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## AAMVA Thanks Mikell and Fernan for Service on International Board of Directors



Patrick Fernan, Wisconsin DMV Administrator and Robert (Rob) Mikell, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Driver Services have both announced that they will be stepping down from their positions as administrators and from the AAMVA International Board of Directors. Patrick,

who serves as the Member-at-Large on the Board's Executive Committee, has been with the Wisconsin DOT for 22 years, including 11 years with the DMV. He will be joining the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) as the Midwestern Regional Administrator, responsible for FMCSA operations in 10 mid-west states. Rob is moving on from GA DDS after 14 years of service to Georgia, including the 9 years with DDS, to join AAMVA Associate Member MorphoTrust. AAMVA thanks them both for their service and is pleased their new positions will keep them involved in the AAMVA Community.

## REGION I NEWS

### Automatic Voter Registration is Eyed for DMV (Connecticut)

Legislation proposed by Secretary of the State Denise Merrill would allow voters to automatically register at the state Department of Motor Vehicles. [Read the full story at PlainvilleCitizen.com.](#)

### Delaware Tag No. 14 Brings \$325,000 at Rehoboth Beach Auction

Donna White won't quickly forget Valentine's Day, 2016. That is the day her husband, Ray, bought her Delaware tag No. 14 - in honor of Valentine's Day - for \$325,000. [Read the full article on CapeGazette.com.](#)

### Bill to Increase Drunk Driving Penalties Passes through Assembly (Maryland)

The Assembly passed a bill that would make a fourth OWI offense a felony Tuesday in a 95-1 vote, but some say more needs be done to address drunk

## OUR EVENTS

## MARCH



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## OUR WEBINARS

## FEBRUARY

**23** | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) 3.0 Understanding the New Data Elements](#)

2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

**24** | [2016 Fraud Detection and Remediation \(FDR\) Training](#)

2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

## MARCH

**16, 24** | [High Level Overview of National Registry II Solution](#)

1:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

## OUR SYSTEMS TRAINING

## FEBRUARY

**23** | [Course IV: PDPS State-to-State and NDR-Generated Transactions](#)

2:00 - 4:00 pm ET

## OUR SURVEYS

The following surveys are open are still accepting responses:

[CDL Rehabilitation Program](#) (Ends 03/15/2016)

[Medical Examiner's Certificate \(Form](#)

driving in the state. [Read the full story at BadgerHerald.com.](#)

### Smartphone App Displays License (Massachusetts)

A Billerica company is seeking state approval to make your driver's license available on your cellphone — with the touch of an app. [Read the full story at BostonHerald.com.](#)

### Ontario Moving Forward with Recommendations to Strengthen Credit Unions

Ontario is proposing changes that will help credit unions and caisses populaires remain competitive and better serve individuals, communities and businesses. [Read the press release on news.ontario.ca.](#)

### Law Enforcement Agencies Worried About Funds for License Plate Readers (Pennsylvania)

Pennsylvania is phasing out registration stickers and going electronic by 2017. It's a plan the Department of Transportation says will save money and eliminate waste, but some law enforcement agencies are worried they don't have the funds for license plate readers. [Read the full story at WTAE.com.](#)

### Bill Would Toughen Drunk Driving Penalties in Rhode Island

Advocates against impaired driving are fighting to strengthen what Rhode Island's attorney general calls some of the weakest drunk-driving laws in New England. [Read the full story at WPRI.com.](#)

## REGION II NEWS

### Bill to Reduce Number of Suspended Driver Licenses in Florida Picks Up Speed

Legislation aimed at ending the practice of suspending driver licenses for non-driving related offenses got unanimous approval at its last committee stop in the Florida Senate on Wednesday, a move proponents say will end the unfair hurdles the penalties impose on the poor and disabled. [Read the full story at MiamiHerald.com.](#)

### State Faces \$50 Million Civil Rights Lawsuit Over Drunk Driving Cases (Florida)

Two Orlando attorneys today filed what they hope will become a \$50 million class action lawsuit, accusing the state of Florida of violating the constitutional rights of drunk driving suspects. [Read the full story at OrlandoSentinel.com.](#)

### State Agencies Form Successful Partnership to Support Inmate Transition (Georgia)

Department of Driver Services (DDS) Commissioner Rob Mikell and Department of Corrections (GDC) Commissioner Homer Bryson announced today that their agencies have a 93% success rate in helping offenders in transition obtain state driver's licenses and/or identification cards. [Read the press release on dds.ga.gov.](#)

