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2020 Annual International Conference is Canceled
The 2020 AAMVA Annual International Conference scheduled for August 25-27, 2020 in Austin, TX, has been canceled due to health and safety concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus) as well as continued travel bans. We are putting plans in place to hold a virtual Annual Membership Meeting in August. Attendees will need to cancel their own hotel and travel reservations. You can call the Hilton Austin at 512.482.8000 to cancel hotel reservations. For questions, please contact Samara Fetner (703.254.7020) or Dianne Graham (571.265.5573).

Newly Published! Best Practices for the Prevention of Abandoned Vehicle & Mechanic’s Lien Fraud
This best practice was developed to provide recommendations for the deterrence and detection of fraud in the title application process and foreclosure of mechanic's liens on vehicles, and to assist in facilitating a consistent and balanced approach by jurisdictions to avoid regulatory practices that could create unreasonable hurdles for industry while at the same time improving the overall process of mechanic's lien title transfers and the deterrence and detection of fraud in these areas. AAMVA established the Abandoned Vehicle and Mechanic's Lien Fraud Prevention Working Group to identify and provide recommendations; to research current laws, rules, and policies for the titling, registering, and investigating of abandoned and mechanic's lien vehicles; to determine membership needs and concerns; and to conduct research with technical advisors in related fields to determine issues, vulnerabilities, and concerns. Download the interim report here.

Welcome Associate Members!
AAMVA is pleased to welcome the following organization to our Associate Membership Program. Follow the link below to learn more:

- Conexxus - https://www.conexxus.org/

AAMVA Hosts Virtual Associate Member Town Hall
AAMVA hosted an Associate Member Town Hall on Thursday, May 14th that included panelists from AAMVA's leadership team and Board of Directors. The Town
Hall provided an opportunity for AAMVA to update associate members as the entire AAMVA community continues to navigate the current public health emergency. The Town Hall also included a survey to enable AAMVA to gather feedback from associate members on ideas for keeping them connected with AAMVA and the jurisdictions as a result of in-person AAMVA events being canceled.

This Week's Webinars

NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site
May 19, 2020, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
In the past, states contacted the AAMVA Help Desk directly if they needed to make a data correction. As part of the NMVTIS reengineering effort, a Help Desk feature was created to allow states to correct their title and brand data on the central site. When states perform their own data corrections the timeliness and accuracy of the data corrections improves substantially. This webinar is focused on explaining the capability of the Help Desk feature as included in the SWI. Data correction scenarios are explained and matched to the correct update operation within the SWI. A brief overview of the SWI application will also be provided

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

NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 1
May 21, 2020, 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.

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

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE
- DC DMV Service Update as of May 15, 2020
- Traffic Enforcement & Safe Driving Recommendations, Statewide (New Hampshire)
- NJMVCI Adds More Online Services (New Jersey)
- PennDOT To Use Existing Photos for Driver License and Identification Card Renewals (Pennsylvania)
- Limited Services Available at Additional PennDOT Driver License and Photo License Centers in Yellow Phase Counties (Pennsylvania)
- PennDOT Message to Law Enforcement (Pennsylvania)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE
- Gov. Beshear Announces Limited Service Reopening of Frankfort Regional
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**COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE**

- Jesse White Announces Drive-Through Services for Vehicle Registration Renewals Beginning Tuesday (Illinois)
- Resumption of Class 1 Road Tests & Knowledge Tests: Manitoba Public Insurance – New Tests Not Available Until All Previous Cancelled Appointments Rescheduled (Manitoba)
- DVS Exam Stations Reopen: Changes in Place in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic (Minnesota)
- NDDOT Offers Prioritized Services by Appointment Only (North Dakota)
- Wisconsin Drivers Can Now Renew Their License Online

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

- DMV Expands Virtual Field Office (California)
- As DMV Strikes Safety-Service Balance, Alamosa Driver License Office Moves to New Location, Open for Appointments Only (Colorado)
- Combining Safety and Service, DMV Reopens Most State Driver License Offices for Appointments (Colorado)
- Media Advisory: ITD DMV Urges Online Renewals in Response to COVID-19 Caused Backlog - Event Tuesday, May 19 (Idaho)
- MVD Field Offices to Reopen on Limited Basis June 1 (New Mexico)
- WYDOT Resumes Non-Commercial Driver License Road Tests (Wyoming)
- Plan to Ease COVID-19 Restrictions Released With Start of Phase I (Yukon)

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**JURISDICTION NEWS**

**National Road Safety Week: Minister McIver (Alberta)**

This week marks National Road Safety Week in Canada. Although many of us may not be driving to work or school right now, we all need to practise our best driving and riding habits. Over the past few weeks, there has been an increase in incidents of excessive speeding, impaired driving and fatal collisions. I would like to remind everyone to slow down and be aware of other road users, especially those who are more vulnerable, including pedestrians, bicycles and motorcycles. Read more at alberta.ca.

