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## 2021 Region 1 and Region 4 Conferences Are Cancelled

The 2021 AAMVA Region 1 Conference scheduled for May 11-13, 2021 in Providence, RI and the 2021 AAMVA Region 4 Conference scheduled for May 25-27, 2021 in Phoenix, AZ have both been cancelled due to health and safety concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus) as well as travel bans being imposed by many entities that traditionally participate in the event. Both regions are making plans to hold future conferences at these locations. For questions about this announcement or any AAMVA event, please contact [Samara Fetner](#) (703.254.7020).

## Ohio to Join State-to-State Verification Service (S2S)

Ohio will begin using the [State-to-State Verification Service](#) (S2S) on Monday, April 19, 2021. Tasks related to on-boarding Ohio will be conducted during the weekend of April 17th, 2021. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there may be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site is in inquiry-only mode or is unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2:00 AM ET to 5:00 AM ET on Sunday, April 18th, 2021). AAMVA is taking all steps possible to minimize service interruptions and will be sending alerts notifying states of Central Site availability throughout the process. [Read more here.](#)

## AAMVA Announces Mike McCaskill as Director, ID Management



AAMVA has selected Mike McCaskill to be the association's next Director, Identify Management. Mike is a familiar face among the AAMVA community having been an active and engaged jurisdiction member (Florida) for many years. Mike began working for the FL Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in 2002 and was quickly promoted into senior positions including Deputy Director of The Division of Driver Licenses and Assistant Deputy Director of The Division of Motorist Services. Currently, Mike is the Chief Administrative Officer for the Florida Highway Patrol. He also serves as the Chair of AAMVA's Card Design Standards Committee and the Joint mDL Working Group. Mike brings an extensive background in driver

licensing, an intimate knowledge of law enforcement agency operations, and an established reputation as a global leader in mDL development to his new role which will benefit all AAMVA members. Mike officially joins AAMVA on March 22nd.



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## OUR EVENTS

### MARCH

16-18 | [2021 Workshop & Law Institute](#)

### APRIL

5 | [2021 April AAMVA Combined Standing Committees Meeting](#)

21-22 | [2021 April Board of Directors Meeting](#)

## SYSTEMS TRAINING

### MARCH - SPEXS

2 | [SPEXS Overview \(basic\)](#)

3 | [SPEXS Transactions AMIE \(intermediate\)](#)

4 | [SPEXS Transactions NIEM \(intermediate\)](#)

9 | [SPEXS Batch Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

11 | [SPEXS Bulk Load \(intermediate\)](#)

12 | [SPEXS State Procedures Manual \(intermediate\)](#)

### MARCH - PDPS

## AAMVA Presents at UNRSF Meeting

Vivienne Cameron, AAMVA's Senior Director, Business Solutions Division, presented an overview of the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) as part of the 2nd Meeting of the United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) project, [Safer and Cleaner Used Vehicles for Africa](#). The presentation covered NMVTIS and its role in the exchange and use of vehicle title information across the U.S. between states and consumers.

## AAMVA Seeks CDS Subcommittee Representatives

AAMVA is seeking three new jurisdiction members for the [Card Design Standard \(CDS\) Subcommittee](#). Preference may be given to applicants from Region 4 and/or applicants with law enforcement experience. The CDS Subcommittee attempts to standardize the means, whether physical or electronic, to confidently identify a person and to confirm identity. Applicants must have experience working with physical document security and card design. Preference may also be given to applicants with mobile driver license (mDL) knowledge/experience. If you are interested in applying for this position, please review the [Subcommittee Charter](#), complete the [application](#) and email it to [committees@aamva.org](mailto:committees@aamva.org) no later than **Friday, March 5, 2021**. If you have questions about the CDS Subcommittee or the Joint mDL Working Group, please contact [Mindy Stephens](#).

## New AAMVAcast Episode

In this episode, we speak with Alex Otte, the new National President of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), about our shared efforts to end impaired driving and her journey to MADD leadership.