## REGION III NEWS

**MCSA-5876**(Ends 03/15/2016)

**Medical Marijuana and CDL Holders** (Ends 03/11/2016)

**Fraud and enforcement investigation sections** (Ends 03/11/2016)

**Mobile App Statistics** (Ends 03/07/2016)

**Online Temporary 'Timed' Permits** (Ends 03/07/2016)

**Driver's Licence Exchange Fees** (Ends 03/07/2016)

**Outsourcing Call Center Services** (Ends 03/04/2016)

**Suspend Registration for failure to pay toll fees** (Ends 03/01/2016)

**Automated Testing System** (Ends 02/29/2016)

**Leadership Development Programs for DMV Staff**(Ends 02/29/2016)

**Do Not Resuscitate** (Ends 02/23/2016)

**Out of State Third Party Transactions** (Ends 02/22/2016)

**CDL Third Party Testing** (Ends 02/22/2016)

**Lighting and Safety Measures for Tow Trucks** (Ends 02/19/2016)

**Facial Recognition** (Ends 02/19/2016)

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](mailto:webportalsupport@aamva.org) or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842.

All online surveys can be found [on](#)

## 102nd Recruit Class Training At Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy

Colonel J. Bret Johnson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announces that 41 people reported to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy on January 4, 2016, to begin the 25-week training course to become a trooper. The 102nd Recruit Class is scheduled to graduate on June 24, 2016. [Read the MSHP press release.](#)

## Ohio Lawmakers Push Bill for Body-Camera Use

Police departments that equip officers with body cameras would be required to develop written policies on their use and the release of recordings, under legislation being considered in the Ohio House. House Bill 407 would not require the use of body cameras, a move some groups have pursued in light of police shootings in Cleveland and Cincinnati and elsewhere. [Read the full story at Vindy.com.](#)

## Wisconsin Man Allowed to Wear Spaghetti Strainer in DMV Photo

A Madison man won the right to wear a strainer on his head for his DMV photo. According to the website for The Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster, Michael Schumacher of Madison, along with his lawyer, asked for permission to practice his religion in his driver's license photo. [Read the full story at WKOW.com.](#)

## REGION IV NEWS

## ICBC Taps Social Media to Crack Down on Fraud (British Columbia)

It may not be listed among your 'friends,' but the Insurance Corp. of B.C. might be following you on Facebook. The government-owned auto insurer opened 2,350 cyber cases in 2015 and plans to purchase special fraud software later this year that will help to quickly flag patterns and high predictors of fraud at the beginning of the claims process. [Read the full story at News1130.com.](#)

## Temp License Bill Seeks to ID Criminals, Toll Evaders (California)

To avoid losing millions of dollars in tollbooth revenue and bolster efforts to identify criminals, Assemblyman Kevin Mullin is pushing ahead full steam with a bill that would create a statewide temporary license plate system. [Read the full story at SMDailyJournal.com.](#)

## California to Pilot Statewide Open Data Portal

California is hatching plans to pilot a next-gen open data portal to house all of its public agency data under one roof. The announcement came Friday, Feb. 12 from Stuart Drown, the deputy secretary for innovation and accountability from the recently formed California Government Operations Agency (CalGovOps). [Read the full story at GovTech.com.](#)

## MADD Dash to Breathalyzers for All Drunk Drivers (California)

[the AAMVA Web site here.](#)

There's a MADD dash to change California's drunk driving laws. The anti-drunk driving group is pushing a new law forcing breathalyzer tests into every drunk driver's car or truck. "Over a million impaired driving incidences were stopped because of these devices," said Mary Klotzbach. [Read the full story at ABC30.com.](#)

### **State Implements "Motor Voter" Law (California)**

Department of Motor Vehicles offices throughout California are working with the Secretary of State to implement a new law that will automatically register eligible California residents to vote when they obtain or renew a driver's license. [Read the full story at VerdeMagazine.com.](#)

### **New Mexico Gov. Martinez Declares Win With Illegal-Immigrant Driver's License Reform**

In New Mexico, illegal immigrants will no longer be able to obtain a state driver's license — but they will have access to a driver's authorization card. [Read the full story at WashingtonTimes.com.](#)

### **Teens Delay Getting Licenses — And Their Driving is Worse (Washington)**

For years, a driver's license represented to teenagers tantalizing adult freedoms. That little piece of plastic inspired visions of sun-kissed road trips, sports cars and make-out sessions in parking lots where mom wouldn't drop in. But for Washington teens, a subtle shift is under way. More are waiting to get licensed. [Read the full article in Seattletimes.com.](#)

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Microsoft Is Testing a Cool Idea That Could One Day Let You Go to the DMV Over Skype**