**MVD: Online Options Available for People to Become Organ Donors (Arizona)**

Even though ADOT Motor Vehicle Division offices are serving a limited number of customers by appointment only due to the public health situation, customers aren’t limited in their ability to offer the gift of being an organ, eye or tissue donor. Since 2017, organ donation has been an option for online customers renewing their vehicle registration, a service that attracts about 250,000 customers a month. The online option of signing up to be a donor after applying for a driver’s license or ID
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Please respond to these surveys from Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, District of Columbia, and Connecticut.

**Number of Offices that Issue DL/ID**
(Ends 05/21/2020)

**Reopening: Class D/base license skills/road exams**
(Ends 06/12/2020)

**New Fees and Additional Fees**
(Ends 05/29/2020)

**Online Driver Knowledge Testing**
(Ends 05/22/2020)

**Virtual Road Tests for Non-CDL**
(Ends 05/29/2020)

You can view all open surveys and responses to all surveys by visiting the [survey tool](https://www.magnetmail.net/Design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=18647526). Please contact Janice Dluzynski if you have any questions about using the survey tool.

With Drivers Back on the Road, ITD Kicks off Another Work Zone Awareness Week (Idaho)
National Work Zone Awareness Week is traditionally held in April, but with more drivers back on highways, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is again spotlighting work zone safety. ITD asks media partners and drivers to tune in each day this week (May 18 - 23) to the department's Facebook and Twitter pages to see different types of work zones. Drivers are familiar with larger road construction projects, which are typically well-marked and have better visibility, but they may not be as familiar with short-duration operations. [Read more at apps.itd.idaho.gov](https://apps.itd.idaho.gov).

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson Urges Drivers to Watch for Motorcyclists (Michigan)
In recognition of May as national Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson is encouraging motorists to take extra precautions and "look twice" for motorcyclists, especially on city streets and at intersections. "One of the most common misconceptions among drivers is that most motorcycle crashes happen on highways," Benson said. "But crash statistics tell a different story. Motorcyclists are most likely to be involved in a crash with another vehicle on urban and suburban streets and at intersections." [Read more at michigan.gov](https://michigan.gov).

NDDOT to Visit Five Reservations Next Week to Issue Non-Driver Photo ID’s for Voting (North Dakota)
The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will visit five tribal reservations May 19-26 to provide Non-Driver Photo Identification (ID) Cards that can be used for voting purposes. The photo ID cards will be issued for North Dakota residents who do not have a driver license or a tribal identification card. The Non-Driver Photo ID Card provided at these locations will be free to the public if they are 18 and older. [Read more at dot.nd.gov](https://dot.nd.gov).

Summer H.E.A.T. Kicks off With Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine (North Dakota)
Speeding isn’t just aggressive driving, it’s deadly driving. Law enforcement across the state will turn up the summer H.E.A.T. (Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic) with extra patrols enforcing speed limits and removing aggressive drivers from the road as a part of the Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine enforcement campaign June 1-30. [Read more at dot.nd.gov](https://dot.nd.gov).

PennDOT Announces Highway Fatalities at New Low in 2019 (Pennsylvania)
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced today that statewide highway fatalities reached a new low in 2019, dropping to 1,059, the lowest since record keeping began in 1928 and 131 less than in 2018. "While this is certainly good news, even one life lost is one too many," said PennDOT Acting Secretary Yassmin Gramian. "We must continue to work with our partners to decrease traffic deaths through education and outreach. We urge all Pennsylvanians to always wear their seat belts and never drive impaired or distracted." [Read more at media.pa.gov](https://media.pa.gov).

Statement by Premier King on National Road Safety Week (Prince Edward Island)
Canadian Road Safety Week (May 12-18) is a reminder for all of us to think about dates back even longer. "MVD has had a vital partnership with Donor Network of Arizona for many years, and our customers should know that you can still make this life-saving choice despite the fact many of our in-office services are temporarily unavailable," MVD Director Eric Jorgensen said. [Read more at azdot.gov](https://azdot.gov).

the steps we can take as drivers to make our roads safer. For many Islanders and businesses, driving is important to daily life and to supporting our economy. Islanders rely on our roadways and vehicles to get to work, support their household and move goods and services. Driving can also be a dangerous endeavor at the best of times as motorists have to be mindful of both their actions on the road and the actions of drivers around them. Read more at princeedwardisland.ca.