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

**February 23, 2021; 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)**

Before a jurisdiction issues a title or other ownership document or record, the SWI can provide information to help the jurisdiction determine whether the ownership documentation presented with the application are valid. The information supports jurisdictions' titling processes for both new and used vehicles. The Anti-Car Theft Act requires each jurisdiction to perform an instant title verification check before issuing a title to an applicant claiming to have purchased the vehicle from an individual or entity in another jurisdiction. The SWI VIN search feature can be used

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16 | [PDPS State-to-State and NDR-Generated Transactions \(intermediate\)](#)

17 | [PDPS Clean File Processing \(intermediate\)](#)

19 | [PDPS Identity Correction \(intermediate\)](#)

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## OUR WEBINARS

### FEBRUARY

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

24 | [AAMVA's Solutions to Entry Level Driver Training \(ELDT\)](#)

25 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(Web Service Version\) – Part 2](#)

### MARCH

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

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

11 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 2](#)

16 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

18 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(Web Service Version\) – Part 1](#)

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to satisfy this legal requirement. In addition, the NMVTIS best practice is that jurisdictions perform an inquiry before issuing a title or other ownership document or record, whether or not the applicant claims to have purchased the vehicle in another jurisdiction.

*Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal members only.*

[AAMVA's Solutions to Entry Level Driver Training \(ELDT\)](#)

**February 24, 2021; 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (ET)**

With the ELDT compliance date of February 7, 2022 around the corner, AAMVA will use this opportunity to discuss the various avenues available to States to meet the compliance date, the timelines for those solutions, and finally what States should do to prepare. Additionally, there will be time for Q&A once the presentation concludes. *This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal members.*

[NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(Web Service Version\) – Part 2](#)

**February 25, 2021; 1:00 - 2:00 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

- [Government of Canada Expands Restrictions To International Travel by Land and Air](#)

#### COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles \(RMV\) Encouraging Customers to Renew Expired Inspection Stickers](#)
- [The North Bergen Center to Reopen on February 20; Freehold Closed Due to Limited Staff \(New Jersey\)](#)

#### COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [CESCO \[Driver Services Center\] Carolina Temporarily Closes Due To COVID-19 Case \(Puerto Rico\)](#)
- [WVDMV Announces Expiration Extensions for CDL Holders \(West Virginia\)](#)

#### COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [New SOS Online. Self-Service Options Coming Soon \(Michigan\)](#)
- [Watercraft Registrations Can Be Renewed Online Ahead of March Deadline](#)

30 | [Tor, Darknet, and Dark Internet Markets Related to DMV Products & Services](#)

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#### OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Ontario, Utah, Kentucky, Virginia, Iowa, Tennessee, Maryland, Arkansas, Indiana, and AAMVA.

[Modernization of Vehicle Registration](#) (Ends 03/10/2021)

[Surety Bond for Insufficient Ownership Documents](#) (Ends 03/10/2021)

[Electric Vehicle Registration Fees](#) (Ends 02/26/2021)

[Data Sharing Practices](#) (Ends 03/05/2021)

[Document Authentication for Real ID](#) (Ends 03/08/2021)

[Services During Pandemic](#) (Ends 03/02/2021)

[Ignition Interlock Accessibility](#) (Ends 03/12/2021)

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

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

[Agriculture or Farm Plates](#) (Ends 03/05/2021)

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.

[\(Michigan\)](#)

#### COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Declaration of Ongoing Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency \(Guam\)](#)

#### JURISDICTION NEWS

### Buying or Selling a Used Vehicle? Be Prepared and Be Safe (Arizona)

Are you in the market for a new-to-you car? Thinking of selling your vehicle in a private-party sale? Whether you're a prospective buyer or a seller – or both – the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division wants consumers to know steps they can take to protect themselves when selling or purchasing a used vehicle. [Read more at azdot.gov](#).

### Security Breach at Address Verification Company May Compromise DMV Information (California)

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), out of an abundance of caution, is notifying customers that a company it uses to verify vehicle registration addresses has had a security breach. DMV systems have not been compromised and it is unknown if DMV data shared with the company has been compromised. An investigation is under way. [Read more at dmvc.ca.gov](#).

