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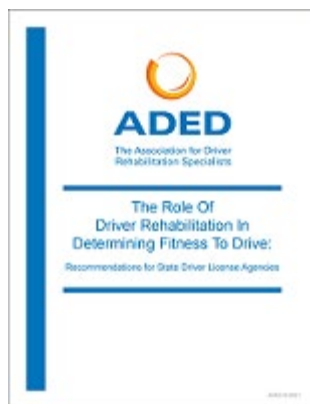
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Michigan to Join State-to-State Verification Service (S2S)

Michigan will begin using AAMVA's [State-to-State Verification Service \(S2S\)](#) on **Monday, March 15th, 2021**. Tasks related to on-boarding Michigan will be conducted during the weekend of **March 13, 2021**. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there will be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site (Central Site) will be in inquiry-only mode or unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2:00 AM ET to 5:00 AM ET on Sunday, March 14, 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 & ADED Release Recommendations for State Driver Licensing Agencies



The Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists (ADED)'s Government Relations Committee, chaired by Cassy Churchill, worked with representatives from AAMVA to develop [Recommendations for State Driver License Agencies](#). These guidelines offer guidance to state driver license agencies regarding the role of the driver rehabilitation specialist providing evidence, via comprehensive driving evaluations, to support fitness-to-drive decisions for medically at-risk drivers.

The publication will be featured at AAMVA's [2021 Virtual Workshop & Law Institute](#) in a special panel session hosted by Elizabeth Green, ADED Executive Director, Cassy Churchill, ADED Government Relations Committee Co-Chair, and Taylor Bee, NHTSA.

[Click here](#) to download your copy and share with your state licensing administrators. Start the conversation locally and build a relationship between driver licensing and driver rehabilitation services today!

New AAMVAcast Episode

In this episode, we speak with Amanda Ray, the newly-appointed Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol about her career and goals for the CHP.



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

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



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This Week's Webinars

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

March 9, 2021; 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

The NMVTIS SWI Web Application is used by the states to perform title verification and data corrections. This webinar focuses on how the states use the administrative features to oversee the states user community. A brief overview of the SWI application is also provided. The SWI application has been built so that each state manages their own user community. This includes configuring the system with organizations to which users are assigned. The state administrator is responsible for user role assignments and user account activation and deactivation. The SWI Application also includes a reporting component that allows state administrators to monitor user activity.

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

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

March 11, 2021; 2:00 - 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.

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- [After Rise in Speeding During Pandemic, Groups Launch Initiatives To Slow Drivers Down \(GHSA\)](#)
- [Drop in Vehicle Miles Traveled \(VMT\) Coincides With Spike in Motor Vehicle Fatalities, Injuries \(AASHTO\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Governor Lamont Announces Launch of DMV's New Web Portal That Continues To Add More Online Services for Customers \(Connecticut\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Gov. Reynolds Signs New Public Health Disaster Proclamation \(Iowa\)](#)
- [Out-of-State Vehicle Title and Registrations Can Now Be Done Online \(Wisconsin\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [DMV Expands Services To Hispanic Community: "Ponte Online Con DMV" Campaign Encourages Hispanics To Get Online \(Nevada\)](#)
- [MVD Launches New Appointment System, Expands in-Person Operations \(New Mexico\)](#)

JURISDICTION NEWS

ALEA: Systems Restored After Outage Impacts Driver License Services (Alabama)

Service has been restored and normal operations have resumed at all the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Driver License Offices across the state after an outage affected certain customer services. The outage occurred due to a failure of communications lines provided to ALEA by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), which is a nonprofit organization that develops model programs in motor vehicle administration and serves as an information clearinghouse in those areas. [Read more at alea.gov](#).

DMV Warns Customers of Phishing Scam (California)

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has learned of a text message phishing scam related to REAL ID and reminds customers that it will never ask for personal information related to driver's license number, Social Security number or financial information through email, text or over the phone...The DMV does not send customers unsolicited requests for information. When the DMV texts or emails customers, it is based on action initiated by the customer. [Read more at dmv.ca.gov](#).

