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Survey: AAMVA's Card Design Standard Subcommittee Needs Your Input

The Card Design Standard Subcommittee is planning to update AAMVA's [Design Principles and Guidelines for Secure DL/ID Cards \(SCDP\)](#). As a part of determining what changes are needed, the group is conducting a survey to obtain information on how and when jurisdictions are using the SCDP. Please take the Secure DL/ID Cards (SCDP) survey by **February 12th** to assist the subcommittee with their assessment. For questions, please contact Mindy Stephens at mstephens@aamva.org. [Click here to take the survey.](#)

Reminder: License Plate Verification Program Available for Jurisdictions

License plates allow for the ability to quickly identify motor vehicles and vehicle registration information. The design of license plates that optimize legibility to the human eye and license plate readers is important for efficient and proper identification. [AAMVA's 2020 License Plate Standard](#) provides support to jurisdictions in the production of license plates that enhance accurate license plate identification, while providing flexibility for multiple designs.

To assist jurisdictions in determining if their license plates meet these standards, AAMVA offers the License Plate Verification Program (LPVP). The LPVP provides jurisdictions, at no cost, the opportunity to submit up to four license plates during each AAMVA fiscal year for comparison to the 2020 License Plate Standard. A written report will be generated outlining where the submitted license plate does, and does not, align with the standard. Read more here under the [License Plate Verification tab](#).

New AAMVAcast Episode

In this episode, we speak with Lieutenant Ryan Durbin and Detective Eric Gunderson with the Washington State Patrol, about their agency's AAMVA Award-winning program using drones to aid in crash investigation and reconstruction. You can find AAMVAcast [on its own website](#), as well as on Apple podcasts, Google podcasts, Stitcher, and Spotify. We'll be releasing new episodes every Monday, featuring conversations with Ian Grossman and members of the AAMVA Community. Subscribe today!



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This Week's Webinars

[NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 1](#)

February 4, 2021; 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (ET)

NMVTIS has two third party transactions that involve updates between the central site and multiple states. Because the transactions involve multiple states and the central site, it is possible for a transaction to break down before it completes. Further activity against this title record is greatly restricted until the problem is resolved. This webinar provides instruction as to how to identify and resume suspended transactions. The intended audience for this webinar are NMVTIS Help Desk Personnel, Business Process Analyst and IT System Integrators.

Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction members only.

FEATURED NEWS

Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19

[Click here](#) to view consolidated information and see how motor vehicle administrations are handling driver licensing and vehicle registration. This document will be updated with the most current information on our [homepage](#).

Motor Vehicle Industry Response on COVID-19 Pandemic

Below is a selection of news releases and announcements regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

- [As Traffic Deaths Spike During COVID-19, New Report Examines Unsettling Trend of Teen Drivers Speeding – and Dying – on America's Roads \(GHSA\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Freehold MVC Center Open by Appointment Only, Rio Grande MVC Center Closed Jan. 30 \(New Jersey\)](#)
- [Somerville Vehicle Center Closed Until Feb. 8 \(New Jersey\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Gov. Beshear Announces Opening of KYTC Regional Driver Licensing Office in Burlington \(Kentucky\)](#)
- [OMV Urges Customers To Utilize Online Services During COVID-19 Pandemic \(Louisiana\)](#)
- [DPS Reminder: DL Expiration Waiver Ends in April \(Texas\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Driver's License Extensions Ending: Make a Plan To Renew Now \(Minnesota\)](#)

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- [Dunleavy Looks Back on One Year of COVID-19 \(Alaska\)](#)
- [DMV Now Offering Behind-the-Wheel Driving Tests Beginning February 1 \(California\)](#)
- [Limited Walk-in Services From 8 AM To Noon To Begin for Certain Branches: Appointments To Continue as Scheduled Beginning Monday, January 25, 2021 \(Guam\)](#)
- [Idaho DMV Encourages Customers To “Skip the Line, Go Online.” for Many DMV Transactions](#)
- [COVID-19 Department of Economic Development and Transportation Services Update \(Nunavut\)](#)

