Region III and IV Representatives Needed for IDEC Executive Board

AAMVA is looking for volunteers to serve as the Region III and IV Representatives on the International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Executive Board, a permanent AAMVA Executive Board which is directly responsible for maintaining and distributing new and revised IDEC materials to the AAMVA members. These include commercial, non-commercial and motorcycle examiner testing materials. IDEC will meet face to face at least twice a year, as well as via conference call or webinar as the work load requires. Applicants must be from an IDEC-accredited jurisdiction and are required to attend and actively participate in all Executive Board meetings, assist in all Board activities, and be the liaison between the AAMVA member jurisdictions in your Region. Applications must be submitted to committees@aamva.org no later than close of business on Friday, February 19, 2016. (Please cc your submission to Denise Hanchulak at dhanchulak@aamva.org).

AAMVA Awards Submission Deadline is Next Week!

AAMVA's Awards Program is a great way to recognize individuals, teams and organizations in the motor vehicle administration and law enforcement community for their commitment and hard work. With a February 1st submission deadline quickly approaching, you'll want to act now to give credit where credit is due. View the 2016 Awards Promo Video to learn more about the awards, and visit the Awards Page on AAMVA's Web site to download the 2016 Submission and Nomination Packet and Entry Form.

AAMVA Member Resource Helps Boost Your Procurement Efforts

Let us help you extend the reach of your procurement efforts by sending your RFPs/RFIs to WebUpdates@aamva.org. Listing your solicitation announcements on AAMVA's Open RFPs/RFIs page will help raise visibility and increase response rates. Just posted this week:

- Maryland MVA - Project Core MVA System Modernization RFP (Responses Due: April 4, 2016)
- Virginia DMV - Q-Up Customer Flow Management Solution RFP (Responses Due: March 8, 2016)
For complete details, visit AAMVA’s Open RFPs/RFIs page at [www.aamva.org/Open-RFPs/](http://www.aamva.org/Open-RFPs/).

**REGION I NEWS**

**E-driver’s Licenses Study Green-Lighted in New Jersey**

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has signed into law a bill that could soon result in the state making available electronic driver's licenses. The new law mandates that the state Motor Vehicle Commission prepare and submit to Christie and to the Legislature a report on the feasibility of the e-licenses. Read the full story at [CompassFS.net](http://CompassFS.net).

**New Graduated Driver’s License Law Commemorates Mainland Football Players (New Jersey)**

Legislation that promotes awareness of New Jersey’s graduated driver’s license restrictions and commemorates the lives of four Mainland Regional High School football players who were killed in a car accident was signed into law Thursday, Jan. 21. Read the full story at [ShoreNewsToday.com](http://ShoreNewsToday.com).

**Joint Underage Drinking Investigation Uncovers Flagrant Violations of New York State Laws at Geneseo Bar**

New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) Chairman Vincent A. Bradley and Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Executive Deputy Commissioner Terri Egan today announced the results of a joint enforcement action at “The Statesmen,” a tavern located at 86 Court Street in Geneseo. Read the press release for more.

**Pennsylvania Senate Bill Proposes Fines for Snow on Trucks**

The state Senate held a hearing Wednesday focused on a bill requiring truckers to "make all reasonable efforts" to remove snow and ice accumulations from their rigs before driving, but truck association officials fear the wording may be too subjective. Read the full story at [YorkDispatch.com](http://YorkDispatch.com).

**Florida Lawmakers Debating New Rules for Repeat Drunk Drivers**

Repeat drunk drivers may soon be required to undergo twice daily alcohol screenings. Florida senators are debating whether to require a new and highly touted 24-7 sobriety program. Read the full story at [WCTV.TV](http://WCTV.TV).

**North Carolina Voter-ID Case Could Have Ramifications Across U.S.**

The requirement to present photo identification to cast a ballot went on trial Monday in a closely watched case that will have legal ramifications for voting across the country this presidential election year. Read the full story at [WashingtonPost.com](http://WashingtonPost.com).

**Virginia Bill Would Allow DMV To Offer Same-Sex Marriage Licenses if Clerks Object**

Virginia legislators believe they’ve found a solution to the battle between Christian county clerks and gay marriage, also known as religious freedom vs. the law. Last summer’s Obergefell v. Hodges ruling, which declared gay marriage a national right,
Local DMV Employee Accused of Embezzling State Funds (Virginia)
An employee of the Waynesboro DMV customer service center has been charged with three counts of embezzling public funds. Read the full story at DailyProgress.com.