Iconic Colorado Contest: Winning Art and Their Creators Revealed

Most artists can't say their work is in wallets and purses throughout the state, but photographers Matt Nunez and Gabriel Dupon won't have that problem when the new Colorado driver license rolls out in Fall 2021. Nunez and Dupon won the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) Iconic Colorado contest to redesign the State's identification credentials after 55,760 votes were tallied on Feb. 5. [Read more at dmv.colorado.gov](#).

Florida Highway Patrol To Participate in Operation Safe Drive

From now until March 4, 2021, the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) joins its

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OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Nebraska, New Hampshire, Maryland, New Jersey, Colorado, Ontario, Utah, and Iowa.

[Class O Safety Check Prior to Drive Test](#) (Ends 04/05/2021)

[State-to-State](#) (Ends 04/05/2021)

[Self Service Kiosk](#) (Ends 04/05/2021)

[Magnetic Stripe on Credentials](#) (Ends 03/24/2021)

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

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

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

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

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.

Southeastern law enforcement partners to participate in the Operation Safe DRIVE safety campaign. The Operation Safe DRIVE campaign is a high visibility, education and compliance initiative designed to deter behaviors that contribute to commercial and non-commercial motor vehicle crashes. [Read more at fhsmv.gov](#).

Motorists Encouraged To Check for Recalls During Vehicle Safety Recalls Week (Indiana)

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) and Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) are encouraging motorists to check for vehicle recalls during Vehicle Safety Recalls Week, observed March 8 to 12 this year. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2020, there were 886 safety recalls affecting 55 million vehicles and other equipment in the U.S. [Read more at in.gov](#).

MDOT MVA's Maryland Highway Safety Office Celebrates Read Across America Day with Virtual Story Time Focused on Safety

Safety, safety, safety! That's the message the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) is hoping to share with the state's youngest learners in honor of Read Across America Day on Tuesday, March 2, through a series of virtual story time readings paired with discussion questions to help cultivate conversations about road safety. [Read more at mva.maryland.gov](#).

SOS Appointments, Online Services and Self-Service Stations To Be Temporarily Unavailable During Major Upgrade (Michigan)

While the Department of State installs a major technology upgrade, online services, self-service stations and branch office appointments and booking will be unavailable from 5 p.m. Thursday, March 11, until 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 16...The upgrade securely combines tens of millions of driver and vehicle records into one integrated customer record system and moves the department forward from decades-old technology. Starting March 16, the upgrade will enable new online services for customers and expand the capability of self-service stations to include many driver's license and state ID transactions. [Read more at michigan.gov](#).

Man Arrested in Attempt To Obtain a Driver's License With a False Identity (New Hampshire)

On March 3, 2021, members of the New Hampshire State Police, Troop G – Investigations Unit arrested Smailin Rafael Peguero Argitis, 31, of Salem, New Hampshire. Investigators had received information that Peguero Argitis was using a fraudulent identity. Further investigation revealed that Peguero Argitis had presented documents identifying himself as Emanuel Rosario-Morales, a native of Puerto Rico, to the Division of Motor Vehicles with the purpose of obtaining a driver's license and the registration of motor vehicles. [Read more at nhsp.dos.nh.gov](#).

DMV Highlights Ways New Yorkers Can Protect Against Fraud During National Consumer Protection Week

During National Consumer Protection Week, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles is reminding New Yorkers of steps they can take to protect themselves against fraud, phishing schemes, and ways the agency protects them year-round. The DMV works to safeguard consumers from dishonest auto dealers and repair shops and has returned millions of dollars to consumers who were victimized by unscrupulous businesses. [Read more at dmv.ny.gov](#).