JURISDICTION NEWS

ADOT Officers Combat Human Trafficking Through Training, Awareness (Arizona)

Human trafficking is a growing worldwide problem and one of the most powerful enforcement tools to combat this crime is part of the essential mission of the Arizona Department of Transportation Enforcement and Compliance Division. [Read more at azdot.gov.](#)

Scam Alert: Text Message Claiming To Be ADOT Isn't Real (Arizona)

Many Arizonans have reported receiving a scam text about their driver license needing to be updated. This text did not come from the Arizona Department of Transportation and is a phony attempt to get people to hand over their personal identifying information. [Read more at azdot.gov.](#)

DMV Authorizes Baidu To Test Driverless Vehicles in Sunnyvale (California)

The California Department of Motor Vehicles today issued a permit to Baidu USA LLC, authorizing the company to test driverless vehicles on public roads in Sunnyvale. [Read more at dmvc.ca.gov.](#)

Iconic Colorado Contest: As Thousands of Coloradans Voice Their Choice, Time Remains for Others To Help Choose New License Design

After five days of voting, more than 7,000 Coloradans have voiced their choice in the Iconic Colorado contest, but there's still seven days left to help decide which designs are iconic enough to be on the next driver license. [Read more at dmvc.colorado.gov.](#)

Hit-and-Run Crash Fatalities Rise in 2020, Floridians Reminded To Stay at the Scene

In 2020, hit-and-run crash fatalities increased...In an effort to reduce the number of hit-and-run crashes and fatalities and to help solve open cases, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) is leading the Stay at the Scene campaign this February, during Hit-and-Run Awareness Month. [Read more at flhsmv.gov.](#)

FLHSMV Terminates Third-Party Agreement With Miami Driving & Traffic School, Inc. (Florida)

[FLHSMV] announced the termination of its agreement with Miami Driving & Traffic

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OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Arkansas, Indiana, Virginia, Colorado, Wisconsin, Alberta, Oregon, Minnesota, and AAMVA.

[Plain Language Software & the Learning Impaired](#) (Ends 03/01/2021)

[Practice Knowledge Exam](#) (Ends 03/01/2021)

[Data Sharing Practices](#) (Ends 02/22/2021)

[Maximum Age for Online DL Renewals](#) (Ends 02/22/2021)

[Special Plate Applications](#) (Ends 02/23/2021)

[Federal Medical Card](#) (Ends 02/17/2021)

[Enhancement to Vehicle Certificate of Registration](#) (Ends 02/17/2021)

[Use of Mobility Devices on Public Highways](#) (Ends 02/17/2021)

[Online Address Changes](#) (Ends 02/08/2021)

[External Access to State Agency Systems](#) (Ends 02/05/2021)

[Secure DL/ID Cards \(SCDP\)](#) (Ends

School, Inc., an authorized third-party administrator of the Florida driver license test, after an investigation uncovered violations of the Third-Party Agreement which pose an immediate danger to the public health, safety, and welfare of Florida's residents and visitors. [Read more at flhsmv.gov](#).

GA Dept. of Driver Services (DDS) Joins State To State Verification System (Georgia)

As part of their recent system upgrade, the Department of Driver Services (DDS) has incorporated the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) to electronically verify if applicants for Georgia licenses or Identification Cards (IDs) also hold licenses or IDs in another state. [Read more at dds.georgia.gov](#).

GA Department of Driver Services (DDS), Office of Investigative Services, Receives Protection Vests From GA Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) (Georgia)

GA Department of Driver Services (DDS) recently received eight protective ballistic vests from the GA Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) for use by the DDS Office of Investigative Services (OIS). [Read more at dds.georgia.gov](#).

