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The 2020 Region 1, Region 2, and Region 4 conferences are cancelled. Visit our website for the full cancelation list.

*Register for the following training sessions HERE.*

**MAY - CDLIS**

12 | CDLIS Rules for Driver Convictions (intermediate)

13 | CD11 Report Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)

14 | CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction (intermediate)

**MAY - PDPS**

The Managing Data Privacy and External Access Working Group has released an interim report, Managing Data Privacy and External Access. The demand for privacy protection and records management is an ever-expanding challenge to jurisdiction leaders, further compounded by significant leaks or breaches of federal and corporate databases and current federal and jurisdiction laws governing personally identifiable information (PII). These challenges must be met within the context of a proliferation of entities seeking driver and vehicle record data under public access laws. To address these demands, the working group is examining the issues and will identify best practices for jurisdictions to protect driver and vehicle records, provide access, authorize usage consistent with law, and apply effective and efficient approaches to internal and external audit practices. Download the interim report here.

**This Week's Webinars**

**NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Understanding the Administrative Features**

May 12, 2020, 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 (Web Service Version) – Part 2**

May 14, 2020, 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.

### Associate Member Town Hall
May 14, 2020, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (ET)
AAMVA values the partnership with our Associate Members, and we would like to hear directly from you as we develop short- and long-term strategies in response to the current public health emergency. To kickoff these efforts, AAMVA will host an Associate Member Town Hall. The Town Hall will allow AAMVA to gather information on how our Associate Members are dealing with the current business climate and identify resources AAMVA can offer. A survey will be sent prior to the Town Hall to gather questions or topics for discussion.

**This webinar is for AAMVA associate members only.**

### 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](https://www.magnetmail.net/Design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=18613122).

### Motor Vehicle Industry Response on COVID-19 Pandemic
Below are a selection of news releases and announcements regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

#### COVID-19 | Region 1 News Coverage
- NH DMV Expands Appointment-Based Services to Three Additional Locations (New Hampshire)
- MVC Agency, Inspection Station Closures Extended Until May 26 - Headquarters, Online Services to Continue Operations (New Jersey)
- COVID-19: Installing Partitions in Vehicles (Québec)

#### COVID-19 | Region 2 News Coverage
- ALEA Finalizing Plans to Resume Normal Driver License Division Operations; Safety a Top Priority (Alabama)
- Georgia Vehicle Registration Deadline Extended
- DMV Headquarters Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19 (North Carolina)
- NCDMV License and Registration Expiration Dates Extended 5 Months (North Carolina)
- DTOP Extiende Vigencia de Marbetes y Licencias Hasta el 30 de Junio (Puerto Rico)
- Alternative Issuance Process for Texas Learner License, Commercial Learner Permit Knowledge Tests

#### COVID-19 | Region 3 News Coverage
- BMV Expands Branches Open by Appointment Only (Indiana)
- Iowa DOT Davenport Driver’s Service Center Closed Until May 19 After Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19
- Kansas Department of Revenue Outlines Plan to Reopen Driver’s License Offices
- Virtual VIN Inspections Begin Monday (Kansas)
- Governor Whitmer Extends Executive Orders Enabling Remote Transactions, Easing Fuel Tax Requirements for Transporting Essential Personnel and Supplies (Michigan)
WisDOT Offers New Ways to Obtain Driver Licenses Without Visiting DMV - Online Driver License Renewal and New Road Test Options Begin May 11 (Wisconsin)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- DMV Extends All Temporary Driving Permits (California)
- Select DMV Field Offices Reopen to Public (California)
- DMV Experiencing High Call Volume Leading to Long Phone Waits for Coloradans (Colorado)
- Attorney General Fox, Motor Vehicle Division Hosting Tele-Town Hall (Montana)
- Road Tests Available on a Limited Basis to Those Working in Health Care, Agriculture (Saskatchewan)

JURISDICTION NEWS

News From the ADOT Motor Vehicle Division (Arizona)
Recent weeks have seen a lot of changes for the ADOT Motor Vehicle Division. The biggest change was a welcome upgrade of the computer operating system. The obsolete platform that had served for more than three decades has been replaced by one that is state-of-the-art. The new system is far more flexible, adds many more service options online and makes sure those services that have to be done in an office are done more efficiently. Read more at content.govdelivery.com.

Alcohol Continues to Account for Road Fatalities: Manitoba Public Insurance
For the first four months of 2020, alcohol was involved in nearly one third of the 16 fatal crashes on Manitoba’s public roadways, according to Manitoba Public Insurance. “Consuming alcohol and driving is not only illegal, but it’s also a potentially fatal combination as the statistics reflect,” said Satvir Jatana, vice-president, Employee and Community Engagement, Manitoba Public Insurance. Read more at mpi.mb.ca.

Maryland Pedestrian Fatalities Decrease in 2019, Overall Roadway Fatalities Increase
Motor vehicle crashes on Maryland roadways claimed 530 lives in 2019, an increase of 3.7% compared to 512 deaths the previous year. Pedestrian fatalities declined 7.5%, with 123 last year compared to 133 in 2018. The 2019 data, released today by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), also shows a year-to-year increase in bicyclist fatalities, from six in 2018 to 10 in 2019. Read more at mva.maryland.gov.

Massachusetts RMV Cautions Customers to Be Aware of Unofficial Third-Party Websites
The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is cautioning customers to use only Mass.Gov/RMV when they are trying to renew a license or registration or process any business transactions online. Consumers may inadvertently come across unofficial third-party websites or “mimic sites” that advertise similar services but have no affiliation with the RMV. Read more here.