### Secretary of State Jesse White Calls on Drivers To Move Over for Stopped Emergency Vehicles (AKA Scott's Law) (Illinois)

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is issuing an urgent reminder to motorists to adhere to the state's Move Over Law, also known as Scott's Law, designed to protect law enforcement and emergency responders who are stopped on the side of roadways. White also underscored the importance of not driving while distracted – with a special emphasis on avoiding texting while driving at all times. [Read more at cyberdriveillinois.com](#).

### Iowa DOT Seeking Motor Vehicle Enforcement Chief

The Iowa Department of Transportation seeks a Chief to lead the Bureau of Motor Vehicle Enforcement. This is a team of 109 employees with 99 being certified peace officers who are responsible for commercial vehicle safety. We are looking for candidates who have a partnership mindset interested in working collaboratively with industry and government partners, fostering a positive culture, and putting traffic safety at the forefront of everything your team achieves. [Read more at governmentjobs.com](#).

### Baltimore City and MDOT MVA Partner to Help Remove a Major Barrier to Housing (Maryland)

The Mayor's Office of Homeless Services (MOHS) and the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) have partnered to secure state-issued identification cards for individuals experiencing homelessness – a critical step in MOHS clients becoming "document ready" to receive housing through city housing programs. [Read more at mva.maryland.gov](#).

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## **Nevada DMV and DOT Warn of Text Scam**

The Nevada Departments of Motor Vehicles and Transportation are warning drivers of a texting scheme circulating in Nevada. These illegitimate messages ask recipients to update their driver's license contact information with the Nevada Department of Transportation. Similar fraudulent texts have been reported in other states. [Read more at dmvnv.com](#).

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## **DMV Technician Awarded Nevada Employee Veteran of the Month (Nevada)**

Kenneth Falconer with the Department of Motor Vehicles was presented with the prestigious Nevada Employee Veteran of the Month Award for January, 2021, for his outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the State of Nevada. [Read more at dmvnv.com](#).

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## **Governor Cuomo Announces More Than \$37.2 Million Awarded to Highway Safety Initiatives Across New York**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that more than \$37.2 million in federal highway safety grants have been awarded to 502 programs throughout New York State during the federal FY 2021. [Read more at governor.ny.gov](#).

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## **SHP Celebrates Newly Promoted Members (North Carolina)**

The State Highway Patrol recognized the promotions of 51 sworn and 5 civilian members today during a private ceremony held at Colonial Baptist Church in Cary. The event was conducted in celebration of those who received a promotion throughout the end of 2020 and the beginning of 2021. [Read more at ncdps.gov](#).

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## **Winter Storm Closes Numerous DMV License Offices (North Carolina)**

The winter storm that has hit North Carolina has forced the closure of a number of N.C. Division of Motor Vehicle driver license offices, especially in the western and north central part of the state that are dealing with ice. [Read more at ncdot.gov](#).

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## **Suspension of Motor Carrier Vehicle Hours and Service Requirements Under Disaster Declaration Regarding Severe Winter Weather (Texas)**

Pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 390.23 and Chapter 644 of the Texas Transportation Code, Governor Greg Abbott has declared a statewide emergency exists, which justifies an exemption from Parts 390 through 399 of Title 49 (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations). Such emergency declaration is in response to the severe weather conditions in the State of Texas. [Read more at dps.texas.gov](#).

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## **Driver License Division Partners with Donor Connect (Utah)**

At a virtual press conference, the Utah Department of Public Safety's Driver License Division (DLD) and DonorConnect highlighted the "Smile Yes If You Checked Yes" campaign which continues the two agencies' longstanding partnership to provide information about and pathways to participate in organ donation in Utah. [Read more at dpsnews.utah.gov](#).