Indiana Department of Revenue Recognized Nationally as a Top Workplace

The Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR), a two-time winner of the IndyStar Top Workplaces award, has now been recognized at the national level as a Top Workplace USA for 2021. [Read more at events.in.gov](#).

Maryland Announces Release of 2021-2025 Strategic Highway Safety Plan

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), together with other state and local agencies, law enforcement partners and others, announce the release of the 2021-2025 Maryland Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), the latest update of the five-year plan to identify strategies and actions to eliminate fatalities on all Maryland roadways. [Read more at mva.maryland.gov](#).

Department of State Suspends License of Detroit Used Vehicle Dealership (Michigan)

The Department of State has suspended the license of a Detroit used vehicle dealership for falsifying information on forms submitted to the department...The dealership certified that the mechanics listed on the forms completed repairs, when in fact they did not. The licensee then obtained resale titles and sold the vehicles knowing the titles were obtained using falsified information. [Read more at michigan.gov](#).

DMV Officials Celebrate 50-Year DMV Employee (North Carolina)

Western North Carolina Teenagers in 1970 had to visit with Johnny Southard before they could legally get behind the wheel of their Dodge Challenger, Ford Mustang or Chevy Cheyenne. They had to pass his test — the Department of Motor Vehicle driving test. [Read more at ncdot.gov](#).

Ohio Bureau Motor Vehicles Awarded Federal Funding To Continue Safety Program

02/14/2021)

You can view all open surveys and responses to all surveys by visiting the [survey tool](#). Please contact [Janice Dluzynski](#) if you have any questions about using the survey tool.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced that Ohio was among three States that will receive a total of \$1.3 million to continue its vehicle recall notification to protect customers. [Read more at content.govdelivery.com](#).

New Law Updates CDL Requirements for PA Veterans, Service Members (Pennsylvania)

[PennDOT] and the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) announced...a new Pennsylvania law waives the requirement for Pennsylvania residents who are current and former military members and who operated a commercial vehicle as part of their duties, to take a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Knowledge Test when applying for a CDL. [Read more at media.pa.gov](#).

Appointment To the Board of Directors of the SAAQ (Quebec) (French)

On January 27, 2021, the Government of Quebec appointed Mr. Konrad Sioui as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors and Director of the SAAQ. Mr. Sioui holds a master's degree in public administration from the National School of Public Administration. [Read more at saaq.gouv.qc.ca](#).

SGI Warns of Driver License Scam (Saskatchewan)

SGI is aware that scammers could be targeting SGI customers by sending them an email posing as their bank and asking them to provide a photo or scan of their driver's licence. If you get a request like that, take steps to verify that the request is coming from a trusted source before providing any personal information. [Read more at sgi.sk.ca](#).

87 People Lost Their Lives in Vehicle Crashes in 2020 (Saskatchewan)

Preliminary statistics* from SGI show 87 people lost their lives in road collisions in 2020 on Saskatchewan roads...it's the second-lowest number of road fatalities recorded in a single year in the past six decades...The 87 fatalities is also sharply lower than the previous 10-year average of 131.5 road fatalities per year from 2010-2019. [Read more at sgi.sk.ca](#).

Data Privacy Day 2021 – Own Your Privacy (Utah)

Data Privacy Day is a global effort — taking place annually on January 28th — that generates awareness about the importance of privacy, highlights easy ways to protect personal information and reminds organizations that privacy is good for business. [Read more at dpsnews.utah.gov](#).

