the full story at TNonLine.com.](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

On Twitter

@AAMVACconnection 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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Police department warns drunk drivers about consequences in viral tweet: <https://t.co/7HohApStkj>

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