**Risk of a Crash Doubles on Long Weekends (Saskatchewan)**

Take care out there this long weekend. With increased traffic on Saskatchewan roads and highways, your chance of being hurt or killed in a collision also increases over long weekends. Each year in Saskatchewan, 16 people lose their lives and 509 others are hurt in collisions over long weekends (based on 5-year average from 2014-2018). Read more at sgi.sk.ca.

**Motorists Asked to Look-Twice, Share the Road With Motorcycles (Wisconsin)**

May is “Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month” and traffic safety officials with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) are asking all motor vehicle operators to share the road, be alert and safe. About 550,000 Wisconsin residents hold a motorcycle license. Read more at wisconsindot.gov.

### FEDERAL NEWS

**FMCSA Emergency Declaration Extended**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) hereby declares that a national emergency continues to exist that warrants extension of Emergency Declaration No. 2020-002 issued on March 13, 2020, expanded on March 18, 2020, and extended and further expanded on April 8, 2020. This extension continues the exemption granted from Parts 390 through 399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for the fifty States and the District of Columbia. This Declaration extends the exemption through June 14, 2020...Emergency Declaration 2020-002 is set to expire on May 15, 2020. Because the Presidentially declared COVID-19 national emergency remains in place, FMCSA is extending the Emergency Declaration No. 2020-002 and associated regulatory relief in accordance with 49 CFR § 390.25. Read more at fmcsa.dot.gov.

**FMCSA Announces Final Rule on Changes to Hour of Service Regulations**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces a final rule on the revision of the hours of service (HOS) regulations to provide greater flexibility for drivers subject to those rules without adversely affecting safety. The Agency: (1) expands the short-haul exception to 150 air-miles and allows a 14-hour work shift to take place as part of the exception; (2) expands the driving window during adverse driving conditions by up to an additional 2 hours; (3) requires a 30-minute break after 8 hours of driving time (instead of on-duty time) and allows an on-duty/not driving period to qualify as the required break; and (4) modifies the sleeper berth exception to allow a driver to meet the 10-hour minimum off-duty requirement by spending at least 7, rather than at least 8 hours of that period in the berth and a minimum off-duty period of at least 2 hours spent inside or outside of the berth, provided the two periods total at least 10 hours, and that neither qualifying period counts against the 14-hour driving window. The final rule will go into effect 120 days after the ruling is published in the Federal Register. Read more at fmcsa.dot.gov.

### PARTNER NEWS
ATRI Board Approves 2020 Top Research Priorities

The American Transportation Research Institute Board of Directors has approved the 2020 Top Research Priorities as identified by ATRI's Research Advisory Committee. ATRI's RAC developed the list of recommended research topics at its meeting held in Atlanta in March, and the ATRI Board reviewed and approved the list of recommended topics at its recent meeting. ATRI's RAC selected research topics that examine workforce, infrastructure, legal, and operational issues, which align with multiple top concerns identified in ATRI's annual Top Industry Issues Survey. Read more at truckingresearch.org.

2020 Annual IFTA Business Meeting - Registration Now Open

Online registration for this year’s Annual IFTA Business Meeting is now available on the IFTA website, and will close on July 17, 2020. IFTA, Inc. is asking that you share this email with those in your jurisdiction/department/committee that would attend this event. If the IFTA Commissioner is not attending this year’s business meeting, please be certain to visit the website and download, complete, sign, and return a proxy form. When paying for your registration fees please make certain to choose the correct amount to avoid any additional fees. Please note that travel expenses and registration fees are being paid by IFTA, Inc. for all identified voting delegates, Board members, and Committee Chairs. These funded attendees are separate from the IFTA POP Funded Traveler and does not affect the jurisdictions POP opportunity. If your jurisdiction has not utilized this funding for 2020 you are eligible to use this program for the Annual IFTA Business Meeting. If you are chosen as the IFTA POP Funded Traveler, please make certain that all necessary paperwork is completed, signed, and returned to travel@iftach.org. All IFTA funded travelers will be required to submit a travel approval form. For questions, contact travel@iftach.org. Read more at iftach.org.