FEDERAL NEWS

USDOT Accepting Submissions for Combating Human Trafficking Award

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) is soliciting submissions for its annual Combating Human Trafficking in Transportation Impact Award. The award incentivizes an increase in human trafficking awareness, training, and prevention among transportation stakeholders. The award is a component of the Department's Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking initiative. Additional information regarding the Department's counter-trafficking activities can be found at

www.transportation.gov/stophumantrafficking. The award serves as a platform for transportation stakeholders to unlock their creativity, and to empower them to develop impactful and innovative counter-trafficking tools, initiatives, campaigns, and technologies that can help defeat this heinous crime. The award is open to individuals and entities, including non-governmental organizations, transportation industry associations, research institutions, and State and local government organizations. Entrants compete for a cash award of up to \$50,000 to be awarded to the individual(s) or entity selected for creating the most impactful counter-trafficking initiative or technology. The U.S. Department of Transportation intends to incentivize individuals and entities to think creatively in developing innovative solutions to combat human trafficking in the transportation industry, and to share those innovations with the broader community. Submissions for the award will be accepted **January 28, 2021 through midnight PST on March 1, 2021**. [Read more at govinfo.gov](#).

NHTSA Extends Comment Period for Automated Driving System Framework

NHTSA has announced a 60-day extension of the comment period on an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) requesting comment on NHTSA's development of a framework for Automated Driving System (ADS) safety. The comment period for the ANPRM was originally scheduled to end on February 1, 2021. It will now end on April 1, 2021. [Read more at govinfo.gov](#).

Move Over! How Are Governments Trying To Protect First Responders From Roadside Crashes? (Video) (GAO)

Have you ever been stranded on the side of the road while cars and trucks whiz by? If so, you likely appreciate how dangerous and unnerving it can be. America's emergency responders – police, firefighters, and EMTs – face this danger every day in the line of duty. WatchBlog looks at [GAO's] new report about “Move Over or Slow Down” laws, how states and the federal government are promoting their awareness and training first responders to better protect themselves from highway dangers, among other actions. [Read more at blog.gao.gov](#).

PARTNER NEWS

Smart Start Revolutionizes Transdermal Alcohol and Electronic Monitoring with a Single Solution (Orbis)

Smart Start, the U.S. and world leader in alcohol monitoring, is pleased to announce the development of ORBIS™, a revolutionary new product that combines the most technologically advanced transdermal alcohol and GPS monitoring technology in a single, attractive, wrist-wearable device. Daryl Grimes, Chief Operating Officer for Smart Start, said ORBIS' exclusive technology reflects more than 15 years of research. [Read more here](#).

Modeling Driver Behavior During Automated Vehicle Platooning Failures

Automated vehicles (AVs) promise to revolutionize driving safety. Driver models can aid in achieving this promise by providing a tool for designers to ensure safe interactions between human drivers and AVs. In this project, [researchers] performed a literature review to identify important factors for AV takeover safety and promising models to capture these factors. [They] also conducted a driving simulation experiment to address a research gap in silent automation failures. Finally, [they] developed a series of models to predict driver decision-making, braking, and steering responses using crash/near-crash data from the SHRP 2

naturalistic driving study and a driving simulation experiment.

The analyses highlight the importance of visual parameters (in particular, visual looming) in driver responses and interactions with AVs. The modeling analysis suggested that models based on visual looming captured driver responses better than traditional baseline reaction time and closed-loop models. Further, the analysis of SHRP 2 data showed that gaze eccentricity of the last glance plays a critical role in driver decision-making. With further development, including the integration of important factors in takeover performance identified in the literature review and refinement of the role of gaze eccentricity, these models could be a valuable tool for AV software designers. [Read more at safed.vtti.vt.edu.](#)

2021 Joint Virtual Conference: 30th CARSP Conference & 14th PRI World Congress

The Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals (CARSP) is pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for the CARSP/PRI 2021 Joint Conference, in partnership with Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF) and sponsored by Desjardins, is now open to the public...Authors are invited to choose between two streams, Policy and Practice OR Research and Evaluation...Abstracts can address a wide array of road safety topics, must include the sections outlined in the Abstract Requirements, and should relate to the overall conference theme - Equitability: Road Safety for all through Vision Zero and Sustainable Safety. Abstract Deadline is March 1, 2021 [Read more at carsp.ca.](#)



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