New Microchips on Michigan Driver's Licenses to Contain Emergency Contact Information
It's becoming more than just a license to drive. Your driver's license will soon have information that could help in a medical emergency. Read the full story at WWMT.com.

Royals Fans Can Get Personalized License Plates with Team Logo (Missouri)
Royals fans in Missouri can show off their pride in the World Series Champions with a personalized license plate featuring the Kansas City Royals logo. Read the full story at KMBC.com.

Leading the Charge on Regulating Self-Driving Cars, Will California Take the Fast or Slow Route?
At a public workshop in Sacramento, Calif., the auto industry pushed for the state to allow fully autonomous vehicles as opposed to the proposal that only lets cars drive themselves if a licensed driver is behind the wheel and ready to take over. Read the full article on Govtech.com.

California Wrestles with Making Self-Driving Cars Public
Companies that are developing self-driving cars of the future want government regulators to clear the road for public access to the technology, once it emerges from current prototype testing. Read the full story at NewsObserver.com.

Lyft Settles California Driver Lawsuit Over Employment Status
Ride-hailing service Lyft has agreed to settle a proposed class action lawsuit in California by giving drivers additional workplace protections but without classifying them as employees, removing a major threat to its business model. Read the full story at Reuters.com.

Saskatchewan Impaired Driving Charges Among Highest in Canada
"It's so tragic because impaired driving is something that is so easily preventable. It just takes some planning in advance," Brinkworth said. "Just think about it and make a plan before you go out." Read the full story at MJTimes.sk.ca.
Taking Older Drivers Off the Road Tied to Increased Depression Risk
When older drivers stop getting behind the wheel, they may be more likely to feel depressed and to develop other health problems than their peers who remain on the road, a research review suggests. Read the full story at FoxNews.com.

Uber is Using Smartphone Data to Alert it to Bad Drivers
Although Uber's review system allows both riders and drivers to submit feedback on a recent journey, it can be hard for the company to know what really happened. Did a driver constantly break the speed limit or was a customer totally unfair with their feedback? Without evidence, it's simply one person's word against another's. Uber has a plan to change that, though. Using gyroscopes and GPS chips built into driver and passenger smartphones, the company's new scheme will log when a driver is (or isn't) driving dangerously. Feedback will still be welcome, but the idea is to back up words and scores with cold hard data. Read the full story at AutoBlog.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 “Twitter-town talk”. You may be surprised at what you're missing! Follow @AAMVAConnection. (http://twitter.com/#!/AAMVAConnection)

- Safe Roads Alliance @Safe_Roads | View the Tweet
  Wyoming DOT offers new teen driver safety program.  
  http://mybighornbasin.com/WYDOT-Offering ... @AAMVAConnection @WYDOT_I80 @WYDOT_Southeast @WYDOT_I25

- TeenDriverInfo @PSDP_Info | View the Tweet
  Study - It's not just teens who are foregoing Drivers Licenses. 
  http://www.edmunds.com/car-new ... @UMTRI @DrivingReal @AAMVAConnection

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  AAA says Siri causes potentially dangerous #distracteddriving  
  http://bit.ly/1sdl4ST @Safe_Roads @SafeWayRightWay

- Iowa DOT @iowadot | View the Tweet
  Don't forget - the Iowa DOT's Burlington DL station is closed Fri/Sat as we move to 550 S. Gear Ave. in W Burlington

- GA Highway Safety @gohsgeorgia | View the Tweet
  Best part of Super Bowl 50? Maybe your party. Make it great by making it safe.  
  #SB50 fans #Don'tDriveDrunk
- **DC DMV @dcdmv | View the Tweet**
  Request a copy of your driver record online. [http://ow.ly/XGzAj](http://ow.ly/XGzAj)

- **VermontDMV @VTDMV | View the Tweet**
  Our average wait times for last week. Note Tuesday was the day after a holiday.

- **IIHS @IIHS_autosafety | View the Tweet**
  It turns out teens aren’t less interested in cars or driving. [http://ht.ly/XGYdh](http://ht.ly/XGYdh)

- **Indiana BMV @INBMV | View the Tweet**
  Check out our online services at [http://myBMV.com](http://myBMV.com) and #SkipTheTrip to the branch! You can renew your license, registration and more

- **My Car Does What @MyCarDoesWhat | View the Tweet**
  Happy 130th birthday to the automobile! See how far the car has come since 1886 by visiting [http://MyCarDoesWhat.org](http://MyCarDoesWhat.org)

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