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## Department of Motor Vehicles Launches Use of Communication Devices for People Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Vermont)

The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) today announced that it has launched the use of new devices that will enable people who are deaf or hard of hearing to communicate easily and effectively with staff at all DMV locations. [Read more at \*dmv.vermont.gov\*.](#)

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## Governor Evers, Top State Officials Join in Honoring State Patrol Officers (Wisconsin)

During the annual State Patrol awards ceremony, conducted tonight virtually, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers recognized 77 officers and other patrol employees for lifesaving efforts and exemplary public service. Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary-designee Craig Thompson and Superintendent Anthony Burrell joined in thanking the award winners for their outstanding service. [Read more at \*wisconsin.gov\*.](#)

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### FEDERAL NEWS

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## FMCSA Emergency Declaration -- Winter Storms

In accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR § 390.23, the Regional Field Administrators for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Midwestern, Southern, and Western Service Centers hereby declare that an emergency exists that warrants issuance of a Regional Emergency Declaration and an exemption from Parts 390 through 399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety (FMCSRs), except as otherwise restricted in this Emergency Declaration. Such emergency is in response to damage and heating and other fuel shortages from severe winter storms in the Affected States. This Declaration addresses the emergency conditions creating a need for immediate transportation of persons, supplies, goods, equipment, heating fuels, including propane, natural gas, and heating oil, and other fuel products, including gasoline, and provides necessary relief. Affected States and jurisdictions (Affected States) included in this Emergency Declaration are: Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. [Read more here.](#)

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## 420 Drug-Impaired Driving Prevention Campaign Announced (NHTSA)

Although its origins are uncertain, April 20th (more commonly known as 420) has become synonymous with marijuana use and, in some circles, the date is a marijuana "holiday." On Tuesday, **April 20, 2021**, there will likely be an increase in marijuana use. To help keep drug-impaired drivers off the roads, NHTSA wants to remind all drivers that drug-impaired driving of any kind is dangerous and illegal and *If You Feel Different, You Drive Different*. [Click here](#) for campaign materials for states and traffic safety advocates.

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## Saint Patrick's Day Buzzed Driving Prevention Campaign Announced (NHTSA)

St. Patrick's Day is one of the deadliest times on our nation's roads. During the 2015-2019 St. Patrick's Day period, 280 lives were lost in drunk-driving crashes. In 2019 alone, 57 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes over the St. Patrick's Day

period. NHTSA encourages states, communities, and traffic safety organizations to remind drivers about the dangers of impaired driving on **March 17, 2021** for the *Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving* campaign. [Click here](#) for campaign materials for states and traffic safety advocates.

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## National Distracted Driving Enforcement Mobilization Campaign Announced (NHTSA)

This year's *U Drive. U Text. U Pay.* high visibility enforcement (HVE) media campaign from **April 5-12, 2021** centers on aiding law enforcement officers in their efforts to keep texting and distracted drivers off the road. Distracted driving is a first offense in many States and continues to gain recognition across the nation as a deadly traffic safety epidemic. [Click here](#) for campaign materials for states and traffic safety advocates, and [here](#) for the law enforcement Products for Enforcement Action Kit (PEAK).

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## 2021 Vehicle Safety Recalls Week Campaign Announced (NHTSA)

NHTSA manages vehicle safety recalls, sets vehicle safety standards, and requires automakers to recall vehicles that have safety defects or do not meet those standards. *During Vehicle Safety Recalls Week* from **March 8-12, 2021**, NHTSA wants to increase awareness of the urgency of safety recalls and to encourage the driving public to check and see if there's an open recall on their vehicle. [Click here](#) for campaign materials for states and traffic safety advocates, and [here](#) to check for recalls.

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### PARTNER NEWS

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## Nominations Open for the NSC Rising Stars of Safety

NSC launched the Rising Stars of Safety in 2010 to highlight the achievements of the best safety professionals under the age of 40. The Rising Stars of Safety is designed to reward those individuals who have a current role in safety, and have influenced their company's safety culture and safety leadership. Companies are encouraged to nominate multiple candidates, but only one honoree per company can be chosen. [Read more at nsc.submittable.com](http://nsc.submittable.com).

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## Study: Vehicle Choice, Crash Differences Help Explain Greater Injury Risks for Women (IIHS)

Women are much more likely than men to suffer a serious injury when they are involved in a crash, but much of the heightened risk is related to the types of vehicles women drive and the circumstances of their crashes, rather than physical differences, new research from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety shows. [Read more at iihs.org](http://iihs.org).



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