Third Release in Justice Analysis Review Series Analyzes

Searches Conducted During Traffic Stops (North Carolina)

The North Carolina Criminal Justice Analysis Center has released the third part of the Justice Analysis Review, a continuing study of statewide traffic stop data accumulated over the last decade. This third report is part of the North Carolina Traffic Stop series and focuses on vehicle searches that occurred during a traffic stop. While Part 1 centered on “who” was stopped and Part 2 concentrated on “why” individuals were stopped, Part 3 examines the search actions taken by law enforcement during a stop. [Read more at ncdps.gov.](#)

Ontario Improving Safety and Enforcement for Towing Industry

The Ontario government is making our roads and highways safer by launching a Joint Forces Operation team to address violence in the towing industry and introducing a tow zone pilot on designated sections of provincial highways. Ontario's provincial towing task force has also recommended additional actions to better protect customers and improve towing industry safety, including establishing an oversight model of the towing and storage industry, exploring licencing for tow truck drivers, and introducing clearer equipment standards. [Read more at news.ontario.ca.](#)

PennDOT Invites Public Review, Comment on 2021 Transportation Performance Report (Pennsylvania)

Pennsylvanians can view ratings of the state's efforts in transportation safety, mobility, system preservation, and accountability in the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) 2021 Transportation Performance Report (TPR), viewable at [TalkPATransportation.com](#). The TPR is a biennial report and is developed in a combined effort between the State Transportation Commission (STC), the State Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and PennDOT. [Read more at media.pa.gov.](#)

FEDERAL NEWS

NHTSA to Survey Motorcycle Risk Behaviors

NHTSA is seeking approval to collect information through web-based surveys and intercept surveys from motorcycle riders and passengers in five defined risk-taking segments (males who ride while impaired, males and females who ride without using personal protective equipment, males who speed when they ride, males who stopped riding for a period of time and are returning to riding, and females who are passengers on motorcycles). The purpose of this effort is to study these five segments of the motorcycle rider/passenger population to better understand each segment's unique safety challenges and risks and, ultimately, provide reliable information for NHTSA's development of a long-range intervention program. At a minimum, the envisioned long-range intervention program would include relevant messaging based on survey focus (messaging meant to reduce risks such as riding while impaired, speeding, lack of personal protective equipment and helmet use, lack of training, and unfamiliar motorcycle dynamics). For female passengers, messaging may involve empowerment to make their own decisions and encouragement to not get on a motorcycle with a rider who is impaired or undertakes risky behaviors. Additional risk factors may be described and addressed as a result of the research. The empirical results from this study are intended to promote data-driven decision-making regarding messaging and other safety program activities targeting the five motorcycle rider/passenger segments. [Read more at govinfo.gov.](#)

National Seat Belt Enforcement Mobilization Announced

(NHTSA)

Seat belts have been proven to be one of the best ways to save your life in a crash. Yet many still don't buckle up. Worse still, not wearing a seat belt is a habit that will pass on to impressionable youth who, in turn, will think it is safe to not buckle up. The Click It or Ticket campaign, from **May 17 - June 6, 2021**, focuses on safety education, strong laws, and law enforcement support to save lives. [Click here](#) for mobilization campaign materials, and [here](#) for the law enforcement Products for Enforcement Action Kit (PEAK).

National Heatstroke Prevention Day Announced (NHTSA)

Heatstroke is one of the leading causes of vehicular not-in-traffic non-crash-related deaths for children under 14. Sadly, from 1998-2020, a total of 882 children died due to vehicular heatstroke. While it seems like an impossible mistake to make, every parent or caregiver can potentially become distracted, and distractions often fuel this devastating situation. No one is immune. On National Heatstroke Prevention Day, **May 1, 2021**, NHTSA wants to increase awareness of vehicular heatstroke prevention by sharing life-saving tips and resources. [Click here](#) for campaign materials.

PARTNER NEWS

New Program To Focus on 2020 Roadway Death Spike (GHSA)

A trio of safety organizations are trying to do something about the nationwide increases in speeding and deadly crashes. The Governors Highway Safety Association, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and the National Road Safety Foundation announced funding last week to "implement and evaluate speed management pilot programs" in Virginia and Maryland. [Read more at ghssa.org](#).

State of The States – 2021 (NGA)

Governors of states, territories and commonwealths are outlining their priorities for 2021 in state of the state or commonwealth addresses, as well as inaugural addresses for new and re-elected Governors. To showcase their leadership and priorities for the year ahead, the National Governors Association is collecting their addresses and sharing them here. [Read more at nga.org](#).



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