Microsoft is working on a program to hook up India's national identity system Aadhar with Skype, reports the Indian Express. In India, just as in the United States, there's only so much you can do when it comes to dealing with government agencies over the phone or e-mail. At a certain point, you have to go to City Hall (or whatever other municipal office) and show some kind of identification in order to get what you want. [Read the full story at Yahoo.com.](#)

### **New Electronic Driver Log Regulations to Curb Fatigue Among Truck Drivers (Canada)**

The federal government is implementing new regulations that will require truck drivers to log their hours electronically. Drivers currently log their hours manually by paper and can be behind the wheel for up to 13 hours. [Read the full story at GlobalNews.ca.](#)

### **VW Recalls 850,000 Cars for Air Bags**

Volkswagen resisted U.S. government efforts to recall more cars and trucks to fix potentially deadly Takata air bags — telling safety regulators that a recall isn't necessary. [Read the full story at TNonLine.com.](#)

### **Google Patents Self-Driving Delivery Truck Idea**

Now with federal support for the eventual deployment of cars that could drive without a human inside, Google has won a patent for a self-driving truck that

would deliver packages to customers. [Read the full story at GovTech.com.](#)

## Tesla Adds Safety Provisions to 'Summon' Self-Driving Feature

Tesla is deploying software modifications for its "Summon" autonomous-driving feature in response to criticism from Consumer Reports. After testing the system on its own Model S P85D, the magazine concluded the unmodified version of Summon constituted a minor, but "unnecessary" safety risk. [Read the full story at KFDM.com.](#)

## Young People More Likely to Text While Driving If Friends Do: Study

College students whose friends text while driving are more likely to engage in this risky behavior as well, a new study suggests. [Read the full story at Mobile.Philly.com.](#)

## Toyota Recalls RAV4s for Faulty Seatbelts

Toyota recalled nearly three million RAV4 sport utility vehicles worldwide on Thursday, saying their rear seatbelts could be severed in a severe crash, leaving passengers unprotected. [Read the full story at TimesUnion.com.](#)

## The Future of Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) in Law Enforcement

The growing digitisation of police forces around the world has resulted in an increased use of new technologies. The deployment of Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) in police forces all over the globe is in its very early stages as there are several technological, social, and legislative issues to contend with. This article takes a look at facial recognition technology in the United Kingdom's security sector before commenting on the wider global implications. [Read the full article on cnbc.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 "Twitter-town talk". You may be surprised at what you're missing! Follow @AAMVAConnection. (<http://twitter.com/#!/AAMVAConnection>)

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#### AB Transportation @ABTransComm | [View the Tweet](#)

Texting and driving? Expect a ticket. This month's traffic safety focus is distracted driving #abroads #CrotchesKill

#### My Car Does What @MyCarDoesWhat | [View the Tweet](#)

With Valentine's Day in the rearview mirror, take time to reflect on your relationship with car safety technologies: <https://mycardoeswhat.org/safety-features-to-fall-in->

[love-with/...](#)

**Nevada DOT @nevadadot | [View the Tweet](#)**

Woohoo! We just topped 15,000 followers on Twitter. Many thanks.

**NHTSA @NHTSAgov | [View the Tweet](#)**

Take the Pledge! Say no to #DistractedDriving. <http://go.usa.gov/c99xY>

**NHTSA @NHTSAgov | [View the Tweet](#)**

"Dude... Where's my car?" <http://go.usa.gov/cUZUG>

**FLHSMV @FLHSMV | [View the Tweet](#)**

Most important thing to do after a crash? Stay at the scene, help the injured & call for help. #StayAtTheSceneFL

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

Registration is now open for the TDS Summit '16. We can't wait to recognize the top teams! <http://ow.ly/YwvC2>

**PennDOT @PennDOTNews | [View the Tweet](#)**

MT @PAStatePolice: Look for more PSP and @PennDOTNews Law Safety Awareness Updates next week. <http://ow.ly/YunjS>

**NEStatePatrol @NEStatePatrol | [View the Tweet](#)**

NEStatePatrol Retweeted NSP Troop E

"Buckle Up for the Rivalry" Promoting seat belt safety & community involvement in Troop-E Go Teams! #BuckleUp

**IDOT Safety @IDOTSafety | [View the Tweet](#)**

#DrowsyDriving is dangerous. Take a break from the road & get some sleep if you're feeling tired.

**CA DMV @CA\_DMV | [View Tweet](#)**

Registration suspended? Submit your insurance info and pay your \$14 reinstatement fee online at <http://bit.ly/1y9Q7gO> . #SaveTimeGoOnline

**My Car Does What @MyCarDoesWhat | [View the Tweet](#)**

Rick & Scout visit @DanCrashMan at the @uippc to test drive a car equipped with AEB. Check them out: <https://youtu.be/2WPGhoHkgE8>



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