Valid Ontario Licence Plates Memorandum
In February, the government commenced the process of designing and manufacturing a new licence plate. However, after thorough testing by law enforcement and other key stakeholders, we are following their advice and will not be moving forward with the new plate for passenger vehicle use. Under very specific
lighting conditions, stakeholders identified visibility issues due to glare. As a result, further work is needed. As such, the Premier has decided that the redesign of the new licence plate will no longer proceed. Read more here.

Driver Licensing Program Continues Help for New CDL Applicants (South Dakota)
Click here for video and audio regarding the State Driver Licensing program’s project to open exam stations in Aberdeen, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Watertown by appointment only to help those applying for new commercial driving licenses (CDL) or new CDL endorsements. That effort is being done at the request of the state agricultural industry which depends on CDL drivers.

Motorcycle Riders Urged to Always Wear Lifesaving Protective Gear (Virginia)
Wearing the proper gear, from head to toe, can often save a motorcyclist’s life during a crash. As of May 1 this year, 17 motorcyclists have died and 243 were injured in 321 crashes on Virginia roadways; in 2019, 89 motorcycle riders lost their lives. “The most important action a motorcyclist takes before every ride is to suit up in the safest gear possible,” said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb, the Governor’s Highway Safety Representative. “To drive this point home, DMV is releasing a new motorcycle safety video for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month reminding riders to always wear the proper gear.” Read more at dmv.virginia.gov.

WA Adds Last 4 Digits of SSN to the Definition of 'Personal Information' (Washington)
Over the past several years, Washington State has made significant progress in protecting customers’ personal information. The Legislature in 2020 amended the definition of “personal information” to include the last four digits of the Social Security number (SSN). This change further protects customers’ right to know when a piece of their personal information is breached. Read more here.

FEDERAL NEWS

Communication Toolkit for Transportation Partners to Inform Road Travelers (CDC)
CDC created this road travel toolkit for transportation departments and other partners to help reach domestic travelers with COVID-19 prevention messaging during road travel. This toolkit provides messages, graphics and products to:

- Support timely messaging to those traveling by road in the United States.
- Share CDC resources and content with transportation partners.
- Help transportation partners develop further COVID-19 materials.

Read more at cdc.gov.

FMCSA Announces Crash Preventability Determination Program
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has announced the start of its new Crash Preventability Determination Program (CPDP). In July 2017, FMCSA announced a demonstration program to evaluate the preventability of certain categories of crashes (82 FR 35045). As a result of that demonstration, FMCSA is continuing and expanding the program. Through it, motor carriers and drivers may submit eligible crashes for preventability determinations through FMCSA’s DataQs system. FMCSA will remove crashes that were not preventable by the motor carrier or driver from the SMS prioritization algorithm. FMCSA will also note the not preventable determinations in the driver’s Pre-Employment Screening Program record and will note not preventable, preventable, and undecided
determinations in the motor carrier’s list of crashes on the public SMS website. Read more at govinfo.gov.

**Early Estimates of 2019 Motor Vehicle Traffic Data Show Reduced Fatalities for Third Consecutive Year (NHTSA)**

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration today released preliminary estimates for the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) 2019 data on highway crashes showing a continued decline in traffic fatalities. The nation saw a decline in traffic deaths during 2018 and 2017, and these newest estimates suggest a continuing decline in traffic-related deaths. Read more at nhtsa.gov.

**NHTSA Announces Grant Program to Help States Inform Vehicle Owners About Safety Recalls**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), requests applications from eligible departments or offices of states (including territories of the United States) to obtain funding to assist states with the development and implementation of a state process for informing motor vehicle owners and lessees of open motor vehicle recalls at the time of motor vehicle registration or other touch points associated with vehicle registration. Grants will support states in developing a methodology for determining open recalls on motor vehicles, informing owners and lessees of the open recalls at the time of registration and other intersections of the consumer’s vehicle and the state, and evaluating through the analysis of completed recalls the performance of the notification program. Award recipients must implement the notification program for a two-year period and then evaluate the results. The grant program provides funds totaling $1.5 million for as many as six states. Applications can be submitted through the grants.gov portal through September 15, 2020. Read more at grants.gov.

**Road to Zero Statement on NHTSA Preliminary Data Showing Decline in Motor Vehicle Deaths**

The Road to Zero Coalition is encouraged by preliminary estimates released Tuesday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration showing that in 2019, motor vehicle deaths declined slightly. After a sustained period of rising fatalities, it is promising to see the uptick in deaths ebbing, possibly signaling an end to one of the worst increases since the 1950s. However, the current COVID-19 pandemic is presenting different challenges on our roadways. It’s important to remember that the leading killers on our roadways – alcohol and drug impairment, lack of seat belt use and speeding – are not quarantined. Getting on the Road to Zero is more important than ever. Read more here.

**Road Deaths Decline in 2019, But Challenges Remain in COVID-19 Era (GHSA)**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimated that 36,120 people were killed on U.S. roadways in 2019, a 1.2% decrease from 2018 and the...
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third straight year of modest declines. This is good news, but clearly much work remains. Tens of thousands of our family members and friends continue to be killed on our nation’s roads. We must do much more to ensure we all arrive at our destination safely. Read more at ghsa.org.

Telework Transportation Research in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic (TRB)

If you’re fortunate enough to still be working during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, you are likely to be doing so from home. Teleworking (or telecommuting) has been suddenly and widely adopted. For example, Arizona DOT reports doubling the number of employees who telework in multiple departments in just two weeks. In conjunction with Texas’ disaster declaration related to COVID-19, TxDOT is also requiring its office-based employees to telework beginning March 16. Your workplace is likely making similar efforts. Read